

## **ALL India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers Organisations**

### **AIFRUCTO**

**National Executive Committee Meeting of AIFRUCTO, Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. 10 am to 5 pm**

**Hosted by Akhil Gujarat University and College Pensioners Samaj, Gujarat, Ahmedabad**

**Venue: Auditorium of Gujarat Vidyapeeth University, Ahmedabad**

#### **General Secretary's Report**

Respected Mr President, respected Patrons, office Bearers, members of the NEC, and other dignitaries attending the meeting. I thank the leadership of Gujarat University and College Pensioners Samaj and its members for hosting the NEC at Ahmedabad on 2nd November 2025.

I am overwhelmed to find such an august gathering of eminent academicians, teachers of repute, celebrities and honourable participants. I extend my greetings of the day to this august presence. To begin, I would like to thank Prof. Vadi Bhai B Patel, the President, Prof. Mani Bhai J Patel, the General Secretary, Prof. Natu Bhai Patel, the Chief Editor of the magazine Gujarat University and College Pensioners Samaj, and Prof. Mahadev Bhai Desai, the Vice President of AIFRUCTO, for the continuous support AIFRUCTO receives from the organisation led by them. The leadership of Gujarat Pensioners Samaj has always been generous enough to host AIFRUCTO programs and meetings. Akhil Gujarat University and College Pensioners Samaj was established in 1999 by the late Prof. Kanu Bhai Shah, a legendary teachers' leader and the late Prof. Ramesh Bhai Amin, along with other eminent retired teachers. Since then, it has been working hard for the welfare of retired teachers with several feathers in its cap. The Association wonderfully celebrated its Silver Jubilee on February 23rd at Anand in 2024. Presently, the association has more than 3000 members and more than 300 AIFRUCTO life members. In addition to this, the association has built its own corporate-level office at the cost of Rs. 70 lakhs in 2021-22 and a state-of-the-art Conference Hall costing 1crore and 50 lakhs.

Ahmedabad, the vibrant heart of Gujarat, is a city steeped in history, culture, and architectural brilliance. Situated on the banks of the Sabarmati River, it was once the epicentre of Mahatma Gandhi's freedom movement, with the iconic Sabarmati Ashram as a powerful symbol of peace and resistance. Ahmedabad's rich heritage is reflected in its UNESCO-listed old city, adorned with havelis and stepwells. As a gateway to Gujarat's diverse tourism, Ahmedabad offers access to remarkable destinations. Visitors can explore the white desert of Kutch, the Gir National Park—home to Asiatic lions, the sacred Somnath Temple and Dwarka, one of the four holiest pilgrimage sites of the country. The Rani ki Vav stepwell in Patan and the Sun Temple at Modhera showcase Gujarat's ancient architectural mastery. From the vibrant Navratri celebrations to exquisite textile markets, Ahmedabad invites travellers to experience the soul of Gujarat—a blend of tradition, spirituality, and modernity.

#### **Our Condolences**

I would like to pay homage to our departed leader, Prof. Ms Usha Raghotham, Vice President of AIFRUCTO, who passed away recently. Her remarkable contribution as a professor and teacher leader touched the lives of countless students and fellow teachers. Her absence is a great loss, not only to those who had the privilege of knowing her personally but also to the entire teachers' fraternity she enriched with her dedication. She was a leader of AIFRUCTO, AIFUCTO, TNGCTA and TANRECTA. As a Vice President of AIFRUCTO, she was very articulate about the problems of retired teachers. I want to pay my deep condolences and tribute to other retired teachers who have left for the heavenly abode this year.

## **Organisational Activities**

Friends, we had our Academic Conference at Haridwar on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February this year. The conference was a great success, and a large number of retired teachers participated. We extend thanks to Uttarakhand Vishvavidyalaya- Mahavidyalaya Pensioners Parisangh, Dehradun, for the grand hospitality. AIFRUCTO, at the central level and state level, has been trying to take care of the problems faced by the retired teachers through various initiatives at the state and national levels. However, despite our best efforts, we have some unresolved issues.

The most important issue is the demand for pensions for the teachers of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Manipur. Despite sustained efforts, the issue is still unresolved. The case of Government-Aided college teachers of Punjab is still pending in the apex court.

