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## Raipur Declaration

It is in challenging times that we have gathered here in Raipur for the National Conference of All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO). Peace continues to be fragile. Our most cherished ideals – democracy, secularism, equality, liberty, fraternity and sustainable environment – are under immense attack. Flames of war are raging around us, clouding the voices of sanity. The grains we eat to the Earth we live are denied to us. On one side, there is opulence, on the other, squalor. Islands of wealth are floating in oceans of destitution. While forces of darkness are trying to push us into an abyss, the quest for an alternative, with a candle of knowledge in its hand, is pointing to the ‘light at the end of the tunnel’. It is upon us to realise and help people realise the inherent strength of WE and lead the march for this alternative.

**Economic War:** In economy lie, many of our problems. IMF’s *World Economic Outlook, October 2019* Report states that global growth is forecast at 3.0 percent for 2019, its lowest level since 2008–09 and a 0.3 percentage point downgrade from April 2019. Ironically, these slowdowns are not having any impact on the increasing wealth of the rich, while they are wreaking havoc in the lives of the common people and reducing their income generating capacities.

**War against Equality:** Below stated facts tells us that we are living in a most unequal world:

- The world’s 10 richest billionaires own \$745 billion in combined wealth, a sum greater than the total goods and services most nations produce on an annual basis.
- The wealth of the world’s billionaires increased \$900 billion, which is \$2.5 billion a day in the last year.
- 26 people owned the same as the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of humanity.
- In 2009 the wealth of 380 billionaires equalled the wealth of world’s poorest 50 percent, but in 2017, the wealth of 42 billionaires is sufficient.
- In some countries the poorest 10 percent are paying a higher proportion of their incomes in tax than the richest 10 percent.
- Every day 10,000 people die because they lack access to affordable healthcare.
- Men own 50 percent more of the world's wealth than women, and control over 86 percent of corporations. The unpaid care work done by women is estimated at \$10 trillion.
- The top 10 percent of the Indian population holds 77 percent of the total national wealth.
- 73 percent of the wealth generated in 2017 went to the richest 1 percent, while 67 million Indians who comprise the poorest half of the population saw only a 1 percent increase in their wealth.

- There are 119 billionaires in India and their number has increased from only 9 in 2000 to 101 in 2017.
- Billionaires' fortunes increased by almost 10 times over a decade and their total wealth is higher than the entire Union budget of India for the fiscal year 2018-19, which was at Rs 24,422 billion.
- Many ordinary Indians are not able to access the health care they need. India accounts for 17 percent of global maternal deaths, and 21 percent of deaths among children below five years. 63 million of our countrypeople are pushed into poverty because of healthcare costs every year – almost two people every second.
- It would take 941 years for a minimum wage worker in rural India to earn what the top paid executive at a leading Indian garment company earns in a year.

**Trade Wars:** The ongoing trade wars unleashed by the US on various countries, particularly China, is wreaking havoc on the global economy. The US intends to weaken Chinese economy by these measures and ensure that no country can rise to such a position and challenge its hegemony.

**Sanctions:** Sanctions are another weapon in the economic arsenal of the US, that are used to subvert independent countries that do not accept its hegemony. Economic sanctions on Cuba, initiated in 1960, are still continuing. The US had invoked the Title III of Helms-Burton Act on Cuba for the first time since its enactment in 1996. This is intended to act as a deterrent to all those international companies doing business in Cuba and strengthen the restrictions on US citizens traveling to Cuba. Apart from Cuba, another country that was targeted by the US is Venezuela. USA has imposed a sweeping economic embargo against Venezuela. It is expanding the black list of companies doing business with Venezuela apart from sanctions on oil, mining and banking sector. Efforts are to stifle these countries with the imposition of sanctions, but in vain.

**War against Peace:** While they are whining that there are no resources to feed the hungry of this world, total world military expenditure rose to \$1822 billion (\$1.8 trillion) in 2018, representing an increase of 2.6 per cent from 2017. The five biggest spenders in 2018 were the United States, China, Saudi Arabia, India and France, which together accounted for 60 percent of global military spending. World spending is now 76 percent higher than in 1998. Per capita military spending of the world in 2018 is \$239 per person, showing that there is enough money to kill, but nothing to live! The world's nine nuclear-armed powers are collectively squandering hundreds of billions of dollars to maintain and improve their arsenals. Despite the end to the Cold War, NATO continues to exist with ever increasing military interventions. Tensions between nuclear-armed states are on the rise. Key treaties are under threat. To give future generations the chance to eliminate nuclear danger, our generation must act decisively to eliminate the threat of nuclear war.

**War in West Asia/North Africa:** A weapon produced, craves for use. They are used by Saudi Arabia, backed by the US, to bombard Yemen, killing thousands of citizens. Hundreds of thousands of people are suffering from lack of food basic

health services and other amenities. Libya is rampaged. Israel had carried out drone attacks on Lebanon and Syria and fired missiles into these countries claiming territories and also accusing them of supporting the Palestinian cause. Palestinian peoples' protests against Israeli occupation and demanding their right to return to their homeland are being brutally suppressed by the Israeli forces. US withdrawal from the agreement reached with Iran and re-imposition of sanctions has once again led to tensions and it is threatening Iran with war. US is forcing countries to stop all their trade dealings with Iran. These moves are detrimental to the peace and stability of the entire world.

