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# Editorial

It is always a pleasure writing this piece for august readers, fellow colleagues and comrades. Autumn has heralded in the festive cheer. We wish you all good health and good luck in the festive season ahead. At the same time we note with utter shock and dismay the natural catastrophes that wreaked havoc in large parts of Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam and so many other states this year. It is time now that as teachers we act as the responsible guardians of the society by creating awareness on the need to be kind and sensitive towards Mother Nature. The climate change, global warming are real challenges that jeopardise human existence and is particular true for countries like ours. It is a now or never moment for us and we hope that as teachers we will be able to educate our students on the need to save environment. Almost resonating with the natural fury, the academic community of the nation too is seething with discontent as the NEP 2020 is being rolled out in almost all the states of India. We have repeatedly pointed out about the heinous designs of NEP 2020. Already there is a sharp decline in student enrolment in undergraduate colleges. The four year undergraduate programme with its sop of multiple exit entry failed to generate the enthusiasm among students about the undergraduate programme. The uncertainties of the new system, the huge rise in cost of education implicit in the new system in consonance with sharp decline in employment opportunities are too transparent to be ignored by the students and their guardians. The ineffectiveness of online classrooms is too fresh in the minds of the students to feel enthusiastic about the blended mode of teaching so strongly suggested in NEP 2020. Classroom teaching, direct contact among the state holders cannot have an alternative. We are humans, not robots or machines that can be prompted by pressing the buttons.

What is more appalling is the complete disregard to the changes in the NEP 2020 that academics and teachers repeatedly suggested. The sacrosanct attitude of the government on the document and its content is dangerous to say the least. With passing time education would be completely taken over by a dictated discourse thrust from above. Our responsibilities as teachers have multiplied. We have to work hard and present our views to the students in a way that help them think critically and challenge the dominant narrative that is in vogue.

AIFUCTO continues its crusade against the ideology of hate and exclusion in education and society. The NEC meetings of AIFUCTO held in Kohima in June and in Delhi in September 2023, resolved to address the complications arising out of NEP 2020 and also felt the urgency to deal with the situation arising out of the implementation of the education policy. The September 13, 2023 programme organised under the banner of JFME in New Delhi was extremely successfully. It once again proved that all sections of Indian students and teaching community, the guardians are equally frustrated by the new education policy rolled out by the Government. Our struggle continues. Teachers' unity is our strength. Our fight for an equitable, public funded education system continues.

# **‘NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020’ – AN OVERVIEW**

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The independent Government of India declared her first two education policies in the year 1968 and 1986 respectively. After four decades the Central Government again declared ‘New Education Policy – 2020’ (NEP – 2020) on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 when the entire world is under the severe threat of COVID 2019. There is no doubt at all the academic sector of the world as well as the country was affected mostly due to COVID 2019. Without addressing the crises of the academic world which suddenly rose due to COVID 2019 viz., dropout of students, bereft of any direct teaching based entirely on line teaching which culminated open book examination, improper evaluation etc., the implementation of NEP – 2020 confused the citizens of the country at large. It is very interesting to note that after independence this is the first time where the stake holders of the policy as well as the state governments didn’t get any opportunity to exchange their views about different aspects of NEP 2020. In addition, it was not placed before the Parliament also for discussion. But on the eve of introduction of NEP 2020 the Prime Minister of India declared that “The Central Government has implemented the new National Education Policy (NEP) keeping in view the requirements of modern and developed India.” He also added that “I welcome wholeheartedly the introduction of National Educational Policy 2020. The most wanted reformation in the field of education will change the life of millions of Indian.”

This policy reformed the structure of both School Education and Higher Education which were continued over a period of seven decades. After three decades the Ministry of Education came into existence in place of Ministry of Human Resource Development. In School Education the existing 10+2 system has been replaced by new 5+3+3+4 system. The new system invites students attaining the age of three years to the pre-primary level for a period of three years handled by the Anganwadi and Balvatika. Remaining two years of the first slab will be considered as foundation level and it will cover class I and class II. Next slab of three years is to be considered preparatory level and it will cater class III to class V. After the second phase a period of three years is to be designed as middle level of school education and it will cater class V to class VIII. The last phase of school education will cover class IX to class XII for a period of four years. This policy prescribes three language system