We have sent representations several times to the Union Education Minister and the Prime Minister of India regarding our long-pending demands. Unfortunately, we failed to get any response from them. We also discussed our demands at the official level in the Union Education Ministry several times. We also sought the help of the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India to resolve the issues of retired teachers.

## **Protest program against the Finance Act 2025**

We expressed our concern regarding the validation of the CCS (Pension) Rules passed by the parliament as part of the Finance Bill 2025, which validated the Principle that the central government can establish the distinction among pensioners, particularly based on their retirement age.

All affiliated units of AIFRUCTO sent a protest letter to the Prime Minister of India in the first week of July 2025. Mumbai University and College Retired Teachers' Welfare Association-MUCRTWA organised a convention on September 17, 2025, in hybrid mode, successfully, to discuss the impact of the Finance Bill 2025. SUTA, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, also organised a workshop on August 23, 2025 and discussed the negative impact of the provisions of the Finance Bill 2025. Thanks to both organisations.

## **Medical Care Fund**

In the Haridwar Conference, it was resolved that donations from members will be invited for the Medical Fund. Subsequently, it was also resolved that all NEC members will donate Rs. -. 5000/-It is worth mentioning that the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of all affiliated units are members of the NEC. Many members have already sent their donations. Those members who could not donate, please deposit their contribution to the Treasurer at the NEC meeting.

## **National Secretariat Meetings**

An online meeting of the National Secretariat was held on April 06, 2025, to discuss the situation arising from an unwanted Finance Bill 2025, passed in the Parliament, validating the CCS (Pension) Rules.

After due deliberation Secretariat decided unanimously that AIFRUCTO would remain vigilant and watch the future developments and would support the protest programs of the Central and State Governments. Pensioners Associations.

Another National Secretariat meeting was held in virtual mode on August 03, 2025. Proposal of Akhil Gujarat University and College Pensioners Samaj for hosting NEC on November 02, 2025, was accepted unanimously. A decision of the Executive Committee and General Council of Retired College Teachers' Association Pune, Maharashtra (RCTAP) for hosting the Statutory Conference at Shirdi on January 27<sup>th</sup>

& 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 was discussed. National Secretariat applauded the proposal and extended its thanks to the RCTAP, Pune, for this generosity.

#### **Retired University and College Association, Goa**

A new organisation of the Retired University and College Teachers Association of Goa was constituted in Goa on April 04, 2025. A meeting of retired University and College teachers was organised by Prof. Radhika Naik, a veteran teacher leader of Goa. In the large gathering of retired teachers, an association was formed, and all members decided unanimously to seek affiliation with AIFRUCTO. General Secretary AIFRUCTO, Pri. Kranti Jejurkar, our National Secretary, and Prof. B Vijay Kumar, our Patron, were present on the occasion.

#### **AIFRUCTO News Magazine**

We acknowledge the valuable services being provided by Prof. R. Halesh, Editor of AIFRUCTO News Magazine, in bringing out quarterly issues regularly. The next issue will be published after the NEC.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Statutory Conference at Shirdi, Maharashtra**

It is a great pleasure that the Retired College Teachers' Association, Pune, Maharashtra, is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Statutory Conference of AIFRUCTO at Shirdi on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The brochure and circular related to the conference will be issued soon. Accommodation for the delegates/accompanying persons will be arranged by the host for two days. The delegate fee for a delegate and an accompanying person will be Rs. 2500/ each. Please book your tickets to ensure a comfortable journey and make the Conference a grand success.

**The Government of India has constituted the 8<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission. I hope the corresponding UGC Pay Commission will also be constituted soon.**

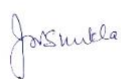
#### **Agenda for discussion**

- 1- Approval of the proceedings of National Secretariat meetings.
- 2- General Secretary's Report.
- 3- Treasurer's Report
- 4- Affiliation to the Retired university and college Teachers Association, Goa.
- 5- Lifetime Achievement Awards to leaders.
- 6- Proposed 4<sup>th</sup> Statutory conference at Shirdi on 27 & 28 January 2026.
- 7- Discussion on Finance Act 2025.
- 8- State issues.
- 9- Decisions/ Resolutions.
- 10- Any other issue with the prior permission of the chair.

**Long Live AIFRUCTO!**

**Long Live Teachers' Unity!**

**Fraternally Yours,**



**Prof. J N Shukla**

**General Secretary**