**Cyber War:** Computers, ipads, smartphones and all the electronic devices that we use are converted into weapons. Software is the ammunition and through the introduction of various viruses our data is being stolen and subverted. Pegasus, a virus introduced by State agencies in Whatsapp was used to spy on citizens of our country. This is the creation of Israeli defence agencies. Installation of spyware, sabotaging modern industrial facilities through sending viruses, spying and snooping on communication networks have become important weapons in the attempts to destabilise countries. Attempts to wreak the electric grid in Venezuela is a glaring examples. In 2009, a purposely written piece of malicious software damaged Iranian nuclear centrifuges. The same could now happen anywhere. Hackers could be directed to place artificially intelligent software routines (logic bombs) inside control systems, which could be activated when a certain signal is received.

**Space War:** The use of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction in space is currently banned under the Outer Space Treaty and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty. But not all nuclear armed nations have ratified including the US. In August 2019, US had declared the establishment of US Space Command, which is considered as the next crucial step toward the creation of an independent Space Force, an additional armed service. A frightening reality that recent war gaming exercises have driven home is that space war escalates very quickly. And they can escalate from space to nuclear, resulting in complete annihilation.

**War against Earth:** 2018 was the fourth warmest year on record in all four of the major global temperature datasets. Only 2015, 2016, and 2017 were warmer. Many regions experienced record-warm years, including Europe, West Asia, New Zealand and the surrounding oceans. The 10 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1998, and 9 of the 10 have occurred since 2005. The Report, *The Global Climate in 2015-2019*, released by the UN says that global average temperature has increased by 1.1°C since the pre-industrial period, and by 0.2°C compared to 2011-2015. The tell-tale signs and impacts of climate change such as sea level rise, ice loss and extreme weather, increased during 2015-2019. Sea level rise and intense tropical storms lead to humanitarian and economic catastrophes. More than 90 percent of the natural disasters are related to weather. The dominant disasters are storms and flooding. Heatwaves and drought have led to human losses, intensification of forest fires and loss of harvest. Wildfires are strongly influenced by weather and climate phenomena. Drought substantially increases the risk of wildfire in most forest regions, with a particularly strong influence on long-lived fires. The three largest economic losses on record from wildfires have all occurred in the last

four years. The wildfires in Amazon and Australia are the most glaring examples of the havoc caused by such fires. The greed to clear forest cover, exploit natural resources and hand them over to corporate profiteering by changing the environmental laws is also responsible for the catastrophes that we are witnessing today.

**War against Unity:** 'Divide and Rule', yesterday's colonial policy, continues to be today's imperial policy. Right-wing forces are gaining ascendancy in many countries by trying to divide people on the basis of religion, race, ethnicity and region. Rousing passions, racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, spreading hatred, suppression of democratic rights and civil liberties have all been brought into play to disrupt growing popular unity. The sharpening of communal polarisation in our country is leading to the generation of an atmosphere of hate, intolerance and violence across the country. Muslim minorities have been assaulted either on allegations of eating beef, or by forcing them to chant '*Jai Shri Ram*', or on the basis of the dress they wear.

**War against our Constitution:** To break the unity of our country people, our Constitution, a thread that binds people together is being torn asunder. There has been an unprecedented rise in the attacks on democracy, secularism, federalism, human rights and civil liberties.

It is nearly five months now since Jammu & Kashmir was deprived of its special status and statehood, constituting a serious attack on India's Constitutional guarantees. Normal life in the state was disrupted, particularly in the Kashmir valley, through the isolation of the state, prohibition of all communication avenues, shops and schools remaining closed and with no public transport functioning.

This government has revived the preparation of the National Population Register (NPR). This is being done in preparation for an all India NRC on the basis of this NPR. Central Government has already directed construction of buildings to be used as detention centres. In this background, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) was passed in the parliament. All these processes put together is clearly an indication that it is meant to sharpen polarisation by targeting certain sections of the people. Granting citizenship on the basis of religion violates the fundamental foundations of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees not only citizenship, but also fundamental rights 'irrespective of caste, creed or sex'.

Our famed foreign policy of standing by oppressed people and developing countries is given a burial. NAM is no more a priority. Relations with our neighbours are at rock bottom. US, Israel, Japan, Brazil and such other right-wing, reactionary governments are our new found friends.

With slogans like '*One nation, One election*', '*One nation, One leader*', '*One Nation, One Language*', attacks on all aspects of India's diversity are mounting, violating the fundamental features of our Constitution. The need for a multi-party system in India is also being questioned.

An amendment to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) has been passed where the government has now legal authority to declare any individual as a terrorist in any state and need not inform the concerned state government.

The RTI Bill has been amended virtually nullifying the right to information. This is completely violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Triple Talaq Bill has been passed which criminalises the breakdown of a civil contract of marriage.

A large number of people are being arrested for even sharing social media posts, terming them as 'objectionable content'. This is intended to create a sense of fear in the social media where authors, writers and individuals are being targeted. On the other hand, spread of hatred and intolerance, attacks on minorities and dalits, targeting social and human rights activists in the name of 'urban naxals', or, 'tukde tukde gang', etc is going on. The objective is to silence all expressions of dissent.

**These attacks are not going unchallenged.** Workers, students, women, children and many others sections of the society are coming out in protests challenging the war on their livelihood and attempts to silence their voices. They are out on the streets to change the present reality for a better future.

**Workers:** Workers are resisting the attacks on their hard won rights by organising sustained protests, which have become the new norm in many countries. Virtually no country is untouched by these protests raging across the globe. Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Mexico, US, Canada, UK, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Romania, Russia, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, South Africa, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand have all witnessed protests during this period. Many of these protests are continuing for months together.

