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Dear Friends,

Warm Greetings and Best wishes.

In the mean time you must have celebrated **Sankranti, Lohri, Pongal and Bihu** with much fun fare along with your family and friends. Now It is time to strengthen AIFUCTO organizationally and implement the task set by 31st statutory conference of AIFUCTO.

Proceedings of 31st Statutory Conference :-

The message 31st statutory conference of AIFUCTO held at Sri Venkateshwar University, Tirupathi during 7th-9th Jan, 2022 is very loud and clear. The conference exhibited unprecedented organizational unity of Joint Action Committee of GCTA, GCGTA, ACTA of Andhra Pradesh to make the conference memorable and eventful. The conference was great assemblage of cross section of society including AIFUCTO delegates and observers. Nine hundred delegates from Twenty four states of the country made their presence felt effectively through positive deliberation during the three days of the conference. The conference saw a vital National Seminar on the theme **“NEP 2020 and Future of Higher Education in India – Post Covid Scenario”** where was a thorough brain storming by academicians on implication NEP. The organizer also brought out a colour full souvenir to mark the occasion. The delegates were extremely pleased by the two days entertainment programs conducted by host.

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Distinguished Guests MP Midhun Reddy and Madila Gurumurthy, MLA Bhaskar Reddy and B.Karunakara Reddy, MLC K S.Lakshan Rao, Srinivaslu Reddy, K T Narsingha Reddy, Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Director of Collegiate Education, Chairman of Andhra Pradesh State Higher Education Council, Vice Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and Vice Chancellor of Medical University, Tirupati graced the occasion and enlightened the delegates through their scholastic discourse on NEP 2020 and other educational problems. Prof. Kesab Bhattacharya, President AIFUCTO, Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar, General Secretary AIFUCTO and Prof. Amiya Kumar Mohanty, President World Federation of Teachers Union FISE greeted the delegates and appealed to all the members to respond effectively to all the burning National and international issues Including NEP 2020 in the greater interest of the nation.

The Statutory conference for three days had brainstorming session on various national issues, implications of NEP 2020, the ensuing agitation of Teachers of Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh for implementation of 7th Revised UGC scales of pay, threat on democratic rights of the teachers, attack on curriculum, onslaught on secular credentials of the nation and dangerous impact of neo liberal economics philosophy pursued by the central government. AIFUCTO Statutory conference passed a Movement Resolution to identify an united struggle against undemocratic, unscientific, retrograde and exclusionary National Education Policy 2020. The conference also decided to be extremely vigilant against all undemocratic attack and danger to country's multicultural, multi

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The Statutory conference unanimously elected its new office bearers showing exemplary solidarity. Prof.Kesab Bhattacharya, Prof.Arun Kumar, Prof D.Kumar got elected as the President, General Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The message of the statutory conference was **"Unity and Struggle "** and the slogan was **" Save Education, Save Campus and Save Nation."**AIFUCTO appealed to all the affiliates across the country to translate the message and slogan of the conference as task ahead in the greater interest of the AIFUCTO and larger interest of the nation.

AIFUCTO express its sense deep gratitude and appreciations for the committed leadership of joint action committee of GCTA, GCGTA, ACTA of Andhra Pradesh and their strenuous effort to make the conference inclusive and successful. AIFUCTO also express its deep gratitude and extend thanks to more than 900 delegates from our affiliates who have attended the statutory conference braving all the hazards of pan epidemic Corona and Omicron.

Punjab- Chandigarh – Himachal Pradesh pay scale issue :

It is a matter of deep regret and great concern that inspite of the fact that the teachers of entire nation have got the benefits of 7th revised UGC Scales of pay, the teachers of Punjab- Chandigarh – Himachal Pradesh have yet to get the benefit. Our affiliates in the state have launched continuous protest movement to compel the state Govt. to take a final decision. Nothing concrete has happened yet.

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The 31st statutory conference of AIFUCTO deliberated on this burning issues and resolved to support the legitimate demands of the teachers. The Secretariat of AIFUCTO is being requested to decide proposed course of action in consultation with state affiliates.

Constitution Amendment Committee :

The 31st statutory conference of AIFUCTO discussed certain amendment to be effected in the constitution of AIFUCTO. The conference resolved to form a committee to look into and suggest amendment in the light of discussion in the conference. The amendment will discussed in the first NEC meeting. Accordingly a committee has been constituted with Prof. Jaya Gandhi, Prof. Sadananda Bhattacharya and Prof. Ghansi Ram. The committee will submit this report to be discussed in the NEP.

Support to All India Strike of February, 23rd-24th 2022.

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions have given a call of All India Strike on February, 23rd-24th 2022, protesting against the neo-liberal privatization agenda of Govt. of India. The strike also is intended to safe guard democratic rights, protection of constitutional values and strengthening public funded system of nation, besides demanding repeal of draconian labour laws. The 31st statutory conference also called upon all teachers and employees in the Higher Education Sector to participate / give active support to the nationwide strike of the trade union on February, 23rd-24th 2022. AIFUCTO affiliates also can utilize the opportunity to sensitize the people of the India as to the undemocratic, unscientific, retrograde and exclusionary character of NEP 2020.

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Condolence for Prof. Anil Bhattacharya :

On 9th January 2022, Prof. Anil Bhattacharya, former President of AIFUCTO, Ex-Secretary of World Federation of Teacher's Union, FISE and former General Secretary of West Bengal College and University Teachers Association left us from this mortal World. He was a veteran and outstanding Teacher Leader of the Country with unwavering progressive commitment till the last breath of his life. On behalf of AIFUCTO, we express our deep condolence for his untimely departure in a very critical time of nation. While recording our great tribute him, let his ideas and ideals inspire all of us.

The 31st statutory conference of AIFUCTO has set an agenda and program of action for 2022. There are multifarious challenges including determined measure of Govt. of India to implement the undemocratic and exclusionary NEP-2020. Our struggle and voices in 2021 hardly finds democratic response from the power corridor of the Govt. of India. Let us organize AIFUCTO effectively and be the pioneer of a United Nationwide Movement of all likeminded people to achieve our committed objective to safe guard the constitutional ideals of education and in the process " **Save Education, Save Campus and Save Nation.**"

Looking forward for a better future.

With fraternal Greetings.

Prof. Kesab Bhattacharya



Prof. Arun Kumar