

MINUTES

**of the General Body Meeting of
NAGPUR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
held at 12.00 noon on SUNDAY, the
25th May, 2014 at
Annasaheb Gundewar College Chhaoni,
Katol Road, NAGPUR**

General Body of Nagpur University Teachers' Association met at 12.00 noon on Sunday, the 25th May, 2014 at Annasaheb Gundewar College Chhaoni, Katol Road, NAGPUR. Prof. P. B. Raghuvanshi President was in the chair. The membership numbers of the members present at the meeting are as follows :-

0044, 0048, 0060, 0129, 0171, 0302, 1177, 1792, 1861, 1948, 2006, 2043, 2149, 2277, 2369, 2414, 2439, 2603, 2898, 2951, 2952, 2985, 3234, 3257, 3266, 3341, 3432, 3448, 3449, 3471, 3492, 3508, 3519, 3550, 3563, 3612, 3659, 3669, 3671, 3711, 3772, 3785, 3900, 4004, 4005, 4011, 4019, 4040, 4097, 4108, 4132, 4173, 4174, 4189, 4302, 4305, 4332, 4336, 4340, 4411, 4416, 4436, 4492, 4548, 4674, 4749, 4808, 4833, 4834, 4837, 4888, 4898, 4923, 4929, 4953, 5000, 5052, 5085, 5202, 5237, 5240, 5243, 5249, 5265, 5273, 5274, 5281, 5283, 5386, 5444.

Signed sheets of papers recording the attendance are included on pages 29 to 33 of and will form part of, the "BOOK OF ATTENDANCE" of General Body meetings. Agenda of the General Body meeting was circulated on pages 89 to 91 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

ITEM NO.623 :**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES :**

CONFIRMED the minutes of the General Body meeting of Nagpur University Teachers' Association held at 12.00 noon on Sunday, the 19 th January, 2014 at S.P.M. Science & Gilani Arts, Commerce College, Ghatanji Dist. Yavatmal.

Notes :- 1) Copy of the minutes was Circulated on pages 73 to 76 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

2) Corrections, if any, were invited in the copy of the Minutes of the General Body Meeting of Nagpur University Teachers' Association held at 12.00 noon on Sunday, the 19 th January, 2014 at S.P.M. Science & Gilani Arts, Commerce College, Ghatanji Dist. Yavatmal. vide No.CIM/36 Dated 1st March, 2014 published on page 73 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin. No reasonable correction was received.

विषय क्रमांक ६२३ (अ) :

**डॉ. शरद कोलारकर यांच्या दुःखद
निधनावद्दल शोक प्रस्ताव.**

डॉ. शरद कोलारकर यांच्या दुःखद निधनावद्दल डॉ. अनिल ढगे यांनी मांडलेला पुढील शोकप्रस्ताव **सम्मत करण्यात आला.** :-

ज्येष्ठ इतिहास संशोधक डॉ. शरद कोलारकर यांचे ७ फेब्रुवारी, २०१४ ला वृध्दापकाळाने निधन झाले. १७ मार्च, १९६३ रोजी नागपूर येथे झालेल्या सभेत नुटाची घटना स्विकृत करण्यात आल्यानंतर सुरुवातीच्या काळात जी अंतरिम समिती स्थापन करण्यात आली त्या समितीचे डॉ. कोलारकर सदस्य होते. त्या काळात त्यांनी संघटनेच्या कामात मोलाचे योगदान दिले. विद्यापीठात इंग्रजीचे प्राबल्य असतांना इतिहासाचे मराठीतून लिखाण करून तो विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचविण्याचे कार्य त्यांनी ५० वर्षांपूर्वी केले. डॉ. कोलारकर विदर्भ संशोधन

मंडळाचे कार्याध्यक्ष होते. भारतीय इतिहासाचा अभ्यास करतांना त्यांनी विदर्भाच्या इतिहासावर विशेष संशोधन केले. यासंदर्भातील त्यांची २५ हून अधिक पुस्तके प्रसिद्ध झालेली आहेत. नुटाची ही आमसभा डॉ. कोलारकर यांच्या निधनावद्दल शोकसंवेदना व्यक्त करित आहे.

शोकप्रस्ताव मांडणाऱ्या सदस्यांनी आपल्या भावना व्यक्त केल्या. सभाध्यक्षांनी सुद्धा आपल्या भावना व्यक्त केल्या. **सभेने दोन मिनिटे स्तब्ध उभे राहून दिवंगत सदस्यास आपली आदरांजली वाहिली.** सम्मत केलेल्या शोकप्रस्तावाची प्रत संघटनेच्या वतीने सचिव शोकाकुल कुटुंबियांकडे पाठवतील असे सभाध्यक्षांनी सांगितले.

ITEM NO. 624 :**APPROVAL TO THE ANNUAL REPORT :**

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED the Annual Report regarding the working of the Association for the calendar year ending on 31st December, 2013.

Notes : (i) As per Article VI (b) (iii) of the Constitution of NUTA, the Annual Report of the working of the Association was prepared by the Executive Committee (vide item No.2 of 2013) and was placed for the approval of the General Body.