and semester system also in school education. The semester system invites half-yearly examinations in place of annual examinations. It also introduces special examinations at the stages of class III, class V, class VIII and class XI erasing the board examinations at ten and ten plus two level. In 1953 The University Grants Commission (UGC) came into existence to coordinate, determine and maintain standards of teaching, examination and research in university education. The NEP 2020 promotes Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) to repeal UGC as well as to bring the IIT, IIM, NIT, IISER and other institutes of national importance under single higher education regulator, HECI. In higher education, NEP 2020 introduced 4+1 system in place of existing 3+2 system. According to this policy the under graduate level will extend to four years from existing three years and the post graduate level will reduce to one year from existing two years. Universities are being classified into three categories viz., Research Intensive Universities, Teaching Intensive Universities and Autonomous Degree Granting Colleges. Along with these structural changes in higher education, the NEP prescribes so many innovative concepts viz., National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct entrance examinations for admission and fellowship in higher educational institutes, Academic Bank of Credit, Multiple Entry and Exit for the students at both the UG and PG level, Induction Programme for the teachers to enrich themselves about the Indian Knowledge System, Public Philanthropic Partnership (PPP) model for the growth of Indian education system etc.

After announcement of NEP – 2020 by the Central Government, the Government of West Bengal logically opposed it and claimed that the government will introduce separate State Education Policy. Two times the State Government formed Expert Committee to introduce State Education Policy but unfortunately till this moment no recommendations of any of these Expert Committees appeared into light. The Government of West Bengal continued war of mouth against NEP - 2020 till 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and following the proverb 'Barking dog seldom bites' the West Bengal Government partially introduced NEP – 2020 in Higher Education from the current academic session 2023-24. On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 the Higher Education Department of West Bengal Government issued a press release where the department directed all the higher education institutions – government, government aided and private – of state to introduce the curriculum following the NEP – 2020 from the academic session 2023-24. By this press release the Higher Education Department also directed to all higher education institutions of the state to utilise their existing resources properly as well as to generate resources on their own way to implement this policy. According to this order all the universities of the state implemented NEP – 2020 and offer degrees for the both the UG and PG level following the 'National

Curriculum and Credit Framework' which was directed by the University Grants Commission. After the entire drama, the Ministry of West Bengal Government finally declared the State Education Policy on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. With a very few modification in school education this state declared policy religiously followed the NEP – 2020. According to this state policy the new system will be implemented in school education phase by phase from 2024. This policy withholds existing 4+4+2+2 pattern in school education and prescribes to attach the pre-primary level with Aganwari. Following the NEP – 2020 this state policy also adopts three languages in primary level and semester system from class eight. The state policy restores Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Examinations at ten and ten plus two level but prescribes MCQ pattern at ten plus one level like NEP – 2020. In higher education, the state policy is nothing except the true copy of NEP – 2020.

Even after passing 76 years of independence each and every political party who governed and governs India failed to spend 6% GDP on country's education system. In NEP 2020 the ruling government clearly states that, "this National Education Policy envisions an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India, that is Bharat, sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society, by providing high-quality education to all, and thereby making India a global knowledge superpower." But unfortunately they keep mum about the budgetary allocation of funds for achieving the well defined multidimensional goals of NEP 2020. It is more confusing to note that the Central Government opens the door for the investors including FDI to invest in the field of education sector in India. It may also reveal from the sixty six pages document of NEP 2020 and also from the one hundred seventy eight pages document of State Education Policy 2023 of Government of West Bengal that both the Central and West Bengal Government determined to change the popular proverb 'survival of the fittest' to 'survival of the richest' through seizing the opportunities of state funded education for the poorest meritorious students of the country as well as the state also. On many occasions NEP - 2020 also patronizes Indian mythology under the caption of 'Indian Knowledge System' ignoring science and scientific inventions in addition to its centralized tendency demolish the pluralistic character of India.

# VOICES UNHEARD.....

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Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". It is acceptable that education has the ability to transform the individual as well as society at large. On perusing the higher education data in India, it is a fact that there are 28,468 Self-financed colleges out of 43,796 Colleges in India. In addition, almost all aided colleges parallelly run many self-financing courses on their premises. India's Gross Enrolment ratio is, on average, 27 per cent, which is attained at the cost of the teachers' working in Self-financed Colleges. The privatisation of higher education wrecks havoc on the quality of higher education, leading to a decline in the social and economic development of the nation.

