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### 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MAY DAY

One hundred twenty five years has been passed when on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1886 number of workeres marched on streets of Chicago in America demanding eight hours duty, were brutally attacked by police firing. The white flags carried by workers became red with blood of workers at Hay Market Square Chicago. Lucky persons, August spies, Adolf Fisher and George Engels who led this movement were arrested and hanged to death. The incidence shook whole world and "International Socialist Congress" gave a call to observe 1<sup>st</sup> May as "International Workers Day" throughout the world.

Though we in our country also celebrate May Day every year remember martyrs pay them our homage but conditions of workers are same even to-day. In our country more than ninety five percent of workforce are working in unorganized sector who are not being paid

minimum wage, there is no service security and social security to them. There are no working hours for them and no labour laws are being implemented for them. Their employers did not bother for their health and family. The principle employers who are accountable for there payment, duty hours, compensation etc. also don't bother. The workers of organized sector are also not bothered to fight against whole some exploitation of these workers with the result May Day becomes total farce for these workers.

Since last a few years we have started organizing these unorganized workers but still there is a lot to be done. The unity among working class can only fulfill dreams of martyrs of May Day and solidarity among working class can only save the workers from the onslaught of organized capital.

Let us pledge on this day we will fight unitedly against exploitation of working class and that will be only befitting homage to martyrs of May Day.

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