

All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations AIFRUCTO

**4th Statutory Conference of AIFRUCTO – Shirdi, January 27–28, 2026
Hosted by Retired College Teachers’ - Pune**

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Dear friends,

The 4th Statutory Conference of the All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFRUCTO) was held with great success on the 27th and 28th of January, 2026, at Shirdi, Maharashtra. The sacred and serene atmosphere of Shirdi provided an inspiring backdrop for the deliberations of retired teachers from across the country.

The Conference was graciously hosted by the Retired College Teachers Association, Pune (RCTA-Pune), whose meticulous arrangements ensured the comfort and satisfaction of all participants. Delegates were warmly received, and the hospitality extended by the host association was widely appreciated. The quality of food, accommodation, transport and overall organization reflected the dedication and commitment of RCTA-Pune, making the conference a memorable experience for all.

An important highlight of the conference was the election of the new Executive Committee, which will carry forward the mission of AIFRUCTO with renewed vigour and responsibility. The democratic spirit and collective participation in the election reaffirmed the federation’s commitment to transparency and inclusivity.

The 4th Statutory Conference at Shirdi was, in every respect, a grand success. It strengthened bonds of solidarity, inspired confidence in collective action, and reinforced the federation’s resolve to continue its struggle for dignity, equity, and justice for retired university and college teachers across India.

On behalf of AIFRUCTO, we place on record our deep appreciation to the Retired College Teachers Association, Pune (RCTA-Pune) for hosting the 4th Statutory Conference at Shirdi with exemplary dedication. The hospitality, food, accommodation, and overall arrangements were of the highest standard and contributed immensely to the success of the event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. M. M. Tate, the President, Prof. Venkatesh K Holehonnur, General Secretary, Prof. Pandurang Chaudhari, Dr Ravindra Kadu, Prof. Ashok Kamble and his committed team, as well as to Prof. Kanhu Giramkar, Chairman of the Organising Committee, for their meticulous planning and warm reception that made the conference truly memorable for all delegates.

Business session I

Session started at 3.00 pm on January 27,2026, after paying floral tribute to the departed great teacher leaders, Prof. Mrinmoy Bhattacharya, Prof. K K Theckedath and Prof. Arun Dixit. Before the business session National Secretariat meeting and National Executive Committee was held to approve the General Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report and finalise the agenda of the General Council meeting. NEC nominated Prof. Ghanshyam Singh and Prof. Asok Barman, both Patrons as Election Officers to conduct free and fair election of new executive committee of the federation.

Prof. Ashok Kamble welcomed the delegate on behalf of the host RCTA- Pune. Thereafter, Prof. J N Shukla presented the General Secretary' report before the house. Since the report was already circulated on WhatsApp and hard copy was distributed among the delegates. General Secretary only read important points of the report. General Secretary paid tribute to the departed leaders and members and presented a Condolence resolution which was adopted unanimously by the house. Thereafter two minutes silence was observed.

After paying tribute to our departed leaders and members **Prof. S Bhattacharjya, Treasurer**, presented his report and apprised the financial status of the federation to the august house. **Prof. R Halesh, Executive Editor** of the quarterly AIFRCTO News Magazine reported about the magazine.

In this session our honourable Patrons and veteran teacher leaders, Prof. B Vijay Kumar, Prof. Asok Barman, Prof. Ram Singh, Prof. Ghanshyam Singh, Prof. B Parthasarathy addressed the house and graced the occasion by their valuable suggestions and noble ideas to strengthen the retired teachers' movement in the country. Prof. V Swaminathan, President TANRECTA-Tamil Nadu and national Secretary, Prof. Pratip Mukherjee, National secretary also addressed the house. General council Meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm for tea-break and Cultural Program.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural session of the 4th Statutory Conference of the All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFRUCTO) commenced at 10:30 a.m. on January 28, 2026, at Shirdi with solemnity and reverence. Floral tributes were offered to departed leaders, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and unity.

Prof. M. M. Tate, on behalf of the host association, extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar, former Vice Chancellor of Mumbai University, eminent educationist and economist, along with other distinguished guests and retired teacher delegates from across the country.

Prof. Mungekar delivered the keynote address on "*The Future of India's Higher and Technical Education: Issues and Challenges*", with special reference to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. His thought-provoking remarks highlighted the opportunities and concerns in reshaping India's academic landscape.