**Students:** In Chile, Brazil, US, Canada, West Papua thousands of students were joined by people in the large scale protest actions against government's attacks on education. In more than 2,300 cities students have come out protesting against government ineptitude to address the issue of climate change.

**Women:** In Ecuador, Spain, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and in many other countries, women are leading protests against growing gender violence.

**And our country is not far behind.** Workers, peasants, students, youth, women and people cutting across all religions, castes, nationalities, ethnicities are out on the streets questioning, challenging and protesting the war that is waged on them.

In the background of this reality that is staring at us, confronting and challenging us, we who have gathered here in the Raipur National Conference declare that:

**AIPSO is** for peace and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and all kinds of weapons of mass destruction

**AIPSO stands in solidarity** with Palestine, Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia and all the people fighting for their just rights and a better society

**AIPSO will** protect the environment and Mother Earth from the catastrophic climate change

**AIPSO stands** in defence of all those workers, students and women who are fighting for their rights

**AIPSO is together** with all those forces who are fighting to defend the values of our Constitution

**AIPSO opposes** the abrogation of Article 370.

**AIPSO is** against the CAA, NPR and NRC

**AIPSO stands** for youth empowerment and is against drugs and other such narcotics that are detrimental to social progress

AIPSO, inheriting the rich legacy of Indian struggle for freedom, calls upon all the peace loving, patriotic and democratic minded people to reclaim the idea of India – that idea which we had proudly announced in the very first page of Indian Constitution:

**WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA**, solemnly resolved in the Preamble of our Constitution to:

“constitute India into a **SOVEREIGN, SOCIALIST, SECULAR, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC** and to secure to all its citizens

**JUSTICE**, social, economic and political;

**LIBERTY** of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

**EQUALITY** of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all

**FRATERNITY** assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation”.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA will not rest until these ideals are realised.

Neither will WE be silenced, nor will WE allow anybody to be silenced

And to this end, we will ‘educate, organise and agitate’.

For all those who doubt, ‘if there will be singing in these dark times’,

AIPSO answers, ‘YES there will be singing of the dark times’ and it is through the chorus of the voices of the multitude, we are confident that these dark times will be brought to an end.

# Organisation Report

## Introduction

Our national conference is taking place in Raipur, Chhattisgarh under the theme of **“Our country, Our constitution for Peace and Humanity”** in a very disturbing background of international and national developments. The international developments are marked by imperialist aggressions, occupations, local wars, expansions of military bases, policy of regime changes, rightwing and new liberal economic offensive world over and curtail of democratic and human rights. In India too the developments are marked by ruthless attacks on all sections of the people mainly Muslim community, Dalits, Adivasis and ethnic minorities by the ruling BJP government as well as their policy of destroying the secular democratic polity of the country and unlimited concessions to the corporate houses, selling public industries to them, destroying economic foundation of the country bringing different notorious legislations like NRC, NPR, CAB and the downward economic situation. Thus life of the Indian people became so miserable that can ultimately result in balkanization of our motherland.

The developments in the last three years have confirmed that imperialism is aggressively active to control everything. To realise its dream to be the boss of the world, it has increased allocations to its already huge military budget, has enhanced its military presence in all the continents and is trying to extend its area of influence over the markets and rich energy resources of Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America by using all kinds of conflicts and differences including internal disputes of nations and differences within the neighbouring countries. The situations in Palestine, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, Cuba and Bolivia are different in nature but the common element in all cases are the interference of USA in all countries. There is a new trend particularly in Latin America where progressive forces win the Parliamentary or Presidential elections are being opposed, sanctioned and in some cases overthrown by organised mob in the street and supported by the army. The development in Bolivia is the latest example of such cases. Now mobocracy is replacing democracy in all continents.

In our country too mobocracy finds a place in our political discourse. Our country is passing through a very critical situation. Our people are facing challenges from the BJP government at the Centre which represents the interests of the corporate capital, rightwing ideology coupled with the worst form of majoritarian communalism.

Our economy is in a very bad shape and all kinds of obnoxious and obscurantist methods are being resorted by BJP/RSS combine to divide the people and divert their attention from the real problems of daily life. The period has been marked by a brazen Hindutva. The communal incidents, lynchings, and attacks are growing geometrically in all parts of the country particularly in the BJP ruled states. Assaults on educational institutions and students are becoming everyday affairs. Young women are being raped on regular basis in all states. Abrogation of Article 370 put Kashmir and its people in open jail isolated from the rest of the country and the world. Indian constitution is being undermined by all institutions with the support from the central government. Started with move to rewrite the history of



freedom struggles undermining the role of people belonging to all religious groups and all the leaders of freedom struggles and finally the proposed legislation of NRC and recent law of CAA are to destroy the foundation and Idea of India to fulfill the Hindutva project of RSS.

Our foreign policy also drifted towards the right. India had a history from the days of the independence movement to support all freedom struggles throughout the world. This also became the cornerstone of the post-independence foreign policy. The non-aligned movement was not just an expression of not aligning with either of the two power blocs in the world but also a dynamic one of seeking complete decolonization of the world. But today India is following the US and its policies. The initiative to build up a common strategic objective with USA in Asia-Pacific region is becoming real. The relations with neighbouring countries are also not getting improved. The one-eyed policy towards Pakistan has not yielded any results. On the other hand our support and solidarity towards Palestinian people from our pre-independence period are taking a shameful direction.

