

# All India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers organisations

## AIFRUCTO

### Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Academic Conference at Haridwar on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

The National Executive Committee meeting of AIFRUCTO was held on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Pawan Dham Ashram, Haridwar. NEC endorsed the General Secretary's report already circulated amongst the members and finalised the agenda of the Academic Conference.

On February 9, from 8 am to 8.30 am Yoga classes were conducted by the host for the benefit of the delegates. Some important tips were given on micro yoga in limb movements by Yoga Guru Dr R P Chaturvedi, fortunately, he was a very senior member of Pensioners Parisangh Uttarakhand. This program was relevant and true to the spiritual traditions of Haridwar.

The General Council meeting started at 10.00 am. Prof Atul Kumar Gupta, Coordinator of the Conference welcomed the delegates and AIFRUCTO office bearers. Office bearers of AIFRUCTO and Vishvavidyalaya- Mahavidyalaya Pensioners Patisng, Uttarakhand paid floral tribute to the departed leader of Uttarakhand Prof Shailendra Kumar Kulshreshth by garlanding his photograph.

Prof. Sudhakar S Mankar, The President welcomed the delegates from different parts of the country and thanked the hosts for the extremely wonderful arrangement. He also discussed NEP20 and UGC Regulations 2025. Thereafter Prof. J N Shukla, General Secretary conducted the meeting and briefly spoke on the General Secretary's report. A hard copy of the report was distributed to the delegates and a soft copy was already circulated on WhatsApp.

In his report General Secretary apprised the house, of the significance of Haridwar, International Concerns, the Political and Economic Scenario of India, Environmental Challenges facing India and the Role of the teaching Community, the Global and Indian Economy, the Educational Scenario of Higher Education in India and challenges before NEP20, UGC Regulations 2025, 8<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission, about the demands and efforts made by the federation, Organizational activities, Zonal meetings, Sub- Committee meetings, about tasks ahead and AIFRUCTO News Magazine.

The General Secretary condoled the death of departed leaders who passed away recently. He paid tribute to Prof. Shailendra Kumar Kulshreshth, a veteran teacher leader, erudite scholar and academician of Uttarakhand. Who served as Patron and President of Vishvavidyalaya- Mahavidyalaya Pensioners Parisangh and participated in various AIFRUCTO activities. The General Secretary also paid homage to the late Prof G Sridhar Reddy of TRCTA Telangana for his distinguished role in strengthening the teachers' movements in the country and undivided Andhra Pradesh.

Two minutes of silence were observed in the memory of departed leaders.

The following committees were appointed to assign the tasks of the Conference:

- The task of collecting the annual subscription and membership fee is entrusted to Prof. S Rajswar Rao, Zonal Secretary.
- Resolution Committee – Prof. S A Bojgar, National Secretary and Prof. S K Mathpati.
- Movement Resolution Committee – Prof. S Solaimalaichamy
- Committee on UGC Draft Regulations 2025- Prof Magan Tate, President of Pune unit.

Thereafter, **Prof. B Vijay Kumar**, our Patron, addressed the house. He spoke on challenges to education worldwide and in India in particular. He emphasised that teachers deserved a dignified life in society and referred to the United Nations report on their better living conditions. He also touched on the subject of tax concessions for teachers.

### **Inaugural Session**

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. S N Sachan, the Patron of Uttarakhand Pensioners Parisangh and the **chief guest of the session was Prof. Ravi Chopra**, an eminent environmental Scientist. The lamp was lit by the chief guest Prof. Ravi Chopra, Prof. S N Sachan, Prof. Sudhakar S Mankar, President and Dr J N Shukla, General Secretary of AIFRUCTO. This program was followed by prayers and chanting of Vedic mantras. Thereafter, the Chief Guest and the President, the General Secretary and the Patrons of AIFRUCTO were felicitated with Shawl and Bouquet by Prof. Atul Kumar Gupta, General Secretary and Prof. Harishchandra, the President and other office bearers of UVVMVPP.

**The following veteran retired teacher leaders were honoured with Life Time Achievement Award by Prof. Ravi Chopra, The Chief Guest.**

- 1- **Prof. B Vijay Kumar, the Patron,**
- 2- **Prof. Asok Barman, the Patron**
- 3- **Prof. S S Chauhan, the National Secretary**
- 4- **Prof. A. Pullaiah, the National Secretary**

After the Award Ceremony, Prof. J N Shukla, GS, AIFRUCTO introduced the Chief Guest to the house. **Prof Asok Barman**, the Paton and eminent teachers' leader introduced the Theme of the Conference **"The Environmental Challenges in India and Role of Teaching Community"**

**Prof. Ravi Chopra, the Chief Guest and Key Speaker** on the theme of the Conference delivered a very meaningful and mesmerizing lecture on the theme.

"The Earth has enough resources for our needs but not for our greed." This most often quoted phrase by Mahatma Gandhi depicts his concern for nature and the environment as Prof. Ravi Chopra, the famous environmentalist, and our Chief Guest at the Haridwar Conference reminded us. He stressed that sustainable development should be our goal so that the development of today does not impair the development of tomorrow.

Prof. Ravi Chopra presented a bleak picture of the deteriorating environmental position of our country. He noted that the wrong notion of economic development is responsible for the accelerated environmental degradation in recent times. He pointed out the degree of pollution in our country.

In the above context, Prof. Chopra highlighted the extremely important roles the teachers can play in protecting the environment of our planet. Since teachers can reach one and all. He talked about the 'Planting Tree Movement' and noted that teachers are the ideal ambassadors of environmental movements like this.

