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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings.

On behalf of the outgoing and the newly elected leadership, I convey deep gratitude to all our members for their unstinted support to the leadership for a successful year of AIFUCTO movement. I acknowledge your support, help and enthusiasm that ensured a highly successful Conference at Mangalore. The Conference documented your constructive participation in every respect. The great tradition of unity & democratic functioning of AIFUCTO for last five decades once again marked the Mangalore Conference. A remarkable feature of this Conference is the presence of Prof.Subodh Malakar on behalf of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Association. The JUNUTA has participated and sent greetings through Prof.Malakar, a former President of the Association. This has certainly encouraged us as we are working for a total unity among the teachers of higher education in India to protect and augment our rights.

Thanks to AMUCT

We are extremely thankful to AMUCT under the leadership of Prof.A.M.Narahari for a superb Conference in terms of all parameters. Mangalore, AMUCT & St. Aloysius College are not new to AIFUCTO.We had NEC meeting here and our leaders have visited the place many times in the past at the invitation of AMUCT leadership. The Conference gave us an opportunity to be further closer to the members & leaders of this very vibrant organization which has set a very high standard of organizational skill, technological acumen and total involvement of all members in its activities. We would also like to express our gratitude to the leadership of FUCTUC led by Prof.Murugedrappa for lending very valuable support to the organizers. The Conference will remain a landmark in the history of AIFUCTO.We also note our gratitude to the staff, students & management of St. Aloysius College for the fullest cooperation.

The Mangalore Conference: a brief report

27th AIFUCTO Statutory Conference was organized by Association of Mangalore University College Teachers (AMUCT) in association with Federation of University & College Teachers' Association of Karnataka (FUCTUC) at Loyola Hall, St.Aloysius College Campus, Mangalore, Karnataka

In the illustrious map of the places where AIFUCTO Conferences were held this year's proud addition is Mangalore. The Mangalore Conference was a resounding success. There are many parameters for assessing the performance of a conference. The claim never becomes hollow when you pass through successfully many grueling tests. Meticulous planning, evolving an appropriate action plan and execution with precision are the hallmarks of the success of this conference.

The pre-conference preparations, effective communication, financial management, accommodation, transportation, food, relevant guests, resource persons, adequate time for deliberations, time management, meeting the requirements of the guests, quality of souvenir, the papers presented in the seminar, cultural programmes, recognizing the service of teacher movement leaders at all levels, number of delegates, opportunity to take part in the deliberations, from all angles, Mangalore Conference created a history. The wonderful job so excellently executed under the leadership of Dr.A.M.Narahari, Conference Chairman and Dr.Norbert Lobo, Organising Secretary & AMUCT President, and their committed team of more than 150 teachers and students deserve a very high appreciation and my congratulations to them.

The promise made in Baroda NEC has been more than fulfilled. The conference has dispelled the anxiety about the abilities of a small organization in holding such a gigantic event. Mangalore Conference will go down in the history of AIFUCTO as a high tech, big budget, and a very systematically organized conference. Mangalore has created a bench mark for all future conferences. It does not mean that there were no hiccups, and anxious moments. But those could easily be obliterated when you evaluate the conference holistically.

The website, updating of information, providing information about registration, even mentioning the hotels and room numbers, the quality of the rooms provided, the transportation facility with a special mention about the vehicle provided to the delegates even after the conference was over, the manner in which the delegates were received all such minute things were meticulously executed. Providing food even the previous day of the conference was an extraordinary gesture. The registration counter, which normally witnesses chaos, made the delegates comfortable.

It was one of the largely attended conferences. 1300 delegates from outside AMUCT and with the members of AMUCT and other invitees, the number touched 2000.

The inaugural ceremony commenced at dot 10.30 a.m. ended at scheduled 1 p.m. Dr.Oscar Fernandes, Union Minister for Road, Transportation and Highways in a rare gesture came to Mangalore all the way from Delhi just for 2 hours to inaugurate the conference. He spoke on higher education with clarity with his experience as the chairman of the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on HRD. Dr.J.R. Lobo, Local MLA released the souvenir. The Souvenir has come out very nicely. Capt.Ganesh Karnik M.L.C, Rev.Fr.Denzil Lobo, Rector, St.Aloysius Institutions were the guests of Honour. Prof.T.C.Shivashankarmurthy, Vice Chancellor of Mangalore University presided over. AIFUCTO, AMUCT and FUCTAK Office bearers were on stage.