One of the positive developments is pan-Indian protest by all sections of the society particularly the students community against the CAA and NRC. These protests give us confidence that large sections of our population is not ready to compromise in undermining our Constitution and its values.

The present developments in international and national level proves once again the main focus of **Trivandrum declaration** which could foresee that the world will be moving further right and what will be its implication and impact on our country. **The content of that declaration also forces us to relook into our history, nature of our organisation and to go for necessary changes.**

#### **AIPSO is in the process of transformation**

But the question was what those issues are to be changed and how to proceed.

The issues are the following:

1. How to address the challenges before peace and solidarity movement put forth by the new realities in all areas in the beginning of 21<sup>st</sup> century and
2. Political and organisational preparedness to meet all those challenges by broadening and reaching out all sections of people with appropriate programme as well as inclusive rules of procedure (Constitution) recognizing the diversity and federal character of our country.

The political resolution of **Patna Conference** stated that *“this AIPSO conference will have to resolve to unite the broadest possible sections of peace and democracy loving Indians to voice our opposition to this threat. For this, the present confines of the AIPSO has to be breached. We cannot stay confined to our old self-imposed limits. There are large sections who remain untouched by the imperatives of peace and anti-imperialist solidarity. So, shedding all vestiges of sectarianism, we have to address these challenges”*.

Once again **Puducherry Conference** stated that *“in this context we have to agree that the issue of broadening our organization remains one of the key tasks. It needs proper political understanding among our leadership. They should understand that*

this is not a joint platform of different political parties on the issue of peace and solidarity, rather it is an organization of common Indian people .....”

The **Trivandrum declaration** further emphasizes on the above issues and stated in last paragraph that *“therefore, this Declaration will actively promote independence and multiplicity of voices within the flexible framework of ever broadening unity.*

So the organisation felt that politically it needs to analyse the present world and our tasks, organizationally to recognise its weaknesses that of **1. not to be confined to our self-imposed limits**, that AIPSO is **2. not a joint platform of different political parties**, and our task is to **3. actively promote independence and multiplicity of voices within the flexible framework of ever broadening unity.**

After in-depth debate in different forum the extended General Council has adopted the **new constitution** which stated that *“All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation is **a democratic and pluralistic organization** which firmly stands for enduring world peace and solidarity among nations and peoples of the world.*

*AIPSO believes in progress and well-being of humankind, which is possible only in an environment free from war and conquests, exploitation, discrimination, exclusion, sectarianism, communalism, racism, obscurantism, fundamentalism and where all humans are treated with dignity and as equals; and where natural resources are conserved for future generations.*

*All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation is essentially **a non-partisan**, civil society organisation which brings together all sections of people who love freedom, have faith in democratic values, strive for social justice, respect all human beings, and want to live in an atmosphere of peace and harmony, into collective action and will do its best to realise the above goals”.*

We hope Raipur national conference will be a land mark event to implement the above aims and highlight the organization character to make AIPSO as **people’s organization** to meet present day challenges.

## Part II

### Organisational issue

The political and organisational documents approved by the Trivandrum conference had placed before AIPSO members the future tasks. There are positive responses from many states. There are lots of activities held at state level. But that is not enough to address the present challenges faced by our nation.

This time when we are meeting for the national conference, the state conferences are held in 11 states. They are **Chhattisgarh, Uttrakhand, Punjab, Manipur, MP, Bihar, Kerala, West Bengal, Puducherry, Telengana and Tamilnadu.** A good number of delegates were there in majority of the states on the basis of their memberships. Many important personalities from the Chief Minister to important Writers, Advocates, Social activists and political leaders from different political parties attended the conferences. The membership of the organization has also increased. **Rajasthan** also organized many activities during the last two years. Due to some reason they could not organize its conference.

There are positive responses also from other states like **Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Haryana** to have AIPSO units there. We have to take appropriate initiatives to see that we can form good units in all states of India.

But what is common in majority of the states is that there is no district level organization excluding in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Telengana and Kerala. West Bengal unit recently formed units in some districts. In future we have to overcome these weaknesses.

The positive development in the organization is the independent initiatives of our state level organizations. Bihar, Telengana, Kerala, West Bengal, Puducherry, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Manipur organized many activities apart from the call givens by the national centre.

### **Activities at the National Level**

Since the last national conference, AIPSO leadership organised many events and activities. The secretariat also extended its support and cooperation to other organisations particularly on the issue of solidarity with the people of Palestine, Cuba, Syria, Venezuela and participated in all the joint activities and took part in many international events.

As decided by the Executive meeting in Imphal, the Committee on rewriting the constitution held two days meeting in Puducherry to draft the new constitution. Every member of the committee contributed in the discussions. After long debate the draft was unanimously adopted for further discussions in the General Council meeting. The General Council in its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February unanimously adopted the new constitution.

Punjab state committee has organized the 9<sup>th</sup> India-Vietnam People's Festival in Chandigarh while the centre was responsible to organise their programme in Delhi and Himachal Pradesh. Punjab Committee also have participated the 10<sup>th</sup> India-Vietnam People's Festival in Vietnam with a broad delegation and professional cultural group.

Many activities were also organized on the issue of defending the secular democratic character of our country in many states on their own independent initiatives.

One of the big events which were organized by the centre was the national convention of AIPSO on 27<sup>th</sup> February and General Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The national convention was held at Mavlankar Hall, New Delhi. The convention was attended by more than 500 activists from 13 states. The theme of the convention was **"In defence of the legacy of the Freedom Struggles and the Constitution and the imperative for an Independent Foreign Policy"**.

