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Dear Comrades,

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The 10th February of every year is very important for us as we celebrate this day as the "Federation Day" in remembrance of the formation of the Federation in 1953. This year 10th February is the 67th foundation day of the Federation. Since 10th February happens to be a holiday (Sunday), we are to observe Federation day on **11th February, 2019**. On the occasion, as is the practice, the President of Income Tax Employees Federation has penned his message conveying the importance of the occasion and the need for keeping our unity and strength. Considering the present socio-political situation of the country, the message urges all of us to be in preparedness for the big battle against the attack on the working class and to protect the hard earned rights. It is needless to say that the Federation day should be celebrated in befitting way by hoisting the Flag in all Offices. The President's message is enclosed. Please take necessary steps to convey the president's message to all members in your circle.

President's Message

On this 67th foundation day of our Federation I have the pleasure and privilege to extend warm greetings to all of you . We shall be hoisting the Federation Flag this year with great pride for we could ensure cent per cent participation of our members in the National General Strike organized by the Central Trade unions of the country unitedly on 8th and 9th January 2019. It was a magnificent demonstration of the unity and militancy of our organization, so assiduously built over the years. In the assembly of organizations of Central Government employees, we stand in a unique manner, for we have achieved total unity of the Incometax employees under one banner, one Federation and one leadership. The ITGOA also supported the strike action by wearing black badges, by taking casual leaves or directly participating in the strike action as was done by their Mumbai unit, which is really salutable.

The 8th and 9th two day strike action in which millions of workers in our country from all walks of life took part was the thunderous response of the working class to the rulers who had been unashamedly pursuing the neo liberal economic policies to sub-serve the interest of corporates in the country and through them their alien masters. The BMS, the trade union wing of the ruling party, alone stayed away from this glorious, militant and united action of the Indian working class, though their rank and file defied the fiat of their leaders and took part in the struggle which was inevitable for the emancipation of our homeland itself

from the sure possibility of being subjugated again.

The participation of CGEs in the two days strike action this year, recorded as the highest ever, as the Confederation could convince its ranks that the focus of the struggle shall be the demand for the withdrawal of the New contributory pension scheme introduced by the Government in 2004. The young members took it upon themselves to help the organization to spread the pernicious impact of NPS, The wider usage of social media instruments helped the campaign to reach out to the otherwise unreachable and elicit their active involvement. For the young comrades, the two days action was a confidence building exercise and it shall stand in good stead in building up the efficacy of our organization.

This year had also been a year of constant struggles and mobilization to bring about a negotiated settlement on some pressing and pending departmental issues. The struggle has helped to setup the next cadre review committee which shall certainly go a long way in improving the career prospects of our members. The cessation of search and seizure operations for which the call was given by the JCA did act as a powerful tool to compel the administration to come for a serious negotiation.

It is now widely recognized that the pursuance of neo-liberal policies by successive Governments have been extremely harmful to the country at large and the common multitude of the people in particular. The inequality in the society has been accentuated and the employment generation has been dwindled.

Every election in the democratic society is an occasion for the people to remind their rulers of their unkept promises and the need to discard policies which bring about penury and agony to them. In a few months time, the country will go in for polls to elect a new Federal Government. The new contributory pension scheme, the Government employees well recognizes now is an offshoot of the economic policies ushered in 1991 and followed by the two major political outfits in our country. There must have a change of policies to ensure that the old pension scheme should be restored, equal pay for equal work should be implemented, all vacancies in Central Govt. offices should be filled up, Pay Commission related issues should be settled by the new Govt. and also a democratic secular Government which takes care of the common people in general and employees in particular is brought to power.

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