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AIFUCTO appeal to University & College teachers of India

Massive March and Rally at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 24th July, 2017.

Friends, AIFUCTO successfully concluded the National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting between June 17 and 18, 2017 hosted by BUCTU to commemorate its **Golden Jubilee (1966 – 2016)** in the auditorium of Green Technology Building, Kalina Campus, Bombay University. The NEC meeting on Sunday June 18, 2017 was preceded by a one day National Symposium on: **“Towards Formulation of an Alternative Democratic & Secular Education Policy”**. AIFUCTO President Prof Keshab Bhattacharya and General Secretary Prof Arun Kumar apprised the members about the developments that took place in the last few months. Prof Arun Kumar expressed his anguish at the way the central government is pushing Indian higher education towards privatisation and corporatisation, ridding itself of all social and financial commitment towards promoting higher education. The sinister designs are sought to be legitimised through such actions like doing away with long established institutions such as UGC and AICTE and replacing them by such bodies like HEFA (Higher Education Funding Agency) and HEERA (Higher Education Empowerment Regulatory Authority). The proposal for **graded autonomy for university and colleges and categorisation of universities into 1, 2 and 3** is another dangerous move to create divisions among the ranks of the teachers and make easy the path of privatisation of higher education. In this way the government is trying to ease the burden of financial responsibility, a move already initiated through drastic cuts in budget allocation in education. **Making, NET, SET or BET compulsory for pursuing Ph.D** would indefinitely hurt the cause of academics as many deserving candidates who **could not qualify in these examinations for many reasons would**

be deprived. This move is an attempt to thwart the march of higher education and research among a very large section of the educated Indians.

The issue of prolonged delay in the publication of recommendations of **Seventh UGC Pay Review Committee and other long pending demands** also came up in a big way in the NEC meeting. College and university teachers across the country feel betrayed at the prolonged delay as well the Minister's recorded assurances to be finalised within a month's time. The issues of Pay scale & service conditions for Adhoc/Temporary/Part time/Guest lecturers along with teachers working in different self finance courses in colleges and universities across the country had been thoroughly discussed. NEC of AIFUCTO unanimously resolved to go for direct action against central government's apathetic attitude towards teachers and higher education at large. **AIFUCTO resolved state level conventions on 12 July, 2017 to observe “Nyay Diwas” (Justice Day) for sensitizing the issues among teachers across the country. It also called for a massive march and rally at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 24th July, 2017.**

AIFUCTO appeals all its affiliates, members, teachers & sympathisers to make the agitation programme a grand success in a bid to save public funded education system of the country.



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- Dr. Vilas Dhone, Secretary, NUTA