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Dear friends,

Greetings and Best Wishes.

Hope you must be fine with your family members, safe and in good health amidst the menace of second wave of Corona epidemic.

Consequent upon the disastrous impact of second wave of Corona, the entire nation is now in the severe grip of crisis unprecedented in the history of India since independence. Gross failure of governance coupled with serious neglect of public health systems of the country has provided a severe jolt to the life and existence. Shortage of beds in hospitals, scarcity of oxygen, hoarding of life saving medicine, adhoc vaccination policy, lack of adequate infrastructural facility has resulted in large scale casualties and we find the tragic scene of dead bodies floating in the river Ganges. Unfortunately and shamelessly the central government utilizing the crisis hour to pursue their corporate and communal agenda including pushing through undemocratic NEP 2020.  
NEC Meeting:

In the current depressing situation to create a sense of hope among ourselves and to respond to the challenging situation, a virtual meeting of AIFUCTO National Executive Committee was held on 16th May(Sunday)2021. It was an well attended meeting of forty two leaders and thirty four leaders of different states actively participating in the discussion.

Prof. Kesab Bhattacharya, President presided over the meeting and gave a brief introductory observation on the present national and international situation and urged the members to strengthen the bond of AIFUCTO and to make it a vibrant instrument to meet successfully the challenges of the hour. As a mark of respect and condolence, all members observed two minutes silence for Teachers, friends, relatives and all those who have lost their lives and succumbed to the Corona epidemic.

Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar, General Secretary while placing the agenda for deliberation vehemently exposed the unpardonable failure of central government to manage the covid epidemic which in its train brought untold misery and large scale casualties to the common men. He also narrated the tragic scene in the media exposing the situation in crematorium, floating of the dead bodies in the river Ganges and serious flaws in the data management to hide the actual casualties. He lamented the arrogant attitude of the central government to ignore the suggestion of scientists, researchers, doctors giving clear signals for coming catastrophe. General secretary also made scathing criticism of the Government of India to utilizing the present crisis to implement their anti people corporate and communal agenda including pushing through retrograde NEP 2020. He called upon the Teachers across the country to establish lively communication with their friends, relatives, and rekindle in them a faith, hope and confidence to tide over the present crisis.

*Resolution:*

*After threadbare deliberation and discussion for three hours, the NEC resolved the following:*

*1).In view of grave consequences of second wave of Corona, the academic conference of AIFUCTO scheduled to be held in the last week of May 2021 is postponed until normalcy restored.*

*2).Decided to demand before Department of Education, Government of India and UGC to postpone all academic activities in the University and Colleges including on line classes upto 30th June 2021 or until normalcy is restored. Considering life to be more precious, AIFUCTO requests the authorities to close down all academic centers of Higher Education till June 30th 2021.*

*3).All the stake holders including AIFUCTO and JFME are extremely critical of undemocratic and sectarian nature of NEP 2020.They have been relentlessly raising their voice against NEP and urging the central government to initiate democratic dialogue to bring consensus on NEP. It is unfortunate that the central government is not only apathetic but also in a clandestine manner taking measures to implement the NEP through back door.AIFUCTO once again request the Government of India not to rush through the implementation of NEP under present crisis consequent upon second wave of Corona epidemic and to take the advantage of the situation for democratic dialogue to reach on a national unanimity in the larger interest of the nation. It is a matter of deep satisfaction that Tamilnadu Government rejected the NEP and decided not to implement in the state AIFUCTO demanded to defer the implementation of NEP at least for one academic session and start discussions with all the stake holders including the state government AIFUCTO called upon all the State Federation and organizations to write to their state government requesting not to implement the retrograde NEP.*

*4).AIFUCTO condemned the present policy of vaccination pursued by the central government. AIFUCTO demanded a National inclusive vaccination policy in consultation with all the stake holders including the state government Further it is resolved that all teachers, employees and students of all academic centers of learning be given vaccination as a matter of priority.*

*5).Resolved to write to the Andhra Pradesh Government to desist from the move for the closure of about 340 affiliated colleges in the state since it will open the flood gates of privatization of Higher Education detrimental to the inclusive health of Higher Education of the state AIFUCTO also decided to support any movement program to be launched by the affiliated college teachers of the state to combat the undemocratic move.*

*6).Considering the plight of adhoc, part time, contract teachers during epidemic,AIFUCTO resolved to demand salary for them during the closure of the institution and all medical facilities at par with permanent employees AIFUCTO resolved Further to demand exemption of tuition fees,establishment fees and examination fees of the students because of the present health crisis and disruption of academic works and normal functioning of the institution.*

*7) AIFUCTO expressed serious concern for failing the respective state governments to issue notifications of the 7th UGC Pay scales for Manipur,Punjab,Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh and demanded earliest notification for the same.*

*8) AIFUCTO NEC resolved to demand Central & State governments for establishment of a welfare fund for teachers to help them in covid crisis. Teachers across the country should be declared frontline workers and the victims of Covid must be given all facilities of from line workers.*

9) AIFUCTO unanimously resolved to request all state organisations to donate one day salary to their state government for dealing with Covid second wave crisis.

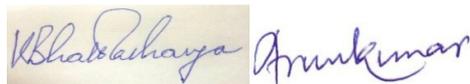
10) On escalating situation in Palestine:

AIFUCTO condemn the attacks on the Palestinian worshippers in the Al Aqusa mosque, the war on Gaza and the residents of SheikhJarrah, by the Israeli apartheid regime .AIFUCTO stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people, as they valiantly resist the Israeli attempt to target and ethnically cleanse the residents of Sheikh Jara and Sivan, both suburbs of East Jerusalem. AIFUCTO gives a claron call to world community in the present moment of crisis of democratic existence of Palestinian brothers and sisters.

The following persons took active part in the discussion of NEC:

Prof.A K Mohanthy,convenor JFME & President FISE,Prof.Lokendra Singh ,Prof.SSubbaraju and Prof.Binayak Bhattacharya (all NS),Prof.DKumar, Treasurer,Prof. VRavi,Prof.Damodharan, Prof.GandhiRaj,Prof.UmakantPatra,Prof.MGrimakar, Prof Deepak Bardhan,Prof.TahirMohamad (all VP),Prof.RajaGopal,Prof.GNambiar ,Prof.A K Singh (all ZS) and AIFRUCTO General Secretary Prof.BParthsarthy along with many leaders including Prof.PSofat (Punjab),Prof.ManojPandey (UP),Prof Manjunath ,Prof.Krishna Raj ,Prof.Nagrajan(all TN),Prof.A R Mohan (AP),Prof,Pasthile (Kerela) ,Prof.LaxmikantShinde (MP),Prof.SunetraMitra (WB),Prof.Debbrata Das (Tripura) and Prof,RamLal ( HP) and many others took part in deliberations and gave many valuable suggestions.

Friends AIFUCTO is passing through sever crisis being confronted with multifarious challenges. We have to successfully respond to all national and organizational challenges. The urgent task before us is to dispel the gloom of darkness and despair and to raise flicker of hope and confidence among ourselves. We should also dedicate ourselves and contribute vibrantly to restore the shaken faith of the nation and to defeat not only Corona but also raise moral of the nation. I am confident that AIFUCTO will definitely rise to the occasion and save Education, Save Campus and save our nation from the clutches of corporate and fundamentalist.



Prof.Kesab Bhattacharya, Prof.Arun Kumar  
President.

General Secretary