While concluding the inaugural session, **Prof. S N Sachan** spoke about the achievements of Prof. Ravi Chopra, the Chief Guest and revealed the entire story, of how the idea of conducting the Academic Conference was conceived and executed. Prof. Sachan also introduced his friend **Sri Anshul Shree Kunj, the trustee of Pawan Dham Ashram and Sri Sumit Tiwari, editor-in-chief of a daily newspaper, "Uttarakhand Prahari"** and conveyed the house about their contribution to the success of the Conference. Hosts felicitated them with a shawl and bouquet.

### **Business Session II**

After the lunch break, the general secretary started Business Session II by requesting the delegates to present the state reports and cover the entire agenda in their speech.

Prof. B Vijay Kumar, Prof. Asok Barman, Prof. V P Singh, Prof. Ghanshyam Singh and Prof. B Parthasarathy, all the honourable Patrons of AIFRUCTO addressed the Conference.

State leaders and office bearers of the federation participated in the deliberations. Prof. A Manoharan, General Secretary, TANRECTA, Prof. S Solaimalaichamy, President PGRCTA & Zonal Secretary, Prof. R Rmachandrappa, General Secretary FUCRTAK & National Secretary, Prof. Hari Om Pandey, General Secretary, FRUCTAJ of Jharkhand, Zonal Secretary, Dr K Ramchandran of AKGCRT, Kerala, Patricia Fernandes from MUCRTWA, Mumbai, prof A p\Pullaiah, General Secretary, TRCTA, Telangana and National Secretary, Prof. S A Bojgar, General Secretary, Kolhapur Unit and National Secretary, Prof. Chandana Jha, General Secretary, FRUCTAB and Zonal Secretary, Prof. R K Indra Devi from Manipur and Zonal Secretary, Prof S S Chauhan, President UCORTWA, U P and National Secretary, Prof. Magan Tate, President of Pune unit, Prof. V R Kesavlu Reddy from Andhra Pradesh, National Secretary and Prof Rajagopal from TANRECTA participated in the deliberations.

State reports will be published in the next issue of the quarterly News Magazine.

The General Council approved the General Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report.

**The following resolutions were presented by Prof. S A Bojagar and accepted by the house:**

1- Resolution by AGCRTA

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Academic Conference of AIFRUCTO requests the uniform and simultaneous implementation of the UGC pension scheme throughout the country.
- A central grant for pension should be given in the same manner for the implementation of UGC Pay Revision.

2- Resolution by FUCRTAK

Illegal migrants should be brought to India by Indian flights safely and in a dignified way, not by US military planes. AIFRUCTO condemned such inhuman acts.

3-Resolutions from TANRECTA

- Resolved to urge the govt. of Tamilnadu to settle the long pending issues of Retired college teachers, such as Rs. 14940/, juniors getting more than seniors, Concordance Table and promotion in professor scale.
- Resolve to urge the central Govt. to implement the Old Pension Scheme without any change.
- Resolve to urge the central govt.to withdraw both NEP20 and UGC Draft Guidelines.

-Resolved to urge the State and Central governments to initiate the formation of a Welfare Board for aged women.

### **Movement Resolution**

Because of the prevailing situation in the country, we must take the initiative, all concerned retired teachers of colleges and universities, to expand and unite all retired teachers and bring them under the umbrella of AIFRUCTO.

- To strengthen the AIFRUCTO at the zonal level and state level in such a way that the objective and message may reach all the retired teachers of colleges and universities.
- To organise at least one or more programmes for retired teachers of UGC level to create educational, social, and socio-economic awareness at state and zonal levels.
- A massive campaign should be launched at the state and central level in support of retired aided college teachers of Punjab, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh and Manipur who are not getting pensions.
- An expert committee will be constituted to take part in the discussion with the 8thCPC and UGC Pay Revision Committee.
- To extend cooperation and joint action programmes organised by fraternal organisations to achieve common acceptable programmes on education, pension, health and other matters at the state and national levels.
- To organise and participate in possible forms of the programmes relating to NEP20 by fraternal organisations coping with the objective of AIFRUCTO to save education, to save the nation.
- To retain the old pension scheme state units are requested to be alert and join hands with other working employees at the state and central levels.
- To draw the attention of the Govt. at the centre/ state some form of action programme may be adopted at the state/ national level to achieve our old demands including a professor scale for college teachers, a Medical Scheme for retired teachers, etc.

### **Concluding Session**

General Secretary Prof. J N Shukla extended heart-touching thanks to Prof. S N Sachan, Patron, Prof. Harishchandra, President and Prof. Atul Kumar Gupta, General Secretary of Vishvavidyalaya-Mahavidyalaya Pensioners Parisangh, the hosts and his team for their hospitality and arrangements of the conference. Despite their age, they have done a wonderful job in strengthening the retired teachers' movement.

Accommodation, food and all other arrangements were excellent, especially, the kit having Gangajali filled with the holy water of Ganga will be remembered forever. The General Secretary also expressed thanks to all the Patrons and all the delegates from various parts of the country for making the Conferences a great success. Prof. Sudhakar S Mankar delivered his concluding speech and extended his thanks to the participants and the hosts.

Conferences ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Harishchandra, Organising Secretary of the Conference and a singing of the National Anthem.

**Long Live AIFRUCTO!**

**Long Live Teachers' Unity!**

**Fraternally Yours,**



**Dr J N Shukla**

**General Secretary**