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To

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It is a sheer coincidence and a historic moment that, the 1st of January 2026 will mark the concluding day of the 27th AIIEA conference being held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha since 28th December 2025. We all are aware that the year 2025 ended with rather a dismal note and did not augur well for the humanity of the entire globe. With wars among countries taking place in most parts of the world - destruction, barbarism and cruelty to mankind unleashed is of unimaginable level. Trump, taking all credits in mediating the ceasefire in Gaza, is not accepting the rights of the land for the Palestinians for the last seven decades. US led imperialism is continuing unabated. Trumpisation across global politics witnessed a gradual rise and consolidation of right and far-right wing ruling classes in most of the nations that went into elections in the year 2025. Even before officially assuming charge of the chair of the President with a roaring voice he started tariff war against almost all nations. Return of Trump has marked a shift within capitalist order towards authoritarianism, kneeling before the oligarchy. Following the footsteps of Trump, the rulers in Argentina, Italy, Hungary, Turkey, Israel, Germany, France have all become part of the Project Riviera in Gaza. The growing nexus of corporate -right wing - governance is quite visible across majority of nations.

Inequality between as well as within nations has reached such an alarming situation that, unless addressed on a war-footing, will result in explosion of accrued resentment among vast masses. Over the years, global reports of inequality consistently depict an upward trend with top 1% of the ultra-rich garnering almost three-fourth of the wealth generated under the Sun. The bottom 50% continue to struggle to barely survive.

In our country, the political and social landscape has undergone a sea change. BJP led by Modi assuming power for consecutive third time, our nation has rolled back to a never-before state of affairs. Rise of obscurantism, erasure of past, mythology replacing historical facts, fundamentalist force on rampage, rise of religious majoritarianism striking the secular principle at the core. The most dangerous one is society divided to such a level that, unity and integrity of a pluralistic society like India stands at crossroads. The Hindu fascist agenda is carried out openly and brazenly. With the state playing an active role in spreading hatred, vengeance and violence among communities along racial, religious and regional line. Communalisation and polarisation have torn society apart. The life and livelihood issues of people have reneged. The media is now completely corporate controlled; judiciary and all state institutions of governance have been saffronised. The government is engaged in name changing of places, roads and various programmes floated by earlier governments. The most recent

example of which is the change of MNREGA. Saffronisation of education is at full pace with gradual trimming of government funding to various educational institutions across the country.

The labour codes enacted by the government is nothing but empowering the employers to control workers as they like. Labourers loosing almost all hard-earned rights since pre-independence era, will hence be subject to slave like treatment at the hands of their masters. Citizens are experiencing a curtailment of constitutionally mandated rights and freedoms; the working class is being reduced to a near-non-existent category; farmers are being pushed into drudgery; students are driven to suicide; and small business owners are left in penury—leaving one to wonder where our country is heading.

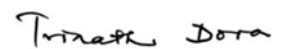
With the passage of a bill enabling 100% FDI in the insurance sector and effecting changes in the laws that had led to the nationalisation of the insurance industry and its subsequent regulation, a major blow was dealt to LIC of India. At present, the nationalised insurance industry stands at a crossroads, almost on the threshold of a return to the pre-1956 era. We have seen the situation of BSNL. The Indian aviation sector is completely privatised as of now. With 90% market share, Indigo and Tata together rule the Indian sky. In December 2025, passenger services came to a grinding halt, leading to unspeakable misery for lakhs of commuters, both Indian and foreign. This showcased the ultimate consequences of crony capitalism. Hence, we must keep in mind that, unless fought resolutely, our own nationalised insurance industry will be consigned to past.

Amidst the circumstances outlined above, it is a glorious moment for all of us that, the ECZIEA organised the 27th General Conference of AIIEA at Bhubaneswar. Incidentally, this is also the Platinum Jubilee Year of our beloved organisation. We are fortunate to hear from some of the most eminent speakers in our country. The discussions on the report have been quite engrossing, with speaker after speaker rendering spark filled thoughts. Listening to the rather younger comrades have instilled confidence that our organisation will be stronger in the days to come.

Finally, in the New Year, important decisions are taken up to re-orient our struggle, aligning with the working class of our country and elsewhere. Many important resolutions have been placed and accepted to redefine the course of our struggle to achieve working class objectives.

We wish each of our comrades and their family members a very purposeful, vibrant, healthy, and happy New Year 2026.

Comradely yours



General Secretary