On 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, AIPSO and National Solidarity Committee with the People of Cuba celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban revolution in New Delhi. This was a very successful meeting. The meeting was attended by Che Guevara's daughter Com. Aleida Guevara March and Fernando Gonzalez Llort, one of the Cuban five and President of ICAP.

A big delegation from AIPSO and National Solidarity Committee with the People of Cuba also attended the Asia-Pacific Solidarity Meeting with Cuba held in Nepal.

Following national calls given by the centre were observed almost in all states:

14<sup>th</sup> April - Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's birthday as "Social Justice Day"

9th May – Victory over Fascism Day

19th - 127<sup>th</sup> birthday of President Ho Chi Minh

5th June - World Environment Day

26th July – Moncada Day--Cuba Solidarity Day

6/ 9th August- Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day

1st September-- World Anti-Imperialist Day

21<sup>st</sup> September – International Day of Peace

28<sup>th</sup> September - Bhagat Singh Birthday

2nd October – Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday: Defend Secularism Day

### **Function of the Secretariat**

Last conference also elected 43 office bearers and a 17-member Secretariat. Looking at the composition of the present Secretariat one can easily understand how difficult it is to hold a meeting of these members on day to day basis. So it was through consultations by telephones/fax/emails majority decisions were taken. Now we have to change the situation for better functioning. The secretariat and the office bearers should be less in numbers and to be available in day to day works.

Moreover the leadership of AIPSO is involved in the organisation on a **part-time basis**. From centre not all leaders are available as fulltime workers for this organization.

State level too the same problem is there. In different states we have offices with all facilities but failed to run as a state centre. We have to overcome the above problems.

### **Membership Campaign**

No serious efforts are made for mass membership campaign. Even in some states the membership fees is so high that it make AIPSO as the organization for the elitist people. This has to be changed otherwise we cannot reach the common people and to involve them in our organization. State Committees can collect donations **but the membership fees should not be more than Rs 100 per year.**

### **Peace and solidarity**

This journal was playing a useful role in propagating our views on different issues and subjects. But unfortunately it is not coming out on regular basis. After the conference the secretariat should take appropriate decision so that journal comes out in a regular basis.

### **Propaganda**

At present we do not have any propoganda mechanism. We should opt for better technologies available today for mass campaigning and projecting our views to grassroots level. We should use the digital platform for our propoganda. We have to start our own website immediately. Our journal also can be available in digital platform.

### **Relations with other organisations**

AIPSO is the Secretary and important regional member of World Peace Council and Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation. In both organizations AIPSO has played an important role in the past. We have to regularize our contacts with the member organizations of AAPSO and WPC.

During the period the leadership took many initiatives to strengthen its relationship with Peace & Solidarity organizations in other countries. We have established once again our contacts with almost all member organizations of WPC and AAPSO.

### **Finance**

Finance is very important for the organisation like AIPSO to carry its day-today work as well as to organise its activities. The new committee has to discuss the issue seriously. Our experience shows that we can mobilise funds if we are active. The audited account will explain our income and expenditure in detail. Acute shortage of funds also limits our day to day activities and our mobility on national and international levels. AIPSO is a secretariat member of WPC and AAPSO. There is a big expectation from other member organisations about our leadership. But due to financial crisis we are not in a position to meet the expectations of our friends.

After the Trivandrum Conference Bihar and Chhattisgarh donated to the central fund Rs.5,00,000 (Five Lakh) and Rs.1,00,00 (One Lakh) respectively. Puducherry and West Bengal contributed few thousands only.

The positive development is that many of our state committees have started paying their membership fees. But it is not enough. We have to pay our membership fees to WPC and AAPSO on a regular basis. We have to have minimum **one crore rupees fixed deposit** for efficiently running the organization. Now we have fixed deposit of Rs.50 Lakh in Bank. We have to take different measures to collect at least 50 lakh within this year (2020) through different activities.

We have to overcome our organizational weaknesses for building a strong peace and solidarity movement. We have to take corrective measures at all levels till next General Council Meeting which will be held at the beginning of 2021 year so that we can overcome above problems and move forward.

### **Political Tasks**

1. To organise various forms of struggle against the communal fascist forces in defence of the secular democratic fabric of our society and Indian Constitution.
2. To redouble our solidarity activities with the people of Palestine, Cuba, Venezuela, Syria and Bolivia and other countries.
3. To take appropriate forms of activities to build friendly relations with neighbouring countries.

4. To organize yearly cultural festival involving cultural organisations devoted to the issue of Peace and Solidarity.
5. To have more joint activities with like minded organisations on issues affecting common people.
6. To play a more active role in WPC and AAPSO in their activities. To organise and co-organise more activities in India and the region.

### **Organisational Tasks**

1. **To collect minimum Five Lakh membership of AIPSO in 2020. Membership campaign will start from 1<sup>st</sup> April and should be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**
2. To organise local conference annually, district conference once in every two years and state conference once in every four years on the basis of mass membership.
3. To have more frequent meetings of the Secretariat and other leading bodies of AIPSO at all levels.
4. To guarantee regular publication of "Peace and Solidarity" with useful content. To initiate a planned subscription campaign so that within six months we can have minimum five thousand subscribers.
5. For better coordination, the central office has to be upgraded with staff and modern office equipment. To start with we will have our own website immediately and digital platforms for fast communications.
6. To select some comrades from now who will be ready to work full time for the organisation at all levels so that they can get some responsibility in the organisation after the next state and national level conference.
7. To take seriously the membership campaign not only in the cities but also district level so that we can expand our organization.
8. **To have more diverse forms of activities involving all sections of the society in public places so that our message may reach to the wider masses.**
9. **To mobilize Rs.50 Lakh as the central fund before 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.**

## **Resolutions**

### **On CAB and NRC**

The National Conference of AIPSO condemns the recent passage of Citizenship Amendment Act by the government of India and also its decision to go ahead with the National Population Register and National Register for Citizens.