(ii) The Copy of the Annual Report was circulated 2014 NUTA Bulletin on pages 91 to 98

(iii) Dr. A. W. Dhage, Secretary presented the Annual Report on behalf of the Executive Committee.

ITEM NO. 625 :**APPROVAL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET :**

APPROVED the Annual Budget of the Association for the Financial year commencing on 1st April, 2014.

Notes : (i) Dr. B. T. Gawande, Treasurer, NUTA, presented the Budget on behalf of the Executive Committee.

(ii) The copy of the Budget was circulated on page No. 100 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

ITEM NO. 626 :**APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS :**

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED the following resolution for the appointment of Auditors for the Financial year ending on 31st March, 2014 namely :-

"C.R.Sagdeo & Co. Chartered Accountant "Prabha Niwas" Nagpur be appointed as auditor for the Financial year ending on the 31st March 2014"

Notes : (i) As per Article VII of the Constitution of NUTA the "General Body shall appoint auditors annually in the Annual Meeting of the Association." (ii) The Executive Committee resolved to recommend the above resolution, (Vide item No. 4 of 2014) which was placed before the General Body for its approval. (iii) Dr. B. T. Gawande, Treasurer, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the resolution.

ITEM NO. 627 :**SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF
AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING ON 31ST
MARCH 2013**

NOTED the submission of statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2013 to The Deputy Charity Commissioner Nagpur region, Nagpur by The Secretary

NUTA, Dr. Anil Dhage vide his letter No. Nil, Dated 02/04/2014

Notes : 1) Copy of the letter No. Nil, Dated 02/04/2014 regarding Submission of Audited Accounts was circulated on page 98 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

(2) Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2013 were approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 15th December 2013 vide item No. 44, Agenda on page 113, Minutes on page 128, Enclosure on pages 102 to 104 of 2013 Ex-File.

(3) Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2013 were approved by General Body in its meeting held on 19th January 2013 vide item No. 609. Agenda on page 01, Minutes on page 74, Enclosures on page 02 & 03 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

(4) After the approvals mentioned at notes 2 & 3 above the Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2013 were submitted to the Deputy Charity Commissioner, Nagpur region, Nagpur by the secretary as mentioned at note 1 above.

(5) Reference of previous submission for information :-

Details of the submission of statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2012 to The Deputy Charity Commissioner Nagpur region, Nagpur by The Secretary NUTA, Dr. Anil Dhage vide his letter No. CC/1/2012, Dated 29 th August 2012 are as follows :-

Notes : (i) Copy of the letter No. CC/1/2012, Dated 29th August 2012 regarding Submission of Audited Accounts was circulated on page 98 of 2013 NUTA Bulletin.

(ii) Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2012 were approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 19th August 2012 vide item No. 28, Agenda on page 40,

Minutes on page 54, Enclosure on pages 45 to 47 of 2012 Ex-File.

(iii) Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2012 were approved by General Body in its meeting held on 7th October 2012 vide item No. 577. Agenda on page 61, Minutes on page 90, Enclosures on page 62 of 2012 NUTA Bulletin.

(iv) After the approvals mentioned at notes 2 (~~& 3~~) above the Statements of Audited Accounts of Nagpur University Teachers' Association for the year ending on 31st March, 2012 were submitted to the Deputy Charity Commissioner, Nagpur region, Nagpur by the Secretary as mentioned at note 1 above.

**ITEM NO. 628 :
ANNOUNCEMENT IN RESPECT OF
CHANGE OF ADDRESS :**

NOTED the announcements in respect of Change of address : Acknowledgment No. 28

Notes : Announcement in respect of Change of address : Acknowledgment No. 28 was circulated on page 91 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

ITEM NO. 629 :

डॉ. व्ही. एस. देवगावकर यांचा ठराव

Since the mover was absent, consideration of the following resolution was **DROPPED** :-

Be it resolved to take up with the Government of Maharashtra, the revision of pension, Gratuity and other issues of the life members of NUTA who retired before Dt. 1.1.2006

**ITEM NO. 630 :
NOTICE FOR INITIATING CONTEMPT
PROCEEDINGS**

Petition Information System

PRESIDENTS SECRETARIAT

(Public Section)

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN : NEW DELHI - 110004

Sl.No. P1/E/2306140143 : Date: 23 June 2014

Enclosed please find for appropriate action a petition Dt.: 20th June, 2014 addressed to the President of India, which is self explanatory. Action taken on the petition may please be communicated to the petitioner directly under intimation to this Secretariat.

Chirabrata Sarkar / Under Secretary

To,

JOINT SECRETARY II to THE GOVT. OF INDIA

Department of Justice Jaisalmer house Mansingh Road New Delhi 110011

Copy to:

Prof. Dr. TAPATI MUKHOPADHYAY

PARK SIDE 3, WING FLAT NO. 1308 KULUPAWADI ROAD, BORIVALI, MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA.

You are further requested to liaise with the aforementioned address directly for further information in the matter.

Chirabrata Sarkar / Under Secretary

Book Post: Serial No. P1/E/2306140143 : On India Government Service

TO,

Prof. Dr. TAPATI MUKHOPADHYAY

PARK SIDE 3, WING FLAT NO. 1308 KULUPAWADI ROAD, BORIVALI, MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA.

