

EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

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6th GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ECZIEA DECIDED

TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN LIC

TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE AGAINST PRIVATISATION

TO BROADEN OUR UNITY AND KEEP VERACIOUS POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING.

The 6th General Conference of East Central Zone Insurance Employees' Association (ECZIEA) was held from 19-21 November 2022 at the historic city of Patna under the aegis of IEAPD and IEAPD-2. Known as Pataliputra, the city of Patna had served as a cultural center as well as a seat of power and learning in the ancient times. It was a proud moment for us when on the 26th August 2007, following the creation of a new Zonal Office of LIC at Patna, the eighth crown of our beloved organization AIEA in the name of ECZIEA came into being in the foundation conference at Patna. Again after 15 years, the capital city of the Bihar State hosted the 6th Conference of ECZIEA which speaks volume of our deep association with the city.

Hoisting of the red flag

Com. Pradip Kumar Mukherjee, President, ECZIEA hoisted the red flag of the organization amidst thunderous slogans by 500 plus comrades present on the occasion and set the ball rolling for the 6th Conference of ECZIEA. This was followed by offering floral tributes in the impressive martyr's column by the participants.

Colourful Procession

In the afternoon a colourful procession started from the Jeevan Deep Building negotiated almost two kms before reaching the Lady Stephenson ground, the venue for the open session. The rally was led by six women comrades in red attire signifying the 6th General Conference, followed by around 400 comrades assembled for the conference from all the eleven Divisions of the Zone. The delightful procession passed through the main route, with shouting of slogans in defense of Public Sectors and in support of unity and integrity of the country had got a rousing reception by the fraternal trade unions of the city en-route.

Open Session

The open session started at about 4.00pm at Lady Stephenson Ground with the opening song by our lady comrades and followed by the welcome address by the Reception Committee Chairperson, the renowned progressive poet Mr. Alok Dhanwa who explained the historical legacy of the Bihar State in general and Patna in particular. He remembered a number of historical personalities of various hues belonging to Pataliputra, the name in which the place was famous to be known till its incarnation in the modern era. He recounted events of pre-nationalization era of the insurance industry and how LIC has been strengthened over the years following nationalization of the industry in 1956. He was of huge praise of LIC for its stellar role in contributing nation building and emphasized the utmost need to protect this marvelous institution, from the multifarious attack of the government. He concluded his speech with the famous couplet of revolutionary poet Sahir Ludhianvi – "Wo subah humhi se aayegi..."

onslaught. Eight resolutions were placed and approved by the house to decide the course of our struggle. On the whole the conference resolved to struggle against all divisive forces to protect the unity among all classes of people. The 6th General Conference of ECZIEA has laid down the path of the insurance employees in clear objective to traverse through, to achieve their desired goals. Let all of us confidently as well as unitedly march forward to fulfil the tasks in realizing the goals that we have set for ourselves.

Long Live 6th General Conference of ECZIEA.

With revolutionary greetings,



Comradely yours
Trinath Dora
 General Secretary

OFFICE BEARERS

COM. PRADIP KUMAR MUKHERJEE
 COM. RAJESH PRASAD
 COM. AMIT MAITY
 COM. BHARAT BHUSAN NAYAK
 COM. TRINATH DORA
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As many as 32 comrades participated in the debate. What was astonishing as well as satisfying is the young comrades (of 2020 batch) showing political maturity discussed on the situation obtaining in the insurance industry and beyond. With absolute conviction the young brigades of our association expressed their views on the report, all of them converging themselves on the organizational understanding. The discussion on the report entailed how bright and secure is the future of our association.

Com. Amanulla Khan expressed satisfaction over the conference to be a successful one in varying terms. He congratulated all the speakers for displaying unanimity over the report. He placed the vision of India following independence and how the present government is attacking the democracy and federal structure of our country. He urged upon the members to be aware of the policies of the Government.

Com. Shreekant Mishra in his speech expressed both a bit of caution and ample hope regarding the wellbeing of our industry. Our class identity and unity should not get fragmented because of regional identity. What he emphasized that unity of the country is of paramount importance and as a responsible trade union it is our bounden duty to protect the integrity and sovereignty of our nation. The progress of our industry and the interest of employees are intertwined and inseparable, he underlined. Citing examples and from his own real-life experiences, he accepted that mechanization is necessitated out of the growing customer expectations from the servicing aspect. What is most important on the part of our organization to be vigilant, he said, is to ensure that door for recruitment should not be closed on account of deployment of technology and a balance should be maintained between the two. Alongside, he also gave examples of how our own comrades settled payment of claims in pro-active manner and this servicing standard has to be improved still further in order to realize our justified demand of 40% wage revision.



Com. Trinath Dora, General Secretary, ECZIEA summed up after the deliberations by 32 comrades on the report and informed in brief the achievements made by the organization and exhorted confidence on our comrades to fight out all issues through our united struggle. He profusely showered praise on the comrades of IEAPD and IEAPD-2 for hosting the conference in the most befitting way. The report and the audited statements of accounts placed by the working committee was unanimously adopted by the house.