Other distinguished speakers included Prof. Sudhakar S. Mankar, President of AIFRUCTO; Dr. Praveen Raghuvanshi, General Secretary of MFUCTO; and Dr. Sudhir Tambe, Member of the Legislative Council, who enriched the session with their perspectives.

The inaugural session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Holehonnur, General Secretary of RCTA-Pune, acknowledging the contributions of all dignitaries and delegates.

Business Session II

Business II of the 4th Statutory Conference of AIFRUCTO commenced at 3:00 pm on January 28, 2026. The session was presided over by President Prof. Sudhakar S. Mankar and conducted by General Secretary Prof. J. N. Shukla. This important segment of the conference provided a platform for representatives from all participating states and office bearers to present their detailed state reports. Each delegate highlighted the achievements, challenges, and ongoing initiatives of their respective units, thereby enriching the collective understanding of the federation's progress. The session also witnessed thoughtful deliberations on the General Secretary's report, with members offering constructive observations and suggestions to strengthen organizational activities. The exchange of

perspectives underscored the unity and shared commitment of retired teachers across the nation. Business II thus became a vital forum for dialogue, accountability, and reaffirmation of AIFRUCTO's mission to advance pension justice and social equity for retired teachers.

Those who participated in the discussion were Prof. Rajendra Naidu from RGCTA-Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Venkatesh Reddy and Prof.Ch. Pitchaiah from TRCTA-Telangana, Prof. A. Sherikar and Prof R Ramchandrapa from Karnataka, Prof. Radhika Naik from- RCTAG Goa, Prof. TKG Nair from AKPCRT and Prof. G Rajeev AKGCRT, Kerala, Prof. Harom Pandey from FRUCTAJ- Jharkhand, Prof. Niranjan Padhy from Odisha, Prof. L Randhoni Devi from Manipur, Prof. Gurjant Singh from GCRTA- Punjab, Prof. Patricia Fernandes MURCTWA- Mumbai, Prof. S A Bojagar, SUTA-Kolhapur, Prof. Ashok Kamble, RCTA-Pune, Prof. Ashok Salunke ,RUCTA-Solapur, all from Maharashtra, Prof. Mahdev Desai from AGUCPS, Gujarat, Prof. A Manoharan from TANRECTA – Tamil Nadu, Prof. D Shivkumar from PUREGOCOTA-Puducherry, Prof. Chandana Jha from FRUCTB- Bihar and office bearers from West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh along with other representatives.

Declaration of Election result

Following Office Bearers were declared elected Unanimously by the Election Officer Prof Ghanshyam Singh and Prof. Asok Barman:

List of the Office Bearers of AIFRUCTO

President:	Prof. Sudhakar S Mankar, 9423815307
General Secretary:	Dr J. N. Shukla, 9450186103
Treasurer:	Dr Sadanand Bhattacharjya, 8910249567
Vice Presidents:	
Zone 1:	-----
Zone 2:	Dr. Prithvi Raj Singh
Zone 3:	Dr Niranjan Padhy, 8457011216
Zone 4:	Prof. Gangotri Prasad Tripathi, 9454552577
Zone 5:	Prof. G. Venkat Reddy, 9849056340
Zone 6:	-----
Zone 7:	Prof. Mahadev A Desai, 9426893527
Zone 8:	Prof. V. R. Kesavulu Reddy, 9440272725
Zone 9:	Dr A. Manoharan, 9443181155
Zone 10:	Prof. Shanta Bhimsen Rao, 9845712623
Women Quota:	Dr. Rohini Devi, 9442585154
National Secretaries:	
Zone 1:	Prof. L Randhoni Devi, 7005772013
Zone 2:	Prof. Pratip Mukherjee, 9434008771
Zone 3:	-----

Zone 4:	Dr P R Yadav, 9528893336
Zone 5:	Dr. Ch. Pitchaiah, 9866615779
Zone 6:	Dr. Gurjant Singh, 9876014201
Zone 7:	Dr S A Bojagar, 9860660661
Zone 8:	Dr. G Rajendra Naidu, 9440345550
Zone 9:	Dr V Swaminathan, 9444024662
Zone 10:	Prof. Nagraj K M, 9900961370
Women Quota:	Prin. Kranti P Jejurkar, 9323576484

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Zone 1:	Dr RK Indira Devi, 8731958505
Zone 2:	Prof. Chandana Jha 9431412100
Zone 3:	Prof. Hari Om Pandey, 9431109302
Zone 4:	Dr. Ramji Pathak, 9415460066
Zone 5:	Prof. S Rajeswar Rao 9866860004
Zone 6:	Dr. Harbans Singh, 9417789090
Zone 7:	Dr. Ravindra Kadu, 9850229622
Zone 9:	-----
Zone 10:	Prof. Anand Raya D Sherikar, 9448414188

Executive Editor, News Magazine:

Editor	Prof. R Halesh, 9902030919
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Editor	Prof. Gangotri Prasad Tripathi, 8858937220

Legal Cell (Convenor)

Prin. K M Patel

Movement Resolution

This 4th Statutory Conference of the All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFRUCTO), meeting at Shirdi on January 28, 2026, after detailed deliberations, resolves to intensify its struggle for justice, dignity, and equity for retired teachers across the country.