From:

PRESIDENTS SECRETARIAT, RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN NEW DELHI - 110004

AF:P307

NOTED the Notice for initiating Contempt Proceedings against the Joint director of Higher Education Amravati region Amravati and others for wilful disobedience of the Order dated 10.5.2013 passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court Bombay in W.P. No.1326 (Lodging) of 2012.

Note :- Notice for initiating Contempt Proceedings was circulated on pages No. 102 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

ITEM NO. 631 :
INTERVENTION APPLICATION IN
THE SUPREME COURT

(i) **NOTED** the submission of intervention application in Supreme Court of India by Ramesh S.Sontakke and others in civil appeal No. 10759 of 2013 in the matter of State of Maharashtra and ors. Vs. Asha Ramdas Bidkar & ors. on 01.04.2014 representing the case of NET-SET teachers under the area of Nagpur Division Bench

(ii) **NOTED** the submission of intervention application in Supreme Court of India by Maharashtra Federation of University and College Organisation (MFUCTO) in the civil appeal No. 10759 of 2013 in the matter of State of Maharashtra and ors. Vs. Asha Ramdas Bidkar & ors. on 04.04.2014 representing the case of NET-SET teachers in the State in general and under the area of Bombay Division Bench in particular.

(iii) **NOTED** the submission of intervention application in Supreme Court of India by Prakash K. Walunj and others in civil appeal No. 10759 of 2013 in the matter of State of Maharashtra and ors. Vs. Asha Ramdas Bidkar & ors. on 05.04.2014 representing the case of NET-SET teachers under the area of Aurangabad Division Bench

: From :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNOR

Raj Bhavan, Malbar Hill, Mumbai - 400035

CS/Gen/38/41D/2343 : Dt.: 20, June 2014

To,

Dr. TAPATI MUKHOPADHYAY
PARK SIDE 3, WING FLAT NO. 1308
KULUPAWADI ROAD, BORIVALI (East)
MUMBAI - 400066

Subject: Regarding various demands of Maharashtra Federation of University & College Teachers Organization. Non-implementation of the UGC Orders by the State Government.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 06th June 2014, addressed to the Chancellor, on the subject mentioned above and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher & Technical Education Department and the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Mantralaya, Mumbai, for appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,

(S.M. Salunke)

Deputy Secretary to the Governor (Edn.)

AF:P305

ITEM NO. 632 :
CIRCULAR FROM LAW AND
JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

NOTED the circular No. 820-2014/Misc/E-branch, dt. 02.04.2014 from law and judiciary department Government of Maharashtra regarding Action to be taken when the decision of High Court is adverse to the State and is not stayed by Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India.

Note : Circular No. 820-2014/Misc/E-branch, dt. 02.04.2014 was circulated on pages No. 101 of 2014 NUTA Bulletin.

विषय क्रमांक ६३३

सहसंचालक कार्यालयातील काही 'बडे बाबू'

कार्यकारी मंडळाच्या वतीने प्रा. सतेश्वर मोरे यांनी मांडलेला पुढील ठराव संमत करण्यात आला. :-