Enslaved intellectuals...

It is painful to state that teachers working in Self-financed Colleges continue to be enslaved with no end in sight. Education is for liberation, but the irony is that teachers are enslaved in self-financed higher education institutions.

Highly Qualified teachers are trapped in a self-financing stream owing to the exponential rise in unemployment and the unrestrained growth of unaided colleges in India. It is ineffable to describe the plight of teachers working in Self-financing Colleges. Despite the self-financed teachers working from dawn to dusk, they have been paid a pittance.

In total disregard for fundamental rights, the private management denies implementing the leave rules to the self-financed teachers.

If they even think of raising questions against the management, they will be chucked out immediately.

Model employer...

The government is expected to be a model employer for other private players. The retirement vacancy of teachers in government colleges has not been filled up for the past few years; instead, vacant positions are being filled by ad hoc teachers, paying around twenty-five thousand. The Government has not only inclined but also lost the moral authority to regulate the service conditions of teachers working in self-financed colleges.

Why they failed to organise...

Even though self-financed teachers encounter many livelihood issues, they can't organise and represent their grievances in a democratic way as done by government

and aided teachers. The job security of self-financed teachers is at stake, which hampers the teachers to organise and form an association. In a democratic country like India, the government's apathy is that the teachers have not been governed by the law or, in some cases, no law enforcement.

Enact legislation...

The service conditions of the teachers working in self-financed teachers are pathetic; teachers can be terminated in no time, sans following any procedure and violating natural justice. They couldn't even approach the court because the appointment orders were not issued to the teachers when they joined duty.

Furthermore, the self-financed management forced the teachers to surrender their certificates at the time of joining and refuse to return the certificates when the teachers left the institution at their own will. This brutal action of the self-financed management pushes the teachers into the tight corner.

The UGC has time and again directed the colleges not to retain the certificates with the institution, but to no avail. During the covid 19 pandemic, the self-financed teachers were not all paid, and most of them resorted to going for daily wages to run their lives. Suitable legislation must be enacted to protect the service conditions of the teachers working in self-financed colleges, and the government should enforce it in letter and spirit.

Quality education...

Quality in higher education is not decided by brick and mortar but is a lively interaction between teachers and students in view of facilitating the birth of new ideas.

Quality in higher education hinges on the quality of teachers; the service conditions of the teachers have a direct bearing on the quality of higher education. The quality is a distant dream unless these pathetic conditions are changed.

Education policies ...

The education policy must genuinely be formulated, considering the present education scenario in the country. But the education policies turn a blind eye to the issues of self-financed teachers.

The education policy should be viewed through the prism of equitable quality education for all. NEP 2020 is nothing but in furtherance of privatisation in education. An organised section of teachers must provide a platform to highlight the issues to draw the political parties' attention to include this issue in their manifesto.

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**Circular No – 6/ 2023-24**

Date : 20.06.2023

**Dear Friends,**

*Warm Greeting and Best wishes from AIFUCTO*

**NEC Meeting – cum – National Seminar on “NEP-2020-Envisioning Quality  
Higher Education – 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.**

In a very dismal background of National and Inter National situation undermining AIFUCTO's vision of democratic, secular, scientific and inclusive education, The National Executive Body Meeting and a National Seminar on “NEP-2020-Envisioning Quality Higher Education was organized jointly by AIFUCTO and All Nagaland Govt. College Teachers' Association. We are fortunate to have the collaboration of Kohima Science College Teachers' Association, Jotsma. The NEC and the Seminar was organized in a befitting and brilliant manner with unmatched hospitality by the host institution. From the very beginning of receiving delegates from the Airport, comfortable accommodation, other hospitalities to the local sight scene including seeing of first green village, the entire show was well managed with great personal touch. AIFUCTO extends deep gratitude to the organizers for their great effort to make the NEC and Seminar meaningful and memorable. We are grateful to Chief Patron Tamjen Imna Along, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Govt. of Nagaland, Smti.