Volunteer Comrades

The credit for the successful conduct of the three-days conference goes entirely to the hard and tireless efforts put in by the comrades of IEAPD and IEAPD-2. More than hundred men and women comrades made all out efforts, for months together to make the conference a grand success. All the volunteer comrades took care of the minutest details for a comfortable stay of the delegates and observers.

Cultural Programme

The cultural programme in the evening of 20th November delivered the message of unity. One of the cultural events reflected simplicity, love, cohesion of the rural life well-orchestrated by the artists of "Bharatiya Nritya Kala Mandir", Patna. While complementing the artists for their endearing performances, Com. Amanulla Khan explained how beautifully the culture of the locality has been displayed, which today is subject to attack by the ruling class. It is this cultural diversity of our country which forms the basis of the very unity of our nation, he concluded. Com. Shreekant Mishra too congratulated all the artists and expressed hope to strengthen the unity of our country with such performances.



Conference of Unity and Struggle

The 6th General Conference of ECZIEA was amazingly a successful one. It was a conference where unity was displayed to further our struggle towards building a better society different from what the ruling class is in a constant effort to establish. Particularly the maturity of the comrades in organizational understanding and analyzing most vital, sensitive and complicated issues confronting our industry and our country at large was praiseworthy. The conference exhibited supreme confidence in the ability of particularly young comrades from 2020 batch, not just to defend the interest of employees and the industry but also aligning with the progressive and democratic movements outside our organization, to defeat the



The Chief Speaker of the evening, Prof. Apoorvanand of Delhi University impressed the audience with a 50 minutes passionate speech. Starting from how dangerous has it become to chant Inquilaab today, he was visibly emotional towards the end, while he appealed everybody present to feel the pain of torturous killing of Pehlu Khan, Junaid and the heartbreaking long existence of Bilkis Bano, who passed ordeal of fighting long, legal battle in sending culprits who raped her, killing rest of her family members. In between he gave visible definitions of a worker and the need today to be united and stand on a single platform to resist the multipronged onslaught of the present ruling class. Referring the welcome song, he spoke that while we all want peace, we have to fight against oppression. He explained the concept of being a citizen and what it means to exercise the right to vote given by our constitution. Besides others, he dealt with women issues, polarization of our society on religious ground, dangerous attack on constitution and pathetic state of judiciary. He also expressed concern on the way the present government is attacking the university professors who are liberal and criticizing the policies of government which are not in the interest of our nation. On the whole he expressed happiness over holding conferences which itself proves that insurance employees have decided to fight the anti-worker policies of the government. **“Zinda hone ka matlabsirf sans lenanahin, balkisanson ko mehesuskarna, zindagisirfdil ka dhadknanahin, balkidusronkedil kadhadkanabhihei”** -this is the essence of living explained by Prof. Apoorvanand.

Com. Amanulla Khan, former President of AIIEA, also spoke in the open session. With his flowery speech he made a critical assessment of the present government, concerning the future of our nation. He beautifully placed the strength of LIC and our role in protecting its nationalized character. He called upon the employees to prepare themselves for a larger struggle to challenge the government policy of privatization. Com. Shreekant Mishra, General Secretary of AIIEA, in his deliberation showed his concern for the degrading socio-economic-political conditions of the contemporary times due to the faulty decisions of the ruling class and asked for a broader struggle. On the charter on wage revision, he justified our overall demand of 40% wage rise across the board. He congratulated all the members for making ECZIEA a strong and vibrant organization.



Sri B.Majhi, RM (P&IR), LIC, ECZ during his short speech thanked the organization for its supporting role in the growth of the corporation. Having 3.5% shares of LIC disinvested, we must work towards instilling confidence among all the stake holders of the corporation, he exhorted. The dais was filled with a galaxy of leaders representing a number of fraternal TU organizations, leader of LIAFI, NFIFWI, LIC Class-I Officers' Federation and SDM's of LIC Patna-I & II Divisions.

Delegate Session

The delegate session was started on the 19th November. The conference venue was named after the Organizing Secretary of IEAPD, Late (Com.) SaligramManjhi and the auditorium was named in memory of Late (Com.) R.B.Raman, Asst. Secretary of ECZIEA. At the very outset, the homage resolution was placed by the General Secretary and the house observed one minute silence. The report of the working committee was placed in brief by the General Secretary. He placed every section of the report in a concise way.

Com. Abhay Kumar Das, General Secretary, CDIEA initiated discussion on the report. He made a scathing attack on the BJP led NDA government and how its implementation of extreme rightwing policies has destroyed the Indian economy and the society. Though emergence of rightist forces across the European continent may be a matter of grave concern, but equally encouraging is the consolidation of leftwing forces across the entire Latin American countries. Citing example of widening of income level leading to the gaping inequality of wealth he told that how top 10 super rich persons of the world equals to the wealth of the bottom 300 crore population.