मा. सहसंचालक, उच्च शिक्षण अमरावती विभाग, अमरावती यांच्या कार्यालयातील काही 'बडे बाबू' अत्यंत उन्मत्त पणे वागत असून राज्य शासनाचे, शिक्षण संचालकांचे, सहसंचालकांचे, तसे कोणतेही आदेश नसतांना "पडताळणी झाली नाही म्हणून व होत नाही तोपर्यंत थकवाकी अदा करणार नाही" असा शासननिर्णय त्यांनी त्यांच्याच पातळीवर काढला व अमरावती विभागात 'त्या'शासननिर्णयाची गेले अनेक महिने ते अंमलबजावणी करीत आहेत. अमरावती विद्यापीठाच्या कार्यकारी मंडळामध्ये दिनांक २० जानेवारी २०१४ च्या बैठकीत संघटनेचे अध्यक्ष, डॉ. पी.बी.रघुवंशी यांनी मांडलेला ठराव मंजूर झाल्यानंतर त्याबाबत खुद्द विद्यापीठातर्फे शासनाकडे तक्रार करण्यात आली. फक्त अमरावती सहसंचालकांच्या कार्यक्षेत्रात जणूकाही हे स्वतंत्र राज्य आहे असे समजून या बड्याबाबूंची ही मस्तवाल वागणूक मा. उच्च न्यायालयाचा अवमान करणारी होती. जुलै २०१३ पर्यंत सर्व थकवाकी अदा करण्यात येईल असे स्पष्टपणे न्यायालयात कबूल केल्यानंतर हा पोरखेळ फक्त अमरावती विभागातच नोव्हेंबर २०१३ नंतरही सुरु राहिला याचे सारे श्रेय या बड्या बाबूंनाच आहे. शेवटी संघटनेच्या अध्यक्षांनी, अध्यक्ष या नात्याने "न्यायालयामध्ये अवमान याचिका दाखल करण्याची नोटीस" संघटनेच्या वकिलामार्फत दिल्यानंतरच या बड्याबाबूंची मस्ती उतरली. सुदैवाने नव्याने आलेल्या सहसंचालकांनी सर्व बाबींचा अभ्यास करून अत्यंत सूझपणाची भूमिका घेतली. अन्यथा दिवसभर न्यायालयात उभे राहून न्यायालयाची क्षमा मागण्याची जी पाळी उच्च शिक्षण सचिवांवर आली तशी ती सहसंचालकांवर सुद्धा आली असती. बड्या बाबूंचा हा उपद्रव किती तीव्र होता याची कल्पना यावी म्हणून असे नमूद करण्यात येत आहे की, न्यायालयात कबूल करूनसुद्धा अमरावती विद्यापीठातील सर्वच्या सर्व शिक्षकांना ८० टक्क्यांपैकी एक रुपयाची सुद्धा थकवाकी अदा करण्यात आली नव्हती. अवमान याचिकेची नोटीस मिळाल्यावर दिनांक ५ एप्रिल २०१४ च्या पत्रान्वये २ कोटी ४५ लक्ष रुपयाच्यावर रक्कम असलेली ही थकवाकी एकट्या अमरावती विद्यापीठामध्ये एप्रिलच्या पहिल्या आठवड्यात अदा करण्यात आली. याच काळात संलग्न महाविद्यालयातून अंदाजे २० कोटी रुपये थकवाकीपोटी अदा करण्यात आले. सामंजस्याची भूमिका घेतल्याबद्दल सहसंचालकाना धन्यवाद देत असतांनाच त्यांच्या राज्यातील बड्याबाबूंच्या या निंदास्पद वर्तनाचा तीव्र निषेध करण्यात येत आहे व या 'बड्याबाबूंच्या' अशा अपकृत्यांवर संघटीतपणे लक्ष ठेवण्याचा व अशी अपकृत्ये संघटीतपणे हाणून पाडण्याचा निर्धार व्यक्त करण्यात येत आहे.

विषय क्रमांक ६३४ :

गणसंख्या :

नुटाच्या घटनेतील खंड ५ मध्ये असलेल्या तरतुदीनुसार गणसंख्येच्या अभावी सुरुवातीला सभा अर्धा तासासाठी तहकुब करण्यात आली होती, ही बाब कार्यवृत्तामध्ये नोंदविण्यात येत आहे, असे अध्यक्षांनी जाहीर केले.

विषय क्रमांक ६३५ :

आभार

(अ) **ज्येष्ठ सदस्यांचे आभार :** नुटाच्या या आमसभेमध्ये संघटनेचे सेवानिवृत्त ज्येष्ठ सदस्य डॉ. अरुण सातपुतळे, प्रा. भाऊ बेलसरे, प्रा.सी.डी.कोंगरे, प्रा.सोहनी उपस्थित राहिल्याबद्दल अध्यक्षांनी त्यांचे आभार मानले.

(ब) **सभा व्यवस्थेबद्दल आभार :** कार्यकारी मंडळाच्या वतीने अध्यक्षांनी महाविद्यालयाचे प्राचार्य व स्थानिक शाखेचे इतर प्राध्यापक, जिल्हा नुटाचे अध्यक्ष, सचिव व सदस्य, यांनी ही सभा यशस्वी करण्यासाठी घेतलेल्या परिश्रमाबद्दल आणि दिलेल्या सहकार्याबद्दल त्यांचे मनःपूर्वक आभार मानले. शेवटी सर्व उपस्थित सदस्यांचे आभार मानून सभा संपली असे अध्यक्षांनी जाहीर केले.

स्वा / प्रा. पी. बी. रघुवंशी
अध्यक्ष

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सचिव

NUTA GOLDEN JUBILEE ADDRESS

Dr K.K.Theckedath Ex. President, AIFUCTO

(full text of the address delivered at the Golden Jubilee function on 16th March, 2014 at University Convocation Hall, NAGPUR.)

Respected Professor B.T.Deshmukh, Chairman of the Golden Jubilee function, and friends,

I am indeed happy to participate in the golden jubilee celebrations of the NUTA, You are also celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the AIFUCTO. At the outset, I would convey my warmest greetings to the leaders and members of the NUTA on this auspicious occasion.

The NUTA represents the struggles and aspirations of the college and university teachers of the Nagpur University and the Gadge Maharaj University. But I should say that NUTA happens to have a greater importance for the entire state of Maharashtra. **“The NUTA is one of the founding associations of the statewide movement of teachers in Maharashtra. I would say that the MFUCTO, of which Professor B.T.Deshmukh and I have been founder members, was itself started on the initiative of the NUTA.** I remember with pride the journey that my late friend Prof Sudhir Yardi and I undertook from Mumbai to Nagpur in October 1974 to attend a meeting at the invitation of Prof. Arvind Barhate and Prof. B.T.Deshmukh. At that meeting, which was attended by about fifteen teacher leaders, mainly from Kolhapur, Pune and Mumbai, the important decision was taken that our respective organizations should work together. Thereby a conceptual foundation was laid for the creation of a statewide association of teachers. **So I can say with authority that the NUTA can take credit for the conception of the MFUCTO.**