Anenla T. Sato, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary Higher and Technical Education, Dr. A. Nshoga, Director Higher Education for their whole hearted support to make the deliberation at Kohima successful. The Inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Richard D Zuvichu, President KSCJTA and proceeding started with his opening remarks and welcome to the delegates. Prof. Keshab Bhattacharya, President AIFUCTO in his presidential address focused on the retrograde , unscientific and undemocratic nature of NEP 2020 and how it is being used as a tool for corporate consolidation and communal polarization. Prof. M. Lokendra Singh, National Secretary of AIFUCTO gave a brief report on Teachers Movement in the North Eastern Region and the professional problems faced by the members. Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar, General Secretary, AIFUCTO presented the key note address discussing at length, the AIFUCTO's vision of education, dangerous implication of NEP 2020 and urged upon all to struggle unitedly to reject NEP and to save our constitutional ethics of education. Due to emergency cabinet meeting Minister and Commissioner were not in a position to attend the meeting. Director Higher Education addressed the delegates and spoke on the policy of the Govt. The special song and indigenous tune by the student of Kohima Science College impressed all and added color to the function. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Yelhi Vero, General Secretary ANGCTA, closing remark of chair-person and National Anthem by NCC Cadets of Kohima Science College.

### **Secretariat and NEC Meeting :**

The Secretariat meeting of AIFUCTO was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 AM followed by the meeting of NEC. After introductory observation by the president Prof. Keshab Bhattacharya who presided over the meeting, General Secretary Prof. Arun Kumar briefed the house on the present scenario, position of NEP



2020 and activities of the organization. State affiliates gave detail information about their own issues and activities. The meeting was attended by 25 leaders from different states. After thorough lively discussion, the NEC resolved the following :

**On Alternative Policy Documents:**

**It was decided to finalize the document by the end of this month. Affiliates, leader, activists and all concerned are requested to go through the policy document in the AIFUCTO website and suggest within 10 days to the General Secretary.**

**Programme of action :**

- a) On our professional problems as well as to vindicate our stand on NEP 2020, NEC decided **protest / dharana programme at every state capital on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**
- b) **On 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023 the NEC meeting will be held at New Delhi.** The details will be circulated later on.
- c) **Mass Dharana Programme at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023.**
- d) Decided to the participated in the **JFME meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at New Delhi.**
- e) AIFUCTO will solicit support of all the constituent of JFME for the state level programme on 1<sup>st</sup> August & Central level programme on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023.
- f) Steps will be taken for United action along with JFME, JNUTA and other like minded organization.

**Organizational Decision :**

a) **Support to issues of Nagaland Teachers:**

AIFUCTO NEC resolved to support all the issues of Nagaland Teachers which includes absorption of contractual and their regular salaries, age of superannuation to 65 years, regular appointment, no new college opening without permanent faculty establishment of state university and promotion

of teacher up to Professorship, upgradation more college to the PG status, old pension scheme to all, research environment with research funding etc.

b) **Life membership to Dr. Damodaran:**

Dr. Damodaran, former National Secretary of AIFUCTO has been given the recognition of life members.

c) **Presentation of audited report of income and expenditure of academic conference held at Kurukhetra:**

AIFUCTO Zonal Secretary and Convenor of the academic conference Prof.Narendra Singh Chahar presented audited report of Income and Expenditure of academic conference held at Kurukhetra. It is a matter of great satisfaction that even after organizing the conference in a befitting manner, they have submitted a cheque of 1,92,000 for AIFUCTO in the hands of President and Secretary of AIFUCTO In presence of our Treasurer Prof.D. Kumar.

d) **West Bengal issue :**

A resolution moved by WBCUTA by Prof. Gokul Goswami Joint Secretary and seconded by Prof. B.C. Mandal about the gigantic scam through out West Bengal in the appointment of teachers from Primary to University level was condemned and demanded strong action against the accused in the interest of transparent education system.

**Condolence :**

- a) AIFUCTO NEC condoled the untimely tragic death of many people in the recent train tragedy occurred at Bahanaga, Balasore, Odisha and prayed for their soul to rest in peace. AIFUCTO also demanded adequate compensation to the victims of tragedy.

b) AIFUCTO also condoled the death of veteran teacher leader of Odisha and the President of Nikhila Utkal Sikskhaka Mahasanga Sri Nikunja Kishore Mohanty who passed away recently due to serious cardiac arrest.

