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To all the Zonal/Divisional/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

AIIEA ASSISTS IN ORGANISING NATIONAL CONVENTION ON TRIBAL RIGHTS

The Adivasi Adhikar Rashtriya Manch conducted Sangharsh Sabha (National Convention) on Tribal Rights at New Delhi on 21st March 2012. In a packed Mavalankar Hall in New Delhi, over 1200 tribal delegates from 13 states adopted a resolution calling for sustained struggles to defend their land, livelihood and to fight discrimination. The Sangharsh Sabha was inaugurated by the Chairman of the Manch, Shri Bajuban Riyan (MP). It adopted a resolution moved by Com. Brinda Karat and seconded by Shri Upen Kisku. 18 Adivasi speakers including the Joint Convenor, Dr. Babu Rao, discussed the rank discrimination and violation of constitutional provisions and spoke of the resistance to the onslaught on their lives. The convention adopted a struggle programme proposed by Shri Duli Chand Meena.

The Organisers approached AIIEA through Com. Brinda Karat, for support and help in organizing the convention which was attended by the tribal people across the country.

AIIEA decided to support them through a financial help of Rs.25,000 and also by providing physical assistance in the form of volunteers from among the comrades of NZIEA Delhi units.

The organizers conveyed their appreciation for the assistance provided by AIIEA and the Delhi Units.

AIIEA UNITS TO THE FORE IN ORGANISING DR. AMBEDKAR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT COACHING CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU:

We reproduce overleaf a condensed version of the report which appeared in the People's Democracy on the efforts of AIIEA units in Tamil Nadu in coaching the candidates belonging to Dalit communities for competitive examinations. AIIEA congratulates comrades at all these centres for the exemplary social cause which they have taken up.

Condensed version of the Article which appeared in the People's Democracy dated 18th March 2012

DR AMBEDKAR EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT COACHING CENTRE

A Spark That Lights Many Lamps!

TNUEF (Tamilnadu Untouchability Eradication Front) team in Coimbatore was on a mission to create awareness among the dalits about the existing employment opportunities and to organise coaching centres to facilitate the dalits in availing the opportunities. With this in mind Dr Ambedkar Education and Employment Coaching Centres were started in Tamil Nadu.

AN IMPORTANT ROLE OF AIIEA

When the classes began, the main task was to give coaching material to the candidates. Coimbatore Divisional Unit of AIIEA had taken a decision, which was appreciated by every one. A brand new photocopy machine costing around Rs. 55,000 was bought. Every class, the candidates were offered tea in both the sessions. The meeting hall at the new Union Office building has virtually turned into a permanent class room. Other units of AIIEA in Tamil Nadu drew inspiration from the Coimbatore centre. Madurai, Virudhunagar and Tiruchengode centres followed. It was the advertisement for Bank Clerical Exam that prompted many other places to start such centres. Classes were conducted in Coimbatore, Chennai, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchengode, Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Mannargudi, Pudukkottai and Sivagangai. An important feature to be noted is that except for two centres, all the centres are being managed by the AIIEA. Chennai Centre is being run by the Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI) and the Centre at Madurai is being run by Tamilnadu State Transport Employees Federation. In these two centres too, the AIIEA comrades are playing an important role.


Few centres like Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchengode and Tirunelveli went one step further. The candidates were given assistance to online registration too. Computers along with internet connections were arranged for this purpose. In fact, this has increased the number of applicants among the dalits.

RESOURCE CENTRE

To provide all the centres with the exam materials, a resource centre has been set-up at Salem. It was a sort of recognition, when Aurnthathyyar Co-ordination Committee (a Dalit organisation) gave Rao Sahib LC Gurusamy Memorial Award to the Centre for its services.

The latest results of Bank clerical written exam have come like a great fillip to the efforts of these centres.

Comradely Yours,



General Secretary.