

Agitations of Workers around the world

In South Africa: Electrical supply workers in the industrial region of Msunduzi in South Africa went in to an indefinite strike from June 15 demanding unpaid wages.

City authorities are importing contractors shadowed by security guards to scab on the strike.

In Kenya: 26,000 Kenyan nurses are continuing their strike from the first week of June in to a third week over the resistance of the council of governors to sign and implement the 2016 collective bargaining agreement.

In Australia: The journalists belonging to the largest media company in Australia-Fairfax are on indefinite strike from June 27th opposing the retrenchment of 125 staff members of the editorial department. In the recent year the management had laid off its employees many times.

In India: On Jan 28, following a week of unsuccessful protest 210 outsourced nurses from the Gandhi hospital in Secundrabad, Telangana state went in to an indefinite strike over permanently and equal pay.

Power development workers in Jammu & Kashmir hold a two day strike on 15th & 16th March over long outstanding demands. They demand safety-tools at all receiving stations, guidelines regretting the workers of employees at different ranks, training for all workers as per national guidelines, amendment in welfare fund rules increase of pay for casual workers on par with permanent workers and compensation to families of workers injured or killed in the job.

Power loom job working units (1,50,000 units) in Coimbatore and Tirupur district of Tamil Nadu went in to an indefinite strike from 2nd April seeking immediate revision of wages and also payment of arrears as per previous wage-agreement of 2014, which the cloth traders are unwilling to implement.

Around 700 contract workers from the Padubidri Special Economic Zone (SEZ) near Mangalore of Karnataka state, demonstrated outside SEZ gates on April 11th protesting against their sudden termination from the employ of Suzlon SEZ on the pretext that its contract at Padubidri SEZ premises was expired.

Nurses from the state government hospitals in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Malapuram and Kozikode have been on strike from June 28 over wage raise since most of the hospitals are paying below the minimum wage.

Laid off workers from Hero cycles factory in Ludhiana, Punjab demonstrated on national Highway 1 outside the factory on June to demand reinstatement of 312 workers. The management claims that those sackings were a part of its cost cutting exercise that would affect 10% of the 12,000 workers of the factory.

Nearly 800 contract women workers at the Prothom industries toy factory in Pune, Maharashtra walked out on strike and demonstrated on the Bhosari-Alandi-Dighi road on July 4th demanding the payment of three month's unpaid wages.

On June 12, workers belonging to 55 tea gardens in West Bengal went in to strike demanding better working conditions and new pay-revision agreement. Lakhs of workers participated in this strike at Darjeeling, Terai and Duars regions.

On July 7, the employees of city metro services went in to a protest strike over manhandling and arrest of two Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation LTD, due to which four lakh commuters were stranded. This incident occurred over an incident of a fight between a worker and a constable attached to Karnataka Security Force.