The NEC and National Seminar of AIFUCTO held at Kohima has given a clear and loud message for solidarity and united struggle in the coming days to force a stubborn and undemocratic Central Govt. to respond to the democratic voice of our to save education, save campus and save nation. Affiliates of AIFUCTO are requested to respond to the present challenges posed by corporate- communal combinational to demolish the ethos of constitution by revitalizing their organization set-up. Hope lies in the struggle and struggle is the only alternative.

Long Live AIFUCTO

Long Live Teachers Unity

Prof. Keshab Bhattacharaya

President



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**AIFUCTO CIRCULAR NO -7/2022-23**

**Dated:17.07.2023**

Dear Friends,

Warm Greetings and Best Wishes.

I hope in the meantime you must have made preparations for successful implementation of AIFUCTO and JFME programs of frontal protest against the undemocratic and retrograde mind set of the Central government and unusual enthusiasm by some of the state government to implement NEP 2020. Rightly AIFUCTO and JFME has decided to carry on programs of various protest against NEP both at the centre and state level. Please do sit and organize all likeminded forces to have united resistance against the NEP 2020 and other related issues.

**\*The state level protest program on<sup>st</sup>1 August2023 followed by massive protest at New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup>3 September2023 has to be made successful with all our determination and commitment\*.**

Coming days are most crucial for all of us. Our national charter of Demands include Rejection of NEP2020, Restoration of old pension scheme, Filling up all teaching and non teaching posts on regular basis, Dignified service conditions and 10% GDP on Education. In the state level protest movement discussing with all stake holders and JFME constituents you can highlight state specific issues including the service related problems. Widespread sensitization programs be vigorously pursued through organizational meeting, Meeting of the concerned citizens, using electronic and print media and above all organizations committed to inclusive education starting from anganvadi, Women's organizations and trade unions. Friends no stone be left unturned to make our program successful and meaningful. AIFUCTO affiliates in the state have to play the pioneering and coordinating role.

## **Situation in South Asian University New Delhi**

As a sordid reflection of privatization in the field of education, the authority of the South Asian University of SAARC nation without respect to the Democratic norm has suspended four faculty members of the university. AIFUCTO in a strong worded condemnation of this

unfortunate incident to the media as well as the authority of the University has demanded immediate reinstatement of the faculty and restoration of all privileges.

Friends coming days are very crucial for all of us. Only through organized vigorous protest movement we can save the situation and ensure the continuance of our democratic, secular, scientific and inclusive education system which we all have received as a great legacy of glorious freedom struggle.

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With fraternal Greetings,



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**AIFUCTO CN/08/2022-23**

**Date: 02-09-2023**

To

**All NEC members/Leaders of Affiliates/ Members of AIFUCTO**

**Dear Friends,**

Warm Greetings and Best Wishes

In the meantime you must have made all organizational preparedness to make our Demonstration **program at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** Congratulation to all our members for exhibiting their strength and solidarity in making 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 program in the state level a grand success. A online meeting of the AIFUCTO NEC was held on **20<sup>th</sup> August 2023** and discussed threadbare our professional issues and AIFUCTO-JFME call of **13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** The Mass Demonstration will be held at **Jantar Mantar on 13th September 2023.** All our members are requested to assemble there by **10.30AM** with their banners, Posters and placards. Please ensure Massive participation in the Demonstration. Coordinate JFME constituents of your state and make sure their participation. A committee under the **Convenor ship of Dr D.Kumar, AIFUCTO** Treasurer has been constituted to coordinate all necessary works in New Delhi related to our Demonstration program and coordinate JFME leadership at NewDelhi. The other members of the committee are **Prof Vinaya Sofat, Punjab, Prof.Narendra Singh,Haryana. Prof.Ramlal Sharma, Himachal Pradesh,Prof.Mojapal Singh,Uttar Pradesh and Prof.Raghuraj Parihar,Rajasthan.**

AIFUCTO NEC vehemently condemned the failure of state and central government in Manipur and expressed its solidarity with the citizens of the state for complete harmony & peace .AIFUCTO called upon the teacher fraternity across the country to stand with people of Manipur.



