

ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF RETIRED UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS ORGANISATION

AIFRUCTO

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION IN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AIFRUCTO AT KALABURAGI, KARNATAKA ON DECEMBER 11,2022

Dear friends,

Fraternal greetings,

I am delighted to present the General Secretary's report for the first time after the 3rd Statutory Conference held at Lucknow in which new office bearers were elected. This is the first Executive Committee Meeting of newly elected office bearers hosted by the Gulbarga University College Retired Teachers Association at Kalaburagi, Karnataka. I express my sincere thanks to all office bearers and NEC members of all affiliated associations for their effective participation in this meeting.

I extend my thanks and gratitude to the leaders of the Gulbarga University Retired College Teachers Association who came forward and are hosting this NEC with great enthusiasm and unforgettable hospitality. I am highly indebted to Prof Shanta Bhimsenrao, Vice President of AIFRUCTO, Prof R. M. Patil, President, Prof A. D. Sherikar General Secretary and the great teachers' leader Prof S K Satnoor of Gulbarga.

A new team of executive committee members was elected at the 3rd Statutory Conference of AIFRUCTO at Lucknow held on June 25 & 26, 2022 in Lucknow. Participation of the delegates in the conference was very encouraging and praiseworthy. Various aspects of the retired teachers were discussed. The lively discussion of the delegates helped our organization to formulate our future programs. You can find the summary in our movement resolution sent to all of you. All delegates and participants enjoyed the conference and participated in the deliberations.

Just after the 3rd Statutory Conference, a detailed circular was issued by the newly elected General Secretary which included proceedings, resolutions duly passed and approved, newly approved constitution, financial rules and a report on medical benefits by Prof S A Bojagar. In the circular, we also included the movement resolutions and other resolutions presented by different states and a list of newly elected office bearers of AIFRUCTO.

A JFME meeting was held at HKS Surjeet Bhavan, New Delhi on July 15,2022. Meeting was attended by Prof Arun Kumar, General Secretary AIFUCTO, Prof Kesab Bhattacharya, President, AIFUCTO and other leaders of different organizations. In the meeting of AIFUCTO & JFME a massive protest was planned before the Parliament on August 03,2022 at Jantar Mantar from 10.30 a m to 3.00 p m.

The First National Secretariat Meeting of the newly elected body was held at Brij Palace Hotel, New Delhi on August 02,2022, one day before the Dharna which was scheduled on August 03,2022 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. All National secretariat members and other retired teachers across the country participated in AIFUCTO Dharna from 10.30 a m. The dharna was a grand success. Large number of teachers from all over the country gathered and raised slogans in support of our demands. In the Charter of Demands of AIFUCTO, the following were our top five demands:

-Restore old pension scheme.

-Implement uniform pension scheme to all retired University and College teachers across the country.

-7th UGC Scale of pay and pension to all retired University and College teachers across the country.

-Those teachers who retired before 01-01-2016 with 3 years of service as associate professor or with 06 years of service as selection grade lecturer or with 22 years' service as lecturer should also be given option for pension revision in the professor scale as recommended by UGC pay revision order.

-Formulate Medical Scheme for retired University and College teachers.

AIFRUCTO also supported Dharna program of All India Federation of University college Teachers Organization from 16th November to 18th November, 2022 in front of UGC office, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi and participated in Dharna with our fraternal organization on 18th November along with other retired teachers of AIFRUCTO.

A representation regarding the demands of AIFRUCTO was written to the Union Education Minister on August 03,2022 requesting him to consider the demands and problems of retired University and College teachers of the country and fix an appointment to discuss these problems. Another letter was written to the Secretary Higher Education, Govt. of India for determining the relevant date from which senior pensioners of Universities and Colleges should be paid an additional 20 percent of the basic pension. In this context rules have already been amended for Central Govt. officers on 23-08-2022.

On the request of the General Secretary, Punjab aided Colleges Retired Employees Association, all affiliated units of AIFRUCTO were requested to write a letter to the Hon' able Chief Minister of Punjab regarding Pension & Gratuity benefits to employees of privately managed government aided colleges of Punjab. Letters to this effect were sent in the month of July 2022 to the Hon' able Chief Minister of Punjab.

In order to strengthen the organization in Bihar, General Secretary contacted an eminent retired teacher leader of Bihar Prof. Mrs. Chandana Jha. Prof Jha organized a joint meeting of Retired University College Teachers of Purnea University and B N Mandal University at Purnea. I am very happy to attend that meeting on September 11,2022. I sincerely thank Prof Jha for her initiative to organize the meeting. Both the associations requested for affiliation to AIFRUCTO.

A problem of serious nature is arising in Andhra Pradesh since Solapur NEC. At Solapur NEC a new association i.e. Retired Govt. College Teachers of AP was given the affiliation in spite of strong protest of RCTA-AP. They even walked out from the meeting in Solapur. Afterwards in spite of several requests they are not joining our programs including Lucknow conference. This development is very unfortunate for our movement. I discussed the matter with the secretary, President and their advisor Prof Ramkrishna Reddy. Our National Secretary Prof G K Nanda also talked to them and tried to convince them; all efforts went in vain. When I came to know that they were going to take decision to sever relations with AIFRUCTO in their executive meeting to be held at Vishakhapatnam on November 15,2022, I wrote a letter addressing both the General Secretary and President of RCTA-AP for resolving the issue by discussion. Later they informed me that they have decided to remain away until we suspend the RGCTA-AP. I sincerely hope the issue will be amicably resolved soon. We require this in the interest of AIFRUCTO movement.

We have started to publish digital format of AIFRUCTO NEWS MAGAZINE from October 2022. I extend my thanks to Prof R Halesh, the Editor of the magazine for his incredible support.

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Fraternally yours,

Dr J N Shukla, General Secretary

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