The attack on the heart of India by the Modi Government has three prongs: the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR). The Cabinet has taken a decision to immediately start preparations for updating the National Population Register. After the passage of the CAA, this is the second dangerous step at setting up a framework to aggressively push for communal profiling in citizenship rights.

The CAA is an assault on the Constitution of India. This is not a Hindu-Muslim issue as sought to be portrayed, but one that affects the very Constitution of India and therefore every citizen of India.

The Constitution of India has never been accepted by the RSS-BJP. In 1950 when Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar presented the Constitution for adoption by India's Parliament, the RSS opposed it. They were committed to the two nation theory propounded by Savarkar and Jinnah. They also demanded that the basis of the constitution should be Manu Smriti. It is this ideology and commitment to establish a theocratic state, in which implementation of the CAA, the NRC and the NPR is seen by them as the first step to link citizenship to religion.

The CAA and the NRC are closely interconnected. The BJP plan is to first implement the CAA which will give citizenship rights to all non-Muslims from the three countries, Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan. Then the NRC will identify 'infiltrators'. Only the Muslims do not qualify in CAA as refugees, and are therefore infiltrators. The deadly link has been made clear by BJP on many occasions.

A heartening feature is that the people of our country are seeing through this nefarious design of the government and are joining the protests, cutting across religious lines. AIPSO notes that the overwhelming public resistance, united mass movements during the last one month in our country clearly establish that the people of our great nation are saying a big no to these divisive policies of the authoritarian government.

The protests all over India comprising different sections of society show that the people of India are united in their commitment to defend the constitution against the assault in the form of the three pronged attack of the BJP-RSS Government. So far 13 Chief Ministers have declared that they will not implement the NRC. It is essential for the Governments opposing NRC to reject the Cabinet decision to update and start the process for NPR.

AIPSO National Conference strongly condemns all these divisive and discriminatory acts, procedures and appeals all the other non-BJP governments too to reject the NPR and uphold the Indian Constitution.

AIPSO resolves to conduct country wide campaign explaining to the people the ill effects of CAA-NPR-NRC and strengthen struggles to defeat the divisive agenda of communal fascistic forces.

The National Conference of AIPSO appeals all the people of our country to reject the NPR and not to cooperate with the central government enumerators. AIPSO is confident that all these evil designs will be defeated by united actions of the peace loving people of our great country.

### **On Nuclear Disarmament**

The All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) stands for complete nuclear disarmament and for the abolition of all weapons of mass destruction. The National Conference of AIPSO notes with concern the ongoing efforts to undo all the nuclear disarmament treaties that were signed earlier and restart arms race. These moves push the world once again to the brink of nuclear war, which is nothing but complete annihilation of human race.

The 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, signed by US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, was one of the most far-reaching and successful nuclear arms reduction agreements in history. The pact served as an important check on some of the most destabilising types of nuclear weapons. On August 2, 2019, the United States had formally withdrawn from the INF Treaty. Without the INF Treaty, the potential for a new intermediate-range missile arms race in Europe and beyond becomes increasingly real. With the treaty's termination, each side is now free to develop, flight test, and possibly deploy previously banned INF-range systems in Europe and in Asia.

Even before the termination date, the US was seeking to develop new conventionally armed cruise and ballistic missiles. It was considering to develop a new intermediate-range ballistic missile designed to strike targets in China. The day after the formal US withdrawal from the INF treaty, the US announced that it was in favor of deploying conventional ground-launched, intermediate-range missiles in Asia "sooner rather than later". This is a threat not only to China, but to all of us on the continent. US moves to actually deploy these weapons are likely to prompt a new arms race. Furthermore, in the treaty's absence, the only legally binding, verifiable limits on the world's two largest nuclear arsenals come from the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which is due to expire in February 2021. US has not expressed any interest even in its renewal.

Although the Cold War standoff that gave rise to massive US and Russian nuclear arsenals ended decades ago, the nuclear strategies that could lead to the firing of hundreds of nuclear weapons remain susceptible to false alarms. Today, some 1,400 strategic nuclear warheads are deployed on hundreds of sea-and land-based missiles and long-range bombers. Hundreds of warheads that can be fired within minutes of a launch order are maintained.

A new simulation developed by scientist's estimates that if, in a US-Russian confrontation in the Baltics, one side resorts to the "tactical" use of nuclear weapons and the other responds, their current war plans could lead to an escalatory



exchange involving 1,700 nuclear detonations against military and civilian targets. Within five hours, nearly 100 million people would be killed or injured. Many more people would suffer and die in the weeks and months afterward. A new study of the longer-term climatic effects of a large-scale US-Russian nuclear exchange estimates that the resulting fallout and fires would inject 150 million metric tons of soot and smoke into the earth's upper atmosphere within two weeks, resulting in a drop in global temperatures of 9 degrees Celsius and a 30 percent drop in precipitation within 12 months. The resulting nuclear winter would wreak havoc on food production and lead to global famine. Hence, nuclear war is nothing but annihilation.