The Conference notes with grave concern the continued denial of pension to aided college teachers in Punjab and certain other states, despite repeated representations and assurances. This injustice has caused untold hardship to thousands of retired teachers who devoted their lives to nation-building. The Conference demands immediate payment of pension to all eligible teachers and calls upon the respective state governments to implement parity with university teachers without delay.

The Conference further expresses its strong opposition to provisions in the Finance Bill 2025 and recent amendments in pension rules that adversely affect retired teachers and pensioners at large. These measures undermine social security and erode the rights of senior citizens. AIFRUCTO resolves to launch coordinated protest programs, including demonstrations, memorandum campaigns, and joint

actions with allied pensioners' organizations and fraternal organizations, to press for withdrawal of regressive provisions and restoration of fair pension policies.

The Conference also demands the urgent formation of a UGC Pay Review Committee for teachers, ensuring that retired teachers are not excluded from its purview. It emphasizes the necessity of proper fixation in the Professor scale for retired teachers, so that their lifelong service is recognized with dignity and fairness.

Looking ahead, the Conference resolves to organize a series of future protest programs:

- **Signature campaigns** involving retired teachers and the public to highlight pension injustice.
- **Solidarity actions** with other pensioners' federations to build a united front.
- **Awareness drives** through press, social media, and publications to mobilize public opinion.
- **Delegations to policymakers** at both state and national levels to press for urgent reforms.

This Conference reaffirms that retired teachers are not a forgotten community but a vital reservoir of wisdom and experience. Their rights must be protected, their dignity upheld, and their contributions honoured. AIFRUCTO pledges to continue its struggle with unity, determination, and resolve until justice is achieved.

Resolutions:

Following Resolutions proposed by AKPCRTA and AKGCRTA Kerala were adopted in the Conference:

- 1- The 4th Statutory Conference resolved to request Govt. of India to take necessary steps to repeal the validation of CCS Pension Rules passed by the parliament as a part of Finance Act 2025.
- 2- Resolve to request the Govt. of India to withdraw V.B.S.A. (Viksit Bharat Siksha Abhiyan) Bill introduced in the parliament.
- 3- Resolved to request Govt. of India to take necessary steps to repeal the Labour Codes passed by the parliament and implemented by the Government.
- 4- Resolved to declare solidarity with millions of workers and employees who go for general strike on 12-02- 2026 demanding the withdrawal of Labour Codes implemented by Govt. of India.

Valedictory session was concluded with the address of the Chief Guest of the session Prof. Subhash Shanker Rao Ware, a social worker, writer and former President of Rashtra Seva Dal and vote of thanks. Conference ended with National Anthem.

The 4th Statutory Conference of the All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFRUCTO), held at Shirdi, concluded with resounding success and renewed determination with mellifluous and euphonic cultural program. Over two days of deliberations, delegates from across the country engaged in meaningful discussions on pension justice, healthcare, and the future of higher and technical education. The Conference adopted important resolutions, including protest programs for the payment of pension to aided college teachers in Punjab and other states, opposition to regressive provisions in the Finance Act 2025, and demands for the formation of a UGC Pay Review Committee and fair fixation of scales for retired professors.


The election of the new Executive Committee marked a significant milestone, ensuring continuity of leadership and fresh energy to carry forward the federation's mission. The Conference reaffirmed AIFRUCTO's role as the national voice of retired teachers, committed to dignity, equity, and justice.

Delegates expressed deep appreciation for the hospitality, food, accommodation, and arrangements provided by the host association, RCTA-Pune, whose efforts contributed greatly to the success of the event. With strengthened solidarity and clear direction, the Conference concluded on a note of optimism, pledging to intensify the movement for the rights and welfare of retired teachers nationwide.

Long Live AIFRUCTO!

Long Live Teachers Unity!

Fraternally Yours,



**Dr J N Shukla
General Secretary**