Some Trade Union Lessons In view of this historic role of the NUTA, I should like to place before you today some concerns and some tasks for your consideration. **The first task, of course, is to continue and bring to a successful conclusion the trade union responsibility about the service conditions of the teachers.** Some of these problems are pending, and they are in the able hands of the MFUCTO. We are all committed to this task, and I have no special suggestion to make to the veteran leaders who are gathered here today. **This is a trade union task, which all unions have to undertake using the methods of collective bargaining that are available to them.**

In collective bargaining, there are two sides. There is the party, the govt. with which we are conducting our negotiations, and there is our own organization of which the collective and united nature have to be protected. It is a delicate job in which we are all past masters, having worked for nearly five decades as leaders. Only we must remember that both aspects of this relationship are in constant change even in the process of a single trade union action. **It is therefore a process which has to be handled with utmost expertise.**

There is another aspect of the trade union actions that the younger members of the audience must keep in mind. This is about the nature of the material with which we are working. Everyone knows that Marx had pointed out that only through human labour can new value be created. But what I should like to stress is that, even if we forget the creation of new value, the preservation and maintenance of existing value also requires the expenditure of human labour. **If human labour is withdrawn for a considerable period of time, as happens in a long strike action, then existing value also disappears.**

I remember what happened in the all India railway strike of 1975. **The railway lines, namely, the rails on which trains had not run for a month, got rusted during the course of the strike.** Such also was the case in the Datta Samant sponsored indefinite textile strike from 1981 onwards. What happened to the strike and those who were on strike is not the matter here. But it is important to note that, **during the period of the strike action, the machinery of the textile mills rusted and deteriorated.** The mill owners were happy to sell this as scrap material and close down the mills in order to use the land for the more profitable housing construction industry. This aspect of the result of withdrawal of human labour for a long time is not considered seriously by most persons who deal with the theory of movement. Thus the lesson for us who conduct struggles is that care should be taken to consider this two sided and contradictory dialectical reality. **The material with which we work, namely, our student population and the infrastructure need to be constantly remembered, and taken care of, in the course of the trade union action.**

The ideological struggle: **Another issue that I would like to raise on this occasion is that our own struggle on the trade union front is inalienably intertwined with the movements of the rest of the people in the country.** The problems that we as teachers face have their roots in the general economic policies of the government. The neoliberal economic policies that are being followed in the present phase of capitalism worldwide are impinging on the educational system and on our service conditions. **Large scale attempts to commercialize education is a fact of the day.**

Such is also the situation in the spheres of social welfare, job creation, support to the farmers, and service conditions of employees and workers. The neoliberal economic trajectory gives rise simultaneously to extreme hardships on the majority of the population, and amasses huge wealth on the other side. A minority of the immensely rich people have with them huge unaccountable cash. This comes into play to create massive corruption. The people of the country are facing the result of these developments. They are not just facing problems, but they are also in struggle. **Great countrywide trade union struggles and unprecedented anticorruption movements have been the order of the day in the recent past. These are the struggles of the people with which our own movement gets linked up.**

This being the case, it is natural for the trade union movement in the country to be concerned with the economic policies of the government as well as the political forces which shape such policies. We have witnessed this in the united struggles of employees and workers against the neo-liberal policies, against revanchist and divisive communal politics, and for the democratic demands of the entire toiling people like the farmers, small traders and manufacturers and peasants and agricultural workers. **The democratic movement also highlights the issues of the unorganized, the downtrodden, the minorities and the women.** These movements have brought to focus certain political questions which are being taken up in the ensuing elections for the 16th Lok Sabha.

The Question of Theory: These economic and political issues are known to all trade union leaders. That is why

the trade union movement in the country is engaged in economic and political struggles. But we are intellectuals, and form a stratum of society whom Marx and Engels have described in the Communist Manifesto, as ideologists **“who have raised themselves to the level of comprehending theoretically the historical movement as a whole”**. On this fiftieth anniversary of the two organizations, the AIFUCTO and the NUTA, with their glorious traditions of democratic social struggle, I can confidently say that you are not merely trade unionists, but intellectuals who fit the above description, namely, of having the ability of comprehending theoretically the historical movement as a whole. **Because of our educational levels we are able to go beyond trade unionism and deal with abstract and difficult concepts.**

To understand the issues theoretically in the historical movement means to see that the present neoliberal economic policies are an attempt to save the capitalist system from its deep crisis. It means we have to realize that the root cause of the present crisis is to be found in the capitalist system itself. **This is elementary knowledge for teachers of economics, but even those who do not belong to this discipline do understand that the capitalist system suffers internally from the tendency to have periodic crises, booms and recessions, and the difficulty in maintaining the profit rates.**

After the Great Depression of 1929-33 and world war II, there was an attempt to overcome the crisis by following the prescriptions of Keynes for state intervention and the Welfare state. The capitalist system was saved, and from **1945 till the early seventies the rates of profits were high enough not to cause any major crises.** However, the inexorable laws within the system led to another crisis erupting in the year 1973. The new economic prescription for this situation was to abandon Keynes and his scheme of subsidies and demand management, and to concentrate on the supply side. **This scheme is the neoliberal package.**

What we are witnessing today are the harrowing human effects of this policy. Increasing worldwide poverty of the mass of working people, joblessness and deterioration of working conditions, the winding up of the public distribution system, starvation that stalks half the world's population, increasing disparity between the rich and poor nations, and within the rich nations between the haves and havenots, **increasing expenditure on armaments, and steadily decreasing funds for health, education and other social sectors.** We also have armed interventions in the third world countries for change of governments which are perceived as unfriendly. There is also the increasing threat to the world's ecology, and the future existence of human civilization itself.