The AIPSO National Conference denounces the attempts to undo the disarmament treaties. It calls for the elimination of all nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction from the face of this planet. AIPSO resolves to work for mobilising popular opinion against nuclear weapons and strives for a world free of weapons of mass destruction.

### **On Environment**

The failure of the recent climate summit once again shows that developed countries are not ready to take responsibility for the climate change that is pushing our Planet Earth to the brink of disaster. The National Conference of AIPSO condemns the attitude to greedy corporates and international finance capital that are only concerned about their profits and not about the future of humankind. It is their greed that is responsible for the present day environmental catastrophes.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in a latest report warns that unless the global emissions fall by 7.6 percent each year the world will fail to meet 1.5 degrees centigrade temperature goal of the Paris agreement. The report mentioned that India is the fourth largest emitter of green house gases.

Recently the world witnessed the worst crime against environment in the Amazon forest fires. The irresponsible attitude of right-wing Brazilian government towards Amazon forests, it's collision with profit hungry corporates who are plundering forests and absolute apathy towards indigenous people's rights, are all leading to the destruction of Amazon forests, the lungs of Planet Earth that regulate monsoons and contain global warming. This is the best example to show how politics that care for corporate interests are contributing to the destruction of environment.

The stubborn and arrogant attitude of certain leaders of nations, particularly President Trump, who are not even prepared to accept that 'Climate Change' is real and the decision of US to pull out of Paris Climate Accord, clearly indicate and substantiate that imperialist interests are greatest impediments in protecting environment.

Domestically we are also having a political leadership for whom protection of profits of corporate is everything and the excuse of development is used to destroy environment. They are turning a blind eye towards the corporates that are primarily responsible for the pollution of our rivers, air and seas. Instead, they intend to push the burden on common people.

AIPSO stands for peace and war is the worst enemy of environment besides being an enemy of the people. AIPSO firmly believes in inclusive development and this means

protecting rights of tribals, poor farmers and people in general. Human rights of indigenous people and environmental protection are inter-connected. Inclusive development is sustainable and only such a development and protection of environment will go hand in hand.

This National Conference calls for vigilance against any action that leads to ecological damage. This conference extends solidarity to all those who are struggling to protect environment in our country. This conference calls upon all its state units and members of AIPSO to keep environmental concerns also at the centre of activities and urges upon all to realise struggle to protect environment is an integral part of our struggle for our future.

### **On Kashmir**

The National Conference of AIPSO condemns the abrogation of Article 370 and the violation of constitutional guaranteed rights to the people of Kashmir at the time of their ascension to India. Article 370 was abrogated through manipulation of Indian constitution and this attack is continuing in the various forms. Division of a full fledged state on the basis of religion without any consent from the state is a clear attack on the federal structure of our country.

Arguments like Article 370 was abrogated to develop Kashmir is a complete hoax, as many developmental indicators show that Kashmir is well ahead of many other states of India. The real intention is to change the demographic patterns of Kashmir, similar to what Israel had done to Palestinians in Palestine.

Now it is five months since restrictions on modes of communication, news channels, detention of political leaders and closure of educational institutions have been imposed on Kashmir. Many prominent political leaders, including former chief ministers like Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehabooba Mufti along with MPs, MLAs belonging to various parties and CPI(M) leader Tarigami are still languishing in detention. Internet connections are not yet restored totally. Mobile network is still restricted. Shops open hardly for few hours in a day and not on all days. Hospitals and other essential services are not functioning fully. It is a curfew unending for the last five months.

All these are causing innumerable problems to the people of Kashmir in performing their daily activities. Blind to this reality, government of India and its home minister are claiming that people of Kashmir are happy to welcome the abrogation of Article 370. The claims of government are hollow as it is not allowing delegation of Indian members of parliament to visit Kashmir and study the ground reality. This in itself shows that the government is keen to hide the reality in Kashmir from the eyes of our own country people. On the other hand, it is indulging in public relations exercises by inviting its fraternal right-wing political members of European Parliament to visit Kashmir.

This ill motivated step led to near isolation of India among international community. UN criticised this move. Human rights organisations from all over the world are critical of the government. Just imagine....India that enjoyed high esteem among all

developing nations, as a founder-cum-leader of NAM, now standing alone, accused of violation of human rights.

AIPSO condemns abrogation of Article 370, attack on Indian federalism and redrawing state boundaries using arbitrary powers of Union of India. AIPSO urges all its units to conduct relentless struggle till normalcy by all means and in all senses is restored in Jammu and Kashmir and till the restoration of Article 370.

### **On Rewriting of History**

Ever since the RSS backed BJP, marked by communal and majoritarian traits assumed power at the Center, continuous attempts are being made to distort history, fill school books with wrong facts and misinterpretations. The National Conference of AIPSO condemns all these attempts to distort history and corrupt the minds of future generations.

Attempts to rewrite history are done with a specific agenda of converting our country into a theocratic, Hindutva rashtra. In order to further this project, RSS/BJP are distorting the rich diverse, syncretic, socio-economic, political and cultural history of our country. Division of various stages of our history by assigning religious names to them, like Hindus, Muslim and British periods, as was done by the colonial rulers, instead of the accepted division of ancient, medieval and modern periods is done with the express purpose of communalising history.

Projecting Bhagat Singh as a terrorist, omitting the name of Nehru from the account of Indian's freedom struggle, telling students that Mahatma Gandhi died in an accident or committed suicide, showing that Akbar got defeated in Haldi ghat battle etc are few of many such nefarious attempts. Many such examples abound in ancient history too.

