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### Respect democratic governance & academic freedom. AIFUCTO caution Authorities of South Asian university.

The campus of South Asian University is now on turmoil. The academic environment is seriously vitiated posing serious question marks on the governance structure. Students suspended and expelled without reason and rhyme. On June 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 making situation more complicated office orders were issued placing the four faculty members under suspension. They have been meted with humiliating treatment of not to leave station without permission, vacate their offices, return their office computer and identity cards and register their attendance on all working days in the office of their respective deans. The enquiry conducted by the fact finding committee was motivated and a mere camouflage of the hidden undemocratic agenda of governance to stifle all vestiges of democratic voice for asking for rules and regulations to protect the academic interests of the university community. This undemocratic action by the authority is an indicator of functioning of private university and the proposal of inviting foreign universities to India by the Government of India.

All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO) is shocked and surprised on this unfortunate incident. AIFUCTO strongly condemns the action of authority of South Asian University as undemocratic and detrimental to the academic freedom of university, community. AIFUCTO demands immediate reinstatement of faculty members framing rules and regulations to protect academic freedom and restore normalcy in the campus. AIFUCTO request the SAU authority to respond to the democratic voices of the entire nation realizing the gravity of the situation, failing which we will be constrained to go for all India protest.

Further AIFUCTO also solicit urgent intervention of SAARC Secretary and Ministry of External Affairs of Government of India to save the situation and direct the authorities of South Asian University to immediately reinstatement of faculties.



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