But what do we see about the capitalist system itself and its process of accumulation? We saw that these new economic measures have not served to solve this problem. **The year 2007 saw the near collapse of the financial system in the USA and other advanced capitalist countries.** The recession that followed immediately thereafter, is continuing till today, and in 2014 the recovery has not still started. Like the **Great Depression of 1929**, this has been now termed as the **Great Recession**. To all reasonable people, this represents an irrefutable argument that capitalism has failed, and a new world order is necessary. One important world figure that has recognized this truth is **Pope Francis who, while addressing the Mass on New Year's eve, said that capitalism was an evil system which had to go.**

Theoretical Struggle to Defend Reason: Since human reason has exposed the untenability of capitalism as a system, the ruling capitalist classes, especially in the advanced capitalist countries, are trying to demolish the very values of the Enlightenment, namely the belief that man can depend on science and reason to find answers to the problems faced by mankind. The theoretical apparatus of the ruling classes is the philosophy of postmodernism. **Postmodernism is a project which militates against reason and its application to the social problems.** It rejects all theories of social change and the science of history. It rejects the fact that there is a capitalist system and exploitation and calls such propositions meaningless. It rejects the concepts of socialism and revolutions and terms them as Grand Narratives in the postmodernist world of “discourses”.

One such ideological attack consists in an attempt to show that, today with the new changes in technology, there is an emerging unity between the USA and China. Both are termed as post industrial societies. **This is the so called convergence theory. There is no socialist system or capitalist system, only post industrial societies. There are no such things as classes or class struggle. Trade unions, as well as the solidarity of the working people are to be rejected.** At the most what can be accepted is the politics of identity and, maybe, some intervention by NGOs on non-class issues of identity. The left's traditional concerns and forms of knowledge like political economy are to be rejected. Postmodernism represents a deep epistemological scepticism and a profound political defeatism.

This philosophy is percolating into the universities, and our text books are reflecting this. There is a deliberate attempt to undermine science education, especially in the pure sciences, and to focus all research into surveys which would raise the profitability of the corporates. Our own syllabi are being drastically modified, and their contents are being reduced into disconnected modules, to be dealt with in a piecemeal manner. **It is tried to be ensured that the sessions of contact between the teacher and taught are reduced to brief sessions of teaching modules, with long sessions of testing and evaluation.** The guiding role of boards of studies and academic councils in framing courses and subject combinations is to be given up. The new ideas in this area are to frame credit courses and have a “Cafeteria approach”, where the student walks in and selects a group of credits, and pays for them.

Defeatism and a sense of helplessness, and the consequent lack of social involvement on the part of students in all programmes of social change, on the one side, and a highly selfish and career oriented personality, on the other, are the pro-claimed aims of the new education system.

This is the challenge before us today. Our commitment to the Union cannot be complete if we do not recognize the need for a theoretical struggle against this pernicious philosophy. It is difficult for the common man to understand this ideological threat that our people are facing. For the reasons stated above, we intellectuals are able to see this clearly. We, who stand on the side of the people in this great struggle of the time, have to be strictly partisan on the question of philosophy. On the one side is the philosophy to defeat reason, and on the other side is our struggle based on science and reason for a better world. **It is here, in the struggle for Reason against the Enemies of reason that we have to stand unitedly.**

Thank you.

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Dear Friends,

Warm Greetings,

We are eagerly waiting for the upcoming Union Budget for many reasons, the most important being the measures to be adopted to control the price rise, the rejuvenation of the Indian economy & increased allocation for social sector. As a teachers' organization we are keenly awaiting the budgetary allocation of resources for the Ministry of Human Resource Development. We have pointed out many times the serious resource crunch is responsible for the unsatisfactory progress of the agenda of inclusive quality education to the students' community of our country.

AIFUCTO Letter to Srimati Smriti Zubin Irani & her reply:- The General Secretary wrote to Hon'ble Minister, HRD congratulating on her assuming the charge & assured her of all co-optations for all constructive measures. We thanked her for the statement that the budgetary allocation for education should be 6 per cent. In reply she thanked AIFUCTO General Secretary and expressed the hope that we together would work for the cause of education.

AIFUCTO letter to Sri Arun Jaitley regarding budgetary allocation of 6 per cent GDP to MHRD:- We have written to Sri Arun Jaitley requesting him to allocate 6 per cent of GDP to the Human Resource Development Ministry. We have noted that the Election Manifesto of the ruling party promised to do so. Srimati Smriti Irani, Hon'ble Minister HRD also made a statement reiterating the same

stand. We have noted that this has been the recommendation of Kothari Commission made as late as 1966.