### NEC of AIFUCTO:

On the eve of our New Delhi program a meeting of National Executive Body will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> September,2023 05.00 PM in the premises of Gandhi Peace Foundation, DeenDayal Marg, New Delhi.** All members of the NEC are requested to attend this crucial meeting without fail.

### JFME Meeting:

A virtual meeting of JFME was held on 01<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Prof. Kesaba Bhattacharya, President and Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar General Secretary, Prof. V. Ravi, Vice President AIFUCTO attended the meeting. Elaborate discussion was made to make New Delhi Demonstration Program a grand success.

### Hyderabad Program:

General Secretary of AIFUCTO Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar had been to Hyderabad on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. He met the leadership of school, College also University of Osmania and appealed to them to Join in the New Delhi Demonstration program. Besides a meeting of intellectuals was held at **Sundaraya Hall, Hyderabad** by Affiliates of AIFUCTO Telengana. They discussed on the unfortunate development of Manipur and appealed for positive role of intellectuals to restore peace and friendship in the region. **Prof. J. Ratnaprabhakar, Vice President AIFUCTO presided over the meeting. Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Amiya Kumar Mohanty, Dr. V Ravi addressed the gathering.**

### Charter of Demand

Dear Friends, New Delhi Demonstration on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 is an acid test for our organizational strength to compel an undemocratic as well as retrograde mind set of Central Government to respond positively to the Democratic voice of the nation. United struggle is the only answer to **Save our Nation, Save our campus and save Education.** I am confident that leadership of AIFUCTO will rise to this historic occasion of a great congregation at New Delhi to respond forcefully to the present mindset of the ruling circle at New Delhi.

Fraternally Yours,



**Prof. (Dr.) Kesaba Bhattacharya**  
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**AIFUCTO General Secretary**

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06.08.2023

## **URGENT NOTICE FOR AIFUCTO SECRETARIAT AND NEC MEETING.**

Dear Friends,  
Warm Greetings and Best Wishes.

This is for your kind information that:

- 1) AIFUCTO Secretariat meeting (online) will be held on 20.08.2023 at 11.00 AM (before noon).
- 2) AIFUCTO NEC (National Executive Meeting) will take place on the same day i.e. on 20.08.2023 (Sunday) at 1.00 PM (Noon).

### **Issues to be discussed.**

- a) Reporting by GS on recent developments.
- b) Mass Procession in Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- c) Next AIFUCTO Statutory Conference.
- d) Any issue with the permission of the Chair.

Friends/Comrades, I request you all Office bearers, NEC members and State leaders to join the meeting positively in time.

**Note: Both meetings will be held on Google Meet. Separate Link will be sent one hour before the meeting.**

Regards,



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## Press Release

Patna/New Delhi

28<sup>th</sup> June'2023

### 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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Press Release

30th July, 2023  
Patna/New Delhi:

## **Withdraw NEP, Protest on 1st August, 2023 in states, Massive Demonstration on 13th September in Delhi.**

All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO) and Joint Forum for Movement on Education (JFME) have called up on the teaching fraternity across the country to organise protest at state level on 1st August, 2023 demanding withdrawal of NEP, Implementation of OPS and to end the adhocism in the entire system of education.

In a press statement issued today General Secretary, AIFUCTO Prof. Arun Kumar said that NEP -2020 has been imposed upon the collective wisdom of the nation without consulting the stakeholders. Neither the parliament nor the state governments have been taken into confidence. AIFUCTO along with JFME manifested through many programs of action to attract attention of the central government from 2020 but did not find democratic response. AIFUCTO and all the contingents of JFME have firm view that the NEP-2020 is an attempt to Centralize, Corporatize, Commercialize and Communalize the system of Education. In NEP-2020 constitutional ethos, democratic values, secularism, federalism and social justice have been seriously and intensionally ignored. NEP-2020 is un-democratic, un-scientific, retrograde and exclusionary in nature. This NEP is against the poor, girls, minorities and marginalized section of societies because the whole system has been shifted from grant to loan. Education System of the nation is in deep crisis.

Being failed in all our previous attempts to arouse the democratic conscience of the Government of India, **AIFUCTO with JFME decided to organise protests at state levels on 1st August, 2023 and Massive Demonstration on 13th September, 2023 in Delhi. Our charter of demands include Withdraw NEP, Restore OPS, 10% GDP for Education. Absorb/regularise the services ad-hoc/part-time/guest teachers/contractual/block grant employees and provide them dignified salary and security of service like pension, gratuity etc. Along these issues, state level demands must be included.**

AIFUCTO called upon the teaching fraternity across the country to come forward to lodge our intense protest to save our public system of education and its democratic, secular, scientific and federal character .

