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We are glad to inform the readers and well-wishers of *Frontier* that the weekly is going to complete its fiftieth year in April, 2018. We propose to bring out a special number on the occasion of this completion. We hereby invite our serious readers, who have been reading *Frontier* for some length of time, to provide us with their reflections on the orientation, quality and standard of the weekly, which we may publish in the proposed special number and which may help us in raising the quality of the weekly.

It should be emphasized that *Frontier* has survived all these years with very little advertisement support, thanks to the help given by long time subscribers, particularly life subscribers and associate subscribers, and occasionally to the donations of space by its well-wishers, who have wanted *Frontier* to continue. Still the weekly is in constant struggle with a serious paucity of resources. We appeal to all well-wishers of us to obtain subscribers, particularly long-term subscriber and life-members (sustainers) for the weekly and help in other possible ways so that the regular worries about running the weekly is somewhat lessened.

The survival of this weekly is not only important because during a recent crisis an overseas reader had given a passionate call to defend *Frontier*. There is no doubt today that *Frontier* surpassed readers' expectation during the heady Naxalbari days and through its aftermath. Yet, things have not changed for the better. No section of the society is away from the global gaze and global outreach of capital. Capital continues to enrich itself at the cost of impoverishing others and operates with the backing of nuclear arsenal-powered nation states. And yet the battle of attrition with this global onslaught continues at various locations all over the world and in our country. A slim and trim 16-page retrofitted *Frontier* founded by the late Samar Sen way back in 1968 could very well be the vehicle to battle the crisis when the next time around the strong arm of the state comes calling, if it has not come as of yet.

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