

Book Release

The Maruti Story: Notes on the Workers' Resistance (2011–2025)

On the 4th of June 2011, the workers of Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant occupied the factory, demanding that they be treated like human beings with dignity rather than appendages to machines. This kicked off one of the most innovative and militant workers' struggles in modern India, lasting to this day.

Class Notes has collated material on this movement into a book documenting its history and significance. On the 4th of June 2025, we will hold an online meeting to commemorate this event and to release this book.

You are cordially invited to the online meeting
and to share your thoughts.

Date: Wednesday, 4th June, 2025

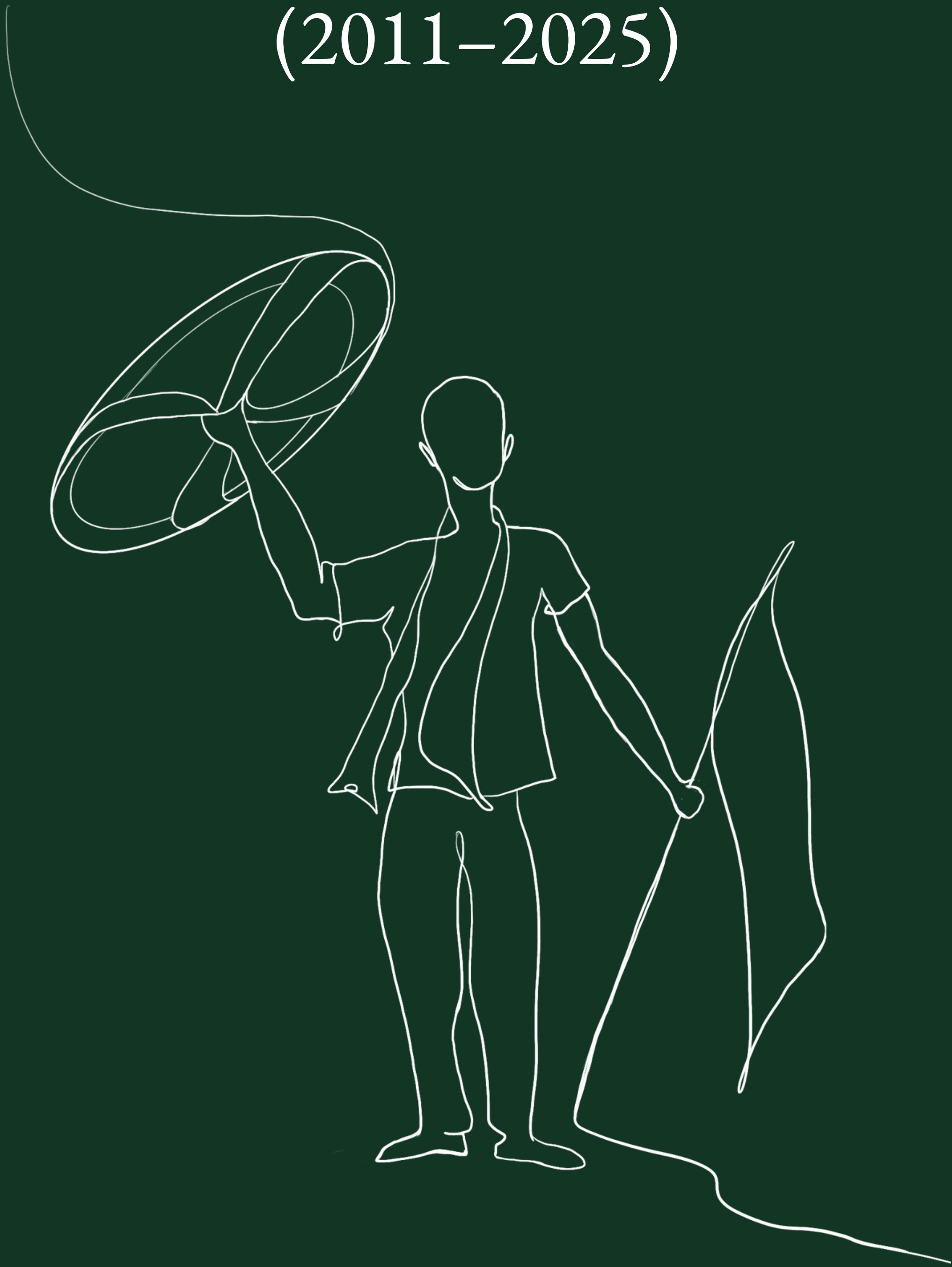
Time: 6:00–7:30 PM

Link: <https://meet.google.com/hht-qmth-nbx>



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The Maruti Story is about the historic struggle of the workers of the Maruti Suzuki Manesar plant, India's largest automobile manufacturing unit, over the past two decades. It started on the shop floor, but quickly spread to the entire industrial belt and the larger society. Originally a militant struggle for union formation against the factory management, it grew to resiliently confront the capitalist class and state machinery while fighting for justice. It is also a struggle against the intensification, degradation, and informalisation of work, caused by pro-capital changes in technology and production that were fully supported by the state. This is a unique and instructive working class struggle in contemporary industrial capitalism in India, carrying generalised significance. This book is an attempt to document, contextualise, and understand this movement and the possibilities it holds for the future of Indian labour.

Class Notes is a collective comprising individuals from different professions and different areas of labour activism, aiming to engage with conceptual and practical questions around labour and class politics, document working class conditions and struggles, and organize solidarity activities for working class demands and struggles in India.

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