AIFUCTO & JFME appeals the Government of India not to impose common syllabus, cuet, virtual university, BoG, budget cut and blended mode of learning which is complete against the common mass of the entire nation, diversities of our nation and exclusionary for the poor and marginalised section of the society.

AIFUCTO hopes that good sense will prevail to the Central Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan for discussion with all stakeholders including AIFUCTO to save campus, save education, save nation.

Request for publication.

With regards,



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# JOINT ACTION COUNCIL OF COLLEGE TEACHERS (JAC), TAMILNADU

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To

19.07.2023

The Editor

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Madurai

Dear Sir/Madam,

We kindly request you to publish the following news in your esteemed daily/ TV/ news media so as to reach the people across Tamilnadu.

Thank you.

**Withdraw immediately the substandard "Common Curriculum/Syllabus" forcibly imposed by TANSCHÉ on all Higher Education Institutions which takes away the "autonomy" accorded by UGC, violating the Tamil Nadu Universities Act!.**

The Joint Action Council of College Teachers (JAC) is a confederation of three college teachers' associations, namely Madurai Kamaraj, Manonmaniam Sundaranar, Mother Teresa and Alagappa University College Teachers' Association (MUTA), Tamil Nadu Government College Teachers Association (TNGCTA) and Association of University Teachers (AUT). About ten thousand college teachers are members of these three organizations throughout Tamil Nadu.

Following JAC's Hunger Strike agitation to withdraw the "Common Curriculum/Syllabus" for all Universities, Colleges and Autonomous Colleges across Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education (TANSCHÉ) invited JAC for talks on 12.07.2023 at 11 am.

A Common Curriculum/Syllabus across Tamil Nadu takes away the autonomy of the universities and the Autonomous status accorded by UGC, and the syllabus, too, needs to be updated in contravention of the claim of TANSCHÉ.

There is no "common syllabus", even in the world's most developed and advanced countries in education. For language subjects like Tamil and English, a Common syllabus cannot even be imagined.

It is still a question whether the Tamil Nadu Government or the Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council held any consultation meeting before deciding to have a Common syllabus for higher education Institutions in Tamil Nadu.



JAC advanced several arguments about how the common syllabus erodes autonomy and serves no purpose as TANSICHE envisages but brings in lots of trouble in higher education. In addition to that, the concept of a “common syllabus” is not legally tenable.

Will TANSICHE prepare the syllabus once in three years? If so, what would be the role of more than 500 Boards of Studies in 13 universities? Doesn't it take away the autonomy of the universities?

The Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council Deputy Chairman replied, "We have sent only Model Syllabus" to all higher education institutions. There is no “common syllabus.” It is the prerogative of the Boards of Studies of the respective universities to accept or reject the model syllabus sent by TANSICHE. TANSICHE has never forced anyone”, he said.

Hence, JAC has requested TANSICHE officials to send a circular stating that there is no common syllabus and that it is up to the University to decide on Model Syllabus. As per our request, they also promised to send a circular as per the outcome of the meeting. Therefore, after speaking with them and considering the decisions taken unanimously, JAC also issued a press release based on the decisions made in the meeting held on 12.07.2023 with Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council.

But the next day, in stark contrast to the outcomes of the talks held on 12.07.2023, the Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council issued a press report that the "Common Syllabus" had been implemented in Tamil Nadu and was welcomed all over. This has sent shocks to the more than ten thousand college teachers across Tamil Nadu.

JAC's online General Council meeting was convened on 14.07.2023 at 7 pm.to take stock of the latest development in TANSICHE.

In that meeting, there was a detailed discussion about the "Common Syllabus" imposed on all state Universities and Colleges across Tamil Nadu under the guise of a "Model Syllabus".

JAC recorded its dissatisfaction over the Press release of the TANSICHE, signed by the Member-Secretary, contrary to the views expressed in the meeting with the TANSICHE.

Further, the JAC General Council has decided to hold a series of protests to demand the withdrawal of the "Common Syllabus" imposed on higher educational institutions in Tamil Nadu.

