

ALL INDIA FORUM FOR RIGHT TO EDUCATION (AIFRTE)

National Seminar on

‘The Crisis in Indian Education – Strategy for an Alternative’

A. N. Sinha Institute, Gandhi Maidan, Patna, Saturday, 22nd September 2018

SESSION-WISE PLAN - THIRD DRAFT (22/08/2018)

Registration: From 08:30 am onwards with Tea/Coffee

Inaugural Session: 09:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Presidium: Prof. Zhatsu Terhuja, Dimapur, Nagaland; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE & Formerly Deptt. of Education, Patkai Christian College, Nagaland; and Sh. Prabhakar Arade, President, All India Federation of Elementary Teachers Organisations (AIFETO); Member, Presidium, AIFRTE

- Inspirational Songs
- Welcome: Prof. Wasi Ahmed, Patna; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE & Chairperson, National Seminar Sanchaalan Samiti (Bihar Ikai); Formerly National Joint Secretary, AIFUCTO.
- Introductory Remarks: Dr. Meher Engineer, Kolkata; Chairperson, AIFRTE and Formerly Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata & President, Indian Academy of Social Science.
- National Seminar - Its Context, Purpose & Expectations: Dr. M. Gangadhar, Warangal; Telangana Save Education Committee and Member, Secretariat & Treasurer, AIFRTE; Formerly President, Democratic Teachers Front, Telangana.
- Inaugural Address: Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Emeritus Professor of Economics, JNU.

Presidium's Remarks

Session II: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Defining the Crisis in Indian Education - Part I: Exclusion vs. Struggles for Equality and Social Justice

Chairperson: Prof. Anil Sadgopal, Shiksha Adhikar Manch, Bhopal, M.P.; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE; Member, Common School System Commission (2006-07), Bihar Government; Formerly Dean, Faculty of Education, Delhi University.

- Deconstructing Exclusion as a Political Phenomenon: Dr. Vikas Gupta, Deptt. of History, Delhi University; Organising Secretary, AIFRTE.

- Countering Educational Policy of Exclusion: Dr. Shivani Nag, School of Education Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi; Member, National Executive, AIFRTE.

- Knowledge as Means for Exclusion or Emancipation?: Prof. Madhu Prasad, Member, Presidium & National Spokesperson, AIFRTE; Formerly Deptt. of Philosophy, Zakir Husain College, Delhi University.

- Curriculum as Means for Exclusion or Social Transformation?: Dr. V. Prasad, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.

- Language for Global Knowledge: Prof. Joga Singh, Patiala, Punjab; Formerly Deptt. of Linguistics, Punjabi University.

Open House (Written Questions)

Chairperson's Remarks

NO TEA BREAK: Tea to be served by volunteers during the interface between Session II and Session III.

Session III: 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM

Defining the Crisis in Indian Education - Part II: Dismantling Federalism and Movements for Autonomy of Democratic Structures

Chairperson: Prof. G. Haragopal, Telangana Save Education Committee, Hyderabad; Professor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE; Chairperson, All-India Steering Committee for National Seminar, AIFRTE; Formerly, ICSSR National Fellow

- Dismantling Federalism as a Political Phenomenon and Resistance from the States & Educational Institutions: Com. Prince Gajendra Babu, Chennai; General Secretary, State Platform for Common School System, Tamilnadu; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.

- Institutional & Intellectual Autonomy in Federal Polity - An Alternative Vision: Prof. Ravi Kumar, South Asian University, New Delhi.

- Narratives of Struggles for Autonomy of Educational Institutions & Faculty along with Democratic Functioning: Prof. Arun Kumar, Muzaffarpur, Bihar; General Secretary, AIFUCTO.

