

**EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES'  
ASSOCIATION**

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To All members

Dear Comrades,

**Re: 1<sup>st</sup> Zonal Level Women's Convention of ECZIEA at  
Bhubaneswar- A Huge Success**

Precious are those who make and shape history. Our Great AIIEA is ipso facto a history maker, shaper and shaker. East Central Zone Insurance Employees' Association (ECZIEA) at the call of AIIEA took the historic decision to take the plunge and organized its First Women's Convention on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 at Bhubaneswar. The rare opportunity of organizing the First Women's Convention was catapulted by the Bhubaneswar –Cuttack duo Divisional Units of ECZIEA, whose comrades and leaderships pulled out all the stops not just to make the Convention happen, but to ensure its huge success as well. 106 Women comrades from all the eleven divisional units of ECZIEA participated in the convention which got off to a colorful start with patriotic hymns by women comrades in praise of motherland and its great people, culture and history.

Excitement, enthusiasm, passion to do something substance and urge to conquer among women comrades were abundantly apparent on their faces during their participation. Needless to add, the convention was certainly not run-of-the-mill but was full of booming spirits from the word Go. Presided over by a Presidium consisting of the President of ECZIEA, Com. Shraavan Kumar and Com. Purobi Ghosh (Jamshedpur), Com. Smruti Rekha Sahoo (Bhubaneswar), Com. Manorama Mohanty (Cuttack) and Com. Neelam Kumari (Patna), at the outset Com. Shreekant Mishra, General Secretary, ECZIEA, presented an Approach paper on the range of issues confronting the women and more especially the deteriorating position of women in the ongoing era of globalization. Quoting from Prof. Amartya Sen, he focused on seven forms of gender inequality, viz., mortality inequality, natality inequality, basic facility inequality, special opportunity inequality, professional inequality, ownership inequality, and household inequality, all these being heavily loaded against women even today . In the neo liberal economic reforms being pursued with impunity for the last two decades, the condition of women has worsened with unfettered and unbridled exploitation even in the sunrise BPO

and IT & IT enabled sectors, and export processing units. In the global meltdown, a consequence of unsustainable capitalist order, millions of women have lost their jobs. The tall claim of the Congress led UPA II at the centre to empower the women through the 33 percent reservation is a big fraud on the nation and the said commitment of the Congress seems to be hollow, since issue has now been thrown to the backburner of the national agenda. Invoking the semantic lines of Com. B T Ranadive Com. Mishra exhorted the women comrades to be an inalienable part of the mainstream struggle to bring in the organizational renewal. He in his concluding lines fervently wished the Spring of women comrades to take shape in the coming days of ECZIEA.

In her Inaugural address, Com. Geeta Shant, Convenor, Women's Sub Committee of NCZIEA, in her inimitable, simple, and lucid Hindi touched the hearts of women comrades who have never heard such a brilliant and thought provoking speech before. The address of Com Geeta Shant brought to the fore the contradiction of the women employees who are the first target of attacks of economic reforms but are the least concerned leading to eventual decimation of the working class women. She exhaustively dwelt on the safe cocoon of AIIEA for women employees even after twenty years of economic reforms and more than a decade of competition in the insurance industry, but cautioned women employees for their unwitting ignorance and complacency. She cited the distressing plights of women employees in the private sector, and the Air Hostesses who lose jobs on flimsy grounds. She also lampooned the Ads of FMCG companies for portraying spurious illusions of Beauty of women and how they are hijacking the real and burning issues of women in the society. She drove home the point that women employees in LIC are safe and secure and breathing easy due to the hundred percent public sector character, but not any more due to the relentless attacks on LIC by the international finance capital and big business houses whose prime target is to weaken LIC adopting several means. She called upon the employees not to be passive any more but to plunge into the vortex of the struggles and movements of AIIEA to retain the benefits and privileges of working in LIC. She stressed upon the necessity of vaccination, that is, to resolve to be an indispensable part of the struggle of AIIEA in all forms, and to make it a priority of the live and living for a better tomorrow for the family and posterity.

The participation of thirteen women comrades from almost all the divisional units of ECZIEA in the Convention speak volumes of their growing commitment to give definite shape to the budding movement of the women employees and their abiding faith in the AIIEA to nurture, train and organize them. Gender discrimination was of course the point which AIIEA has assiduously pointed out to overcome; women comrades told one after another

and reposed their confidence on AIIEA for a better role for them in the days to come.

Com. Shraavan Kumar, President, ECZIEA, thanked the women comrades for their enthusiastic participation and called upon them to be more organized under the banner of AIIEA to take the movements forward. Com. Shreekant Mishra, General Secretary, ECZIEA placed the proposal for a Women Sub Committee with Com. Smt Smruti Rekha Sahu, as Convenor, Com Smt Purobi Ghosh, & Com Smt Manorama Mohanty as Joint Convenors and other Divisional Unit Convenors as members of the Sub Committee, which was unanimously accepted by the House. Com Mishra thanked all for the huge success of the convention and creating the history in the School of ECZIEA.

Com. A P Meher, Joint Secretary, ECZIEA extended the vote of thanks. The First Women's Convention of ECZIEA was a huge success. Comrades of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack divisional units left no stone unturned to make the programme memorable.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

*Shreekant Mishra*

GENERAL SECRETARY