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To

All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

**OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO AIIEA'S CALL FOR RELIEF TO COVID-19 AFFECTED  
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS EXCEED RS.2.5 CRORE IN A WEEK'S TIME  
KERALA UNITS CONTRIBUTE MASSIVELY  
UNITS PROVIDING SUCCOUR TO THE NEEDY ACROSS INDIA**

The COVID-19 pandemic has wrought havoc on the life and living of the people. The poor, unorganised and downtrodden section of Indian society has had to bear the brunt of the 21-day lockdown. Migrant labourers- thrown out of jobs, homes and a livelihood- have been the worst sufferers. Women and children belonging to the underprivileged section have faced the toughest time ever. Government assistance that is coming in dribs and drabs is found to be woefully inadequate compared to the scale of the crisis. As a class organisation conscious of its social responsibilities, the



Bengaluru

AIIEA had given a call for liberal contributions from the employees to extend solidarity to the poor and needy. We are happy to inform that the response to AIIEA's call has been overwhelming throughout the country. True to the traditions of the AIIEA, our units have been showing their firm commitment to stand by the poor and destitute even in today's trying times.



Bengaluru

The units of AIIEA from all over India have already remitted over Rs.2.5 crore to their respective Chief Minister's Relief Funds, over and above the Rs.5 lacs remitted by AIIEA to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. We are proud to inform that our comrades from the state of Kerala have been the biggest contributor thus far, having already remitted Rs.1.13 crore to the Chief Minister's

Relief Fund. We would like to make a special mention here of Kozhikode division which has contributed Rs.50.76 lacs till now. Many comrades of the Division have contributed amounts equal to their one month's Gross Salary in the range of Rs.80,000-Rs.90,000. That is truly amazing! Kottayam, Ernakulam and Coimbatore Divisions in South Zone have each contributed more than Rs.20 lacs till now. The total contributions of divisional units of Tamil Nadu is of the order of Rs.61.46 lacs as of now. The total collections



Allahabad

in South Central Zone, Central Zone, Northern Zone, Eastern Zone and North Central Zone thus far have been Rs.23.35 lacs, Rs.9.10 lacs, Rs.4.60 lacs, Rs.3.50 lacs and Rs.1.40 lacs respectively. Our units in general insurance sector have already mobilised contributions in excess of Rs.2 lacs. It is to be appreciated that the contributions would certainly have been much more than this had there been ways and means of personal contact with the employees. In the absence of personal contacts, the units experimented with the method of collection through net banking. This has been a very successful experiment. We are confident that the collections would surge once our offices open and employees start attending offices regularly.



Karimnagar

from Meerut to Bhopal, from Chennai to Tirunelveli, from Nashik to Kadapa everywhere our comrades can be seen to be helping the poor and needy among the working people of India. Our comrades of

We are proud to inform that apart from mobilising financial contributions, our comrades across the country are doing some wonderful work in providing relief to those severely impacted by the present-day crisis. It is indeed great to see our comrades helping the poor and unorganised risking their own safety. From Varanasi to Bangalore, from Raipur to Rajahmundry, from Hyderabad- Secunderabad to Allahabad, from Kanpur to Machilipatnam,



Rajahmundry





Machilipatnam

last seven days, Machilipatnam divisional unit has been providing food and essential items to more than 700 poor workers. Six to seven divisional units under North Central Zone are actively involved with some voluntary organisations in running community kitchens for the poor and marginalised. Our units in Meerut and Allahabad are providing food on a regular basis to the construction workers and poor jobless workers. Our comrades in Raipur and Bhopal are actively involved with other trade unions in running community kitchens and providing food to the slum dwellers and other poorer sections. Our units in Puducherry, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Chennai, Coimbatore, Karimnagar, Kadapa, Nellore, Vishakhapatnam etc. are doing yeoman service in providing food to the poor and downtrodden.

Bangalore, both in life and general sectors, along with the CITU distributed some 18 essential grocery items among Hamali workers of APMC Yard and among poor domestic workers of Basavanagudi. Rajahmundry Division has been doing a commendable job by mobilising funds from employees, friends and relatives and distributing essential items amongst the non-Telugu speaking migrant labourers from Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar since the last fifteen days. For the



Hyderabad



Vishakhapatnam



Kolkata

Our units in general sector are also doing an extremely good job. HRGIEA and CHRGIEA are in the forefront insofar as distributing relief is concerned. Apart from distributing essential grocery items amongst stranded labourers from West Bengal, HRGIEA also distributed prepared food to around 450 patients and their attendants in Nelofar Hospital, Hyderabad. The CHRGIEA has experimented with an innovative idea which is not only commendable but worthy of emulation. They have pooled funds from employees, their friends and relatives (some of them

even NRIs) and have been successful in taking food to the doorsteps of around 800 families of poor street vendors, rickshaw pullers, para medical staff and other unorganised sector workers. The cost of each packet of delivered food items works out to Rs.1000 approximately. What is innovative is that they have collaborated with six shops who take the trouble of delivering the food right at the doorstep of the beneficiaries and the contributors (including NRIs) remit their amounts directly to the account of the shops by way of NEFT/RTGS.

Apart from our units, there are many comrades and their family members who have been doing extremely hard work in their individual capacities to mobilise funds and distribute relief among the poor and needy. The AIIEA is proud of these comrades and their family members. There are numerous stories relating to the humanitarian intervention of our units and members in the entire country during this great humanitarian crisis. Since extraordinary situations demand extraordinary responses, we are happy to note that the response of our units and comrades is nothing less than extraordinary.

Reports of relief work being done in different centres in our zones are still pouring in. We shall communicate the same in due course.

The AIIEA conveys its warmest greetings and deep sense of gratitude to our comrades across India and hopes that we shall work tirelessly to help the poor and marginalised till the situation stabilises.

With greetings,

Comradely Yours

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