Open House (Written Questions)

Chairperson's Remarks

WORKING LUNCH BREAK

Session IV: 02:15 PM to 03:45 PM

Defining the Crisis in Indian Education - Part III: Undermining the Legacy of the Freedom Struggle and the Constitution vs. Resisting the Hegemony of Brahminism, Caste System, Patriarchy, Irrationality & Religious Bigotry - Learning from the Legacy and Reinforcing the Constitution:

Presidium: Dr. Meher Engineer, Kolkata; Chairperson, AIFRTE; Formerly Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata & President, Indian Academy of Social Science; and Sh. Rajendra Rajan, National General Secretary, Pragatisheel Lekhak Sangh, Godargama, Distt. Begusarai, Bihar.

- Prof. K. Chakradhar Rao, Hyderabad; President, Telangana Save Education Committee; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE; Formerly Department of Economics, Osmania University.
- Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Formerly Vice Chancellor, M. S. University, Tamilnadu; Member, Advisory Board, AIFRTE.
- Prof. Shamsul Islam, Nishant Natya Manch, Gurgaon, Haryana; Formerly Deptt. of Political Science, Delhi University.

- Prof. Harjinder Singh 'Laltu', Writer & Poet; IIIT, Hyderabad.
- Prof. Virendra Narayan Yadav, MLC, Chhapra, Bihar; Head, Deptt. of Hindi & Dean, Humanities, Jaiprakash Narayan University, Bihar; Vice President, Federation of University & College Service Teachers Association of Bihar (FUSTAB).
- Com. Ramesh Bijekar, Satya Shodhak Shikshak Sangathana, Nagpur, Maharashtra; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.
- Prof. Nandita Narain, Deptt. of Mathematics, St. Stephens College, Delhi University; Formerly President, DUTA & FEDCUTA.

Open House (Written Questions)

Presidium's Remarks

TEA BREAK: 3:45 PM to 04:00 PM

Session V: 04:00 PM to 05:30 PM

Democratic Vision of Education and Strategy for the Alternative

Presidium: Prof. K. Chakradhar Rao, Hyderabad; President, Telangana Save Education Committee; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE; Formerly Department of Economics, Osmania University and Sh. Satyendra Kumar, Pragatisheel Lekhak Sangh, Gaya, Bihar.

- Com. Ramesh Patnaik, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh; A. P. Save Education Committee; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.
- Ms. Mallige, Mandya, Karnataka; Samaana Shikshanakagi Janaandolana, Karnataka; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.
- Sh. Surjit Thokchom, Synroplang, Shillong, Meghalaya; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.
- Dr. Swati D., Samaajwadi Jan Parishad, Varanasi, U.P.; Member, Secretariat, AIFRTE.
- Sh. Anand Patel, Samaan Shiksha Abhiyan, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- Ms. Yasmin Bano, Bihar Shiksha Adhikar Manch, Bhagalpur, Bihar.
- Dr. Milind Wagh, Nashik, Maharashtra; Shikshan Bazaarikaran Virodhi Manch, Maharashtra; Member, National Executive, AIFRTE.

Open House (Written Questions)

Presidium's Remarks

Session VI: 05:30 PM to 06:30 PM

Patna Resolution & its Adoption

Presidium: Dr. Vikas Gupta, Delhi; Organising Secretary, AIFRTE; Sh. Kedarnath Pandey MLC, Patna; President, Bihar Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh; Member, Advisory Board, AIFRTE; and Dr. Bholu Paswan, Patna; General Secretary, Bihar Araajpatrit Parambhik Shikshak Sangh; Member, National Executive, AIFRTE.

**Part A - Panel: Representatives of All India Student Organisations
Suggestions for Change (if any) and Commitments**

Part B - Patna Resolution Drafting Committee (In Chair): Presentation of written submissions on Patna Resolution followed by the Drafting Committee's statement on the method of incorporation of suggestions and finalisation of the Resolution.

Chairperson, AIFRTE moves for adoption of the Patna Resolution.

Valedictory Session: 06:30 PM to 07:15 PM

Chairperson: Prof. Wasi Ahmed, Patna; Member, Presidium, AIFRTE & Chairperson, National Seminar Sanchaalan Samiti (Bihar Ikai); Formerly National Joint Secretary, AIFUCTO.

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Revolutionary Song involving the audience followed by dispersal.