The General Secretary's report and the accounts were discussed by more than 100 delegates from different states. The report was printed and circulated among all delegates.

A momentous vacation was witnessed on the evening of Nov.30 when former leaders of AIFUCTO, FUCTAK and AMUCT which included Prof.Mrinmoy Bhattacharya were felicitated. It was emotional and quite befitting that more than 25 stalwarts who were responsible for building teacher movement were honoured.

The cultural programme on both the days was of high quality.

The food arrangements were excellent although there were some tense moments. But in this conference the attendance at every event was unusually large.

The National Seminar on December 1, on **CHANGING PARADIGMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – XII FIVE YEAR PLAN INITIATIVES** was inaugurated by Dr.B.L.Bhagyalakshmi, Director of Collegiate Education, Karnataka. Prof.Mrinmoy Dada presided over. Prof.Ravi.Srivastava of JNU and Prof.Sudhanshubhushan of NUEPA were the resource persons. The presentations were well received. More than 30 papers were presented. All the papers have been published in the book form entitled **"Seminar Disquisition"**.

On day 3 (December2, 2013), the General Secretary's report and audited accounts were approved. Movement resolution was passed. New office bearers were elected.

The conference has many stupendous achievements. The solidarity of the movement got reinforced. Issues were deliberated upon and resolutions passed. Leadership has emerged. The delegates returned with a satisfaction that it was worth visiting beautiful Mangalore and its surroundings. Once again, the organizers deserve our appreciation for being generous, hospitable and very effective.

Delhi Program of General Secretary

As decided by the General Body meeting of the Conference, we are now working in full swing on our agenda.

Accordingly, I am staying in Delhi. I have met UGC Secretary Sri Upamanyu Basu and HRD Joint Secretary Sri R.P.Sisodia and conveyed the sentiments expressed in the Conference and the tasks we have set before us. The issues of impracticability of API in the present form in Second Amendment & the roll out that would make UGC Regulations 2010 applicable only from 2013-14 and that the CAS up to 2012-13 would be done on the basis of 2000 Regulations are the focal points of the discussions I am having with the HRD & UGC. Both UGC & MHRD have been told that these are most important issues right now as many teachers across the country are relying on the AIFUCTO for ensuring a favorable decision. I am in constant touch with both UGC & MHRD and if any development occurs that will be shared with you. However, I reiterate what we said in Mangalore that we must be prepared to organize a massive movement program along with our friends from Central Universities if we cannot achieve our goals in reasonable time span. We cannot wait indefinitely.

The Historic Protest Rally by Central Trade Unions in Delhi on 12th December, 13

Delhi has witnessed a historic Rally on 12th December, 13 as lakhs of protesters from all parts of India marched from Ramlila Maidan to the Parliament at the call of Confederation of Central Trade Unions demanding Govt. actions to control inflation, to ensure a minimum wage, to guarantee job security, to make reversal of the neo-liberal economic policies leading to contractualisation of workers and widespread suffering of common man. Many of our members came to Delhi to join the program. As your general secretary I took active part in the program. Other teacher leaders from universities of Delhi also took part. The President of DUTA and many teachers from DUTA & JUNUTA & other Delhi based institutions were present in the Rally. Please sensitize your members to all demands of the rally which you can find from internet.

Please find herewith the list of Office Bearers elected at Mangalore Conference

Office bearers elected at Mangalore Conference

President

Prof.Tarun Patra

Vice Presidents

Prof.Biswajit Bhuyan, Prof.Debabrata Goswami, Prof.V.K.Piyush
Prof.Norbert Lobo, Prof.S.Vivekanandan, Prof.S.Tamilmani.Prof.R.Sampath
Prof.J.Ramamurthy, Prof.Harish Chandra Singh

General Secretary

Prof.Asok Barman

Treasurer

Prof.D.Kumar

National Secretaries

Prof.Arun Kumar, Prof.Rabi Roy, Prof.Madhu Paranjpe, Prof.N.K.Mulla,
Prof.Jaykumar

Zonal Secretaries

Zone 1: North Eastern-N.L.Randhoni Devi, Zone -2 Eastern -Prof.Anjani Kumar
Zone 3: Central (1)-Prof.K.S.Singh, Zone 4: Central (2):R.S.Sikarwar
Zone 5 North: Prof.Iqbal Singh Sindhu, Zone: 6- Western: Prof.Mahadev Desai,
Zone -7 South Eastern: Prof.B.Modigolidra, Zone-8 South: Prof.A.Irissappne

Warm regards

Asok Barman

General Secretary