1. 17.07.2023 Demonstration in front of the college campus and Badge wearing (Successfully Completed)
2. 19.07.2023 press meet at Madurai
3. Signature campaign against the common syllabus
4. 21.07.2023 – Demonstration in front of the State Universities
5. 25.07.2023- Paying Back the TA/DA to TANSICHE - protest

The General Council of JAC will meet and decide on the next action plan.

M. Nagarajan

Convenor, JAC

19.07.2023

# Demonstration programmes of different State Units











# Some glimpses of Kohima NEC









# NEC at New Delhi





# Call of JFME

**AIFUCTO - JFME**

**CLARION CALL**

**MARCH TO NEW DELHI - 13th SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SAVE EDUCATION , SAVE CAMPUS , SAVE NATION**

Roll Back Anti People,Anti poor NEP 2020.

Restore Old Pension Scheme .

Withdraw all common National Entrance Tests like CUET, NIIT etc.

Minimum 10 percent GDP on Education .

Absorb / Regularise the services of Adhoc/Part time/Contractual/Block Grant Employees.

Fill up all vacant Teaching and Non Teaching posts on permanent basis from primary to university.

Reinstate all scholarship for minorities and SC/ST/OBC students.

No closure and merger of schools and colleges.

Protect Secular, Democratic and Scientific character of Education.

Regular & full payment of Grant in Aid institutions .

Non Aided Institution be brought under Grant in Aid fold.

Maintain multi cultural, multi religious ,multi lingual identity of the nation.

Ensure Academic Autonomy,Democratic Governance in universities .

Regular Students Union Elections and students representation in all academic bodies.

No to National Research Fund in the present shape.

Withdraw retrograde Gujarat Common University Bill.

No to Online Teaching and Admission.

No to Digital & Virtual University.

Protect Federal Structure and Democracy of the nation.

Maintain Consultative status to all Teachers' organizations.



**EDUCATION IS NEITHER FOR PROFIT, NOR FOR SALE  
IT IS FOR HUMAN LIBERATION.**

**13 सितम्बर, 2023 को दिल्ली चलो..... दिल्ली चलो.....**

**AIFUCTO & JFME का आह्वान.....**

- 1) गरीब विरोधी और देश विरोधी शिक्षानीति वापस लो
- 2) शिक्षा को बेचना बंद करो।
- 3) ग्रांट से ऋण की ओर धकेलना बंद करो।
- 4) शिक्षा के लोकतांत्रिक, धर्मनिरपेक्ष, वैज्ञानिक मूल्यों की रक्षा करो।
- 5) एडहॉक, अतिथि आदि शिक्षकों कर्मियों की सेवा नियमित करो।
- 6) सबों को पुराना पेंशन दो।
- 7) अनुदानित विद्यालयों, महाविद्यालयों को समय पर पूर्ण और नियमित अनुदान दो।
- 8) शिक्षा का बजट कम-से-कम जीडीपी का 10% करो।
- 9) विश्वविद्यालयों/महाविद्यालयों और विश्वविद्यालयों की बंदी, मर्जर की योजना वापस लो।
- 10) पाठ्यक्रमों में मनमाना परिवर्तन बंद करो।
- 11) आनलाइन नामांकन और पढ़ाई पर रोक लगाओ।
- 12) सभी संस्थानों में खाली पदों पर स्थायी बहाली करो।
- 13) आभासी विश्वविद्यालय की अवधारणा वापस करो।
- 14) शिक्षा क्षेत्र में जारी व्यापक भ्रष्टाचार को खत्म करो।
- 15) शिक्षक कर्मचारियों और छात्रों के लोकतांत्रिक अधिकारों की रक्षा करो।
- 16) देश की धार्मिक, भाषाई, सांस्कृतिक विविधताओं की रक्षा करो।
- 17) देश की संघीय ढांचा का सम्मान करो, शिक्षा नीति पर राज्यों को विश्वास लो।



देश भर के प्राथमिक से विश्वविद्यालय तक के शिक्षकों, कर्मियों, छात्र संगठनों और विज्ञान से लेकर शिक्षा पर सक्रिय राष्ट्रीय संगठनों का संयुक्त आह्वान।

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