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As a pro-people journal, the economic subsistence of the weekly depends mainly on its subscribers, associates, and life members. In recent times, with growing inflation, the publication cost of Frontier has been rising rapidly, to the point that its weekly publication—unbroken for 55 years—now stands threatened. The readers, subscribers, and well-wishers of Frontier, who wish for this weekly to continue its journey, are requested to come forward and become life subscribers, or contribute otherwise in any way possible.

A readers' meet was organized on September 2, 2023, to discuss the current state of *Frontier* and to bring forward suggestions for its sustenance from its readers. Several important suggestions emerged from the meeting, which will hopefully bring the weekly to a better future. A group of young scholars have come forward with the proposal to expand *Frontier* to a regular digital platform alongside its print form. This new endeavor can only come into fruition when *Frontier* as a platform will be able to find economic stability with the support of its well-wishers and subscribers. We request the readers and friends to stand by *Frontier* in any way possible, and to drive forward this weekly in its journey ahead. We welcome submissions from aspiring writers interested in contemplating on matters of social relevance, and carrying forward the spirit of *Frontier*.

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