NEC meeting & Seminar at Faridabad, Haryana on June 21 2014 at Pt.J.L.N. Government College:- It is a welcome feature that these days the hosts of NEC meetings are also arranging seminar on contemporary & important issues. Following the guidelines given by AIFUCTO a seminar on the topic-QUALITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION & ROLE OF TEACHERS was organized on June 21, 2014, the day before the NEC meeting. It was a very successful seminar as a large number of teachers and social activists from different parts of the country participated in a very lively and high quality presentations & discussion. A good number of AIFUCTO national leaders were present at the invitation of Prof. Iqbal Singh Sindhu and contributed to the deliberations.

Prof. Iqbal Singh Sindhu, Zonal Secretary (North) and the leadership of HGCTA in association with the Principal Prof. Satosh Kumari made excellent arrangements for the success of the seminar. The galaxy of speakers show the hard work and great vision for such a grand success of the seminar. We congratulate respected Principal Madam & Prof. Sindhu & his hardworking team on the very useful & fruitful seminar.

The entire program was well coordinated & superbly managed by Prof. Neer Kanwal Mani, Associate Professor of the College. Congratulations to Prof. Mani for an all round performance.

NEC meeting:- The NEC meeting was hosted by Haryana Govt. College Teachers' Association & held at Gymkhana Hall of Faridabad. Our sincere thanks for warm hospitality & excellent arrangements. The NEC meeting was a highly attended meeting as almost all state affiliates attended the meeting. There were more than 80 participants from different states. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Tarun Patra, our President. He presented an overall picture & underlined the fact that our organization should be prepared for movement as & when necessary. He expressed anxiety over the fact that UGC is taking too much time to come out with a clear stand on our demands.

Prof. Asok Barman, General Secretary presented a detailed report on all the developments. After the last NEC meeting

Document on status of education in states:- He noted that we need to prepare a document regarding the status of higher education in all the states to be presented to the Govt. of India. It is disappointing that though in his last Circular sent in June he requested for specific information on major issues for this purpose, he had not received report from any affiliate. Please refer to the June Circular & send me the report as early as possible.

Arrears payment reimbursement by the Govt. of India:- In the last Circular, it was noted that HRD agreed to look into all arrears payment reimbursement claim by states and the General Secretary requested affiliates to inform him for any outstanding claim with specific information. So far all the information he received regarding reimbursement was taken up with HRD and the claims have been settled.

RUSA documents:- So far only Manipur & Madhya Pradesh sent reports. General Secretary is waiting for reports from other states.

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**CORRECTION
 in the copy of the Minutes
 of the General Body Meeting of NUTA**

Copy of the Minutes of the General Body Meeting of NAGPUR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION held at 12.00 noon on Sunday, the 25th May, 2014 at Annasaheb Gundewar College Chhaoni, Katol Road, NAGPUR is circulated in this NUTA Bulletin.

If you propose to suggest any correction to the Minutes, it may be pointed out to the Secretary (Dr. Anil Dhage, Secretary, NUTA, Sankalp Sahaniwas, Khare Town, Dharampeth, Nagpur-440 010.) by letter within 10 days from the date of posting of this Bulletin.

It will not be possible for the corrections received after the due date to be included in the List of corrections for consideration.

Please send one copy of your letter to Prof. P. B. Raghuvanshi, President NUTA, Buty Plot, Near Mahajan Wadi, Rajapeth, Amravati. 444 601.

- Dr. A. W. Dhage, Secretary, NUTA

Delhi activities:- The General Secretary informed the NEC meeting that the UGC has finalized the recommendations on the Roll out date & the revised CAP. Due to the Parliamentary Election there was no movement for some time. Now the process had been revived and he was in touch with UGC & MHRD. He expressed his unhappiness at the slow progress of the matter.

The General Secretary suggested holding one Secretariat meeting in August to review the situation as we should wait for some reasonable time for the new Govt. to decide upon the opinions on the outstanding issues. The Secretariat would assess the situation & decide course of action.

AIFUCTO Conference matters:- The meeting discussed the matters related to organizing AIFUCTO Conferences. The following observations were made by the General Secretary and the NEC members

(A) The expenditure of Conference has increased considerably. The present delegate fee covers just one third of per head expenditure. The organizers of the Conferences had to depend heavily on advertisement collection. For all the recent conferences the organizers had to rise around Rs.20 lakh. The General Secretary presented a list of advertisers from different states & noted a handful of states arranged for advertisements. And hence the burden was more on the host.

(B) AIFUCTO wants small units & relatively backward places also to organize conferences. They need adequate financial support.

(C) AIFUCTO conference play a major role in creating awareness & building up of our organization. Hence more participation should always be encouraged & we should avoid fixing participants number. But that calls for more fund raising. Hence we are to raise necessary funds. This is possible only with support from affiliates.

Taking all above issues into consideration, the meeting decided:

1. The delegate fee is to be enhanced suitably.
2. All units should arrange for advertisements. Every affiliate will arrange for at least one advertisement.

Teachers' Movement-our Monthly:- The General Secretary noted that our journal Teachers' Movement occupies a distinct place in our organizational activities. We have been publishing every month on a regular basis for more than 30 years. Since the publication includes all Circulars, UGC & MHRD notifications & landmark judgments as well as some useful articles TM has immense importance. Due to cost escalation we are spending over

Rs. 2 lakhs every year & the amount is growing. There are very few new members enrolled in recent times. From some state there is no new membership for years. In view of the huge & growing expenses. General Secretary requested the NEC members to enroll new subscribers. He also suggested to increase the life time subscription rate to increase to Rs.500 from Rs.300 as there is no increase in last 20 years. The existing subscribers may be requested to pay Rs.200 each on a voluntary basis. The decision has been referred to the Secretariat meeting.

Prof.Keshab Bhattacharya made invitee to the office bearers' body:- It was decided that Prof.Keshab Bhattacharya of Jadavpur University will be an invitee member in the office bearers body. He will concentrate on University Sector issues. I extend hearty welcome to Prof.Bhattacharya & request him to prepare reports & documents on the university matters.

Flat/Building Fund:- On behalf of SUTA, Maharashtra, Prof.Mankar & Prof.Mathpati proposed to collect Rs.200 per head from members through the affiliates so that a flat in Delhi is purchased as early as possible. In view of steep increase in the real estate prices, an early purchase has become necessary. Many members supported the resolution. The meeting referred the matter to the Secretariat meeting to be held on 3rd August in Delhi. We thank PCCTU for donating Rs.50, 000 to the fund. We appeal to all former members & our well wishers to donate & raise funds for the purchase of flat. Prof.Maheswari of Jodhpur has set a great example by encouraging many teachers to contribute to the Fund.

MFUCTO struggle & Demonstration program in Delhi on 4th August, 2014.:- You are aware of the continuous movement by MFUCTO to ensure justice to the teachers without NET/SLET. Prof.Tapati Mukhopadhyay, General Secretary, MFUCTO addressed the NEC meeting & informed all developments. Prof. Mukhopadhyay also informed that the next phase of movement is a massive demonstration in Delhi after conducting different programs in Maharashtra.

We have decided that Secretariat members will participate in the Demonstration. We request our members from adjoining states like Haryana, Punjab, UP, Rajasthan; MP should join the program to show our solidarity & support to the MFUCTO movement demanding solution to the protracted problem.

NEC resolution condemning the manhandling, torture & harassment of North-Eastern students:- Prof.L.R.Randhoni, Zonal Secretary (North East) drew the attention to the recent incidents involving North-eastern

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students. The NEC strongly condemned the attack, manhandling, torture & harassment of North-Eastern students in different cities. The meeting urged the teaching community to protect such students & create public opinion against the heinous actions.

Developments after the NEC meeting:- I am regularly interacting with the MHRD & UGC Officials and trying for the UGC notifications regarding Regulations & Roll Out date as per our demand. I was told that the matter is now taking a final shape & the result is expected soon. Whatever be the outcome, positive or negative, I shall inform you as soon as I come to know about the same. The matter will be assessed by the Secretariat.

Secretariat Meeting in AIFUCTO Delhi office on 3rd July, 2014 at 12 noon:- As per the decision of NEC meeting at Faridabad, the Secretariat meeting will be held in Delhi AIFUCTO office on 3rd July, 2014 at 12 noon. Secretariat members are requested to attend positively.

AIFUCTO is now participating in social networks:- AIFUCTO is now in Facebook & twitter to exchange views & information sharing. Our account names are

(1) Facebook: AIFUCTO Gs, Address: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100007635165111&fref=ts> (2) Twitter: AIFUCTO, Address: <https://twitter.com/aifucto> The postings should be educational, academic, organizational, social & related to teachers' service conditions. We shall keep you informed about all the latest developments through postings in facebook & twitter. We seek your opinions & suggestions to formulate our movement to serve the cause of students, teachers &

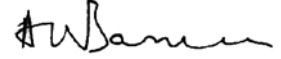
society. Please encourage your members to open accounts in facebook & twitter to develop a strong & effective network.

AMUCT election:- Prof. Norbert Lobo, AIFUCTO vice President has been unanimously re-elected as the President of Association Mangalore university College Teachers' (AMUCT). Congratulations to Prpf. Lobo.

MODE OF PAYMENT TO AIFUCTO-no account payee cheque will be accepted:- As I informed in the last circular that a number of cheques have been dishonored for various reasons. One of them is the short name AIFUCTO. In future the drafts should be in favour of our full name only. Account payee Cheques will not be accepted. Drafts should be in favour of "ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE TEACHERS' ORGANISATIONS" only. Our bank details for electronic money transfer are given below. Please note- You must send a mail to General Secretary immediately after your payment electronically.

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Next NEC meeting in Kolkata:- The next NEC meeting will be held in Kolkata on 21st September, 2014. All NEC members are requested to book their tickets as early as possible. The details will be made available as we hear from the hosts.



Best wishes

Asok Barman
General Secretary

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