The names of roads and railway stations are being changed and are named after RSS or BJP leaders. The present government cannot tolerate the name of any noted Muslim personality, in some cases even a Urdu name, the name of a political leader known for strong commitment to secularism.

India has got well developed history departments with highly qualified historians and over the years developed sound historiography. History writing should be left to historians and the governments of the day should not interfere and change history to suit its ideological agenda. History is not what rulers of the day believe.

AIPSO National Conference resolves to sensitise people about the evil intentions of communal, fascistic forces to communalise history and stand by historians to save history teaching and writing. This is a fight for the future of our children and their upbringing.

### **ON SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA**

AIPSO salutes the people of Cuba and congratulates them on the 61st anniversary of the Cuban Revolution celebrated on January 1, 2020. The Cuban people offer a heroic example of dignity as they carry forward and deepen their revolutionary

process through a new constitution in the face of renewed aggression from the Trump administration in recent times.

For almost 60 years, since the Revolution was one year old, Cuba has been the victim of an economic blockade at the hands of its northern neighbour which has always treated Latin America as its “own backyard.” Yet, the Cuban people have shown that it is possible, even in a geopolitical context of extreme adversity, to take collective possession of national resources and place human beings at the centre of the societal project. The Cuban Revolution has remarkable achievements such as free healthcare and education, universal literacy, advanced medical research that has produced anti-cancer drugs, doctors who work in the poorest areas of the world, vibrant art and literature, admirable training in ballet and music and dance of all kinds, and soldiers who have volunteered to fight for just causes in many countries. It is because of these achievements that Cuba has come to symbolise the aspiration of the peoples of the South to enjoy their natural rights, without foreign interference.

AIPSO denounces the genocidal nature of the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the US. It is a unilateral, violent, abusive measure of an economically developed superpower against a small country that has decided to be a sovereign and independent nation. As has been happening year after year, in 2019 too, an overwhelming majority of member countries of the United Nations Organization once again condemned this blatant conflagration of international law, which affects the life of the Cuban people by subjecting them to avoidable deprivation. In 2019 the US administration under Donald Trump has redoubled this inhuman and illegal blockade against the island by invoking the Title III of the Helms Burton Law. AIPSO condemns this move to universalize the blockade of the island by putting pressure on third countries, their governments and companies.

APIISO reiterates its support to the Cuban Revolution and the Cuban people who continue to be a beacon of dignity and resistance. We demand lifting of the blockade, and express our solidarity with the brave people of Cuba.

#### ON SOLIDARITY WITH BOLIVIA

AIPSO condemns the criminal overthrow of Evo Morales, Bolivia’s progressive former president and his MAS (Movement for Socialism) party after he had won the presidential elections on October 20, 2019. While several international observers such as the Washington DC-based Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) published a statistical analysis of the vote count which showed no signs of fraud or irregularities, the US backed Organisation of American States claimed “irregularities,” legitimising the self proclaimed President Jeanine Añez, who ably assisted by the army, has set up a “transitional government.” This is nothing short of a coup! Ever since Washington’s lackeys have seized power, the Bolivian masses, who are not ready to accept this usurpation lying down, have been subjected to utmost brutality. Many protestors have been killed, and a witch hunt is on against the leaders and supporters of MAS.

The first ever indigenous person to occupy the presidency in any country in the entire Latin American region Evo Morales, and the MAS government, had abandoned the pro-IMF agenda of the previous governments, replacing it with a socialist, anti-

imperialist programme. As a result of this, Bolivia registered the second-highest rate of economic growth of any Latin-American country in 2018. The MAS government used the funds gained through exports to diversify the economy and reduce the country's reliance on the imperialist-controlled world market. It implemented people centred reforms and carried out social programmes that reduced moderate poverty from 66 percent to 39 percent of the population and absolute poverty from 45 percent to 17 percent. Unemployment was nearly halved (from 7.7 percent to 4.4 percent) in 2008, and continued at roughly around that level through 2018. Such measures also addressed the issue of ethnic disparity and improved the quality of life of the indigenous people, who comprise 62% of the country's population.

The Bolivian counter-revolution is spearheaded by the the privileged European-descended oligarchy in Bolivia who has much to gain with MAS out of the government. Luis Fernando Camacho, the millionaire Coup ringleader heads an explicitly fascist paramilitary group, Union Juvenil Cruceñista (UJC). He is a member of Bolivia's elite (and was even named in the Panama Papers), which lost out through MAS government's renationalisation of key resources and utilities such as natural gas, hydropower, electricity and telecoms. While such policies have been pivotal in bringing about a massive socio-economic change in Bolivia over the last decade, it has also led to the intensification of the class struggle, with the super-rich and their US masters employing a hybrid war to bring down the MAS government as with the attempts to destroy socialist Cuba and Bolivarian Venezuela.

AIPSO expresses its unflinching solidarity with the Bolivian people who are undergoing dark times in the aftermath of the coup, and hopes that Evo Morales, who has been forced into exile, first in Mexico and now in Argentina, will be able to lead Bolivia once again as its legitimately elected president.

### **On Palestine**

The All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation reaffirms its consistent and unwavering support to the people of Palestine in their just and legitimate struggle for dignity, justice and for their inalienable right to self determination and establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State for which they have been fighting for the last more than 70 years.

The State of Israel has imposed an apartheid regime that persecutes the Palestinian people and is responsible for their deep suffering over a very long period of time. Encouraged by a Trump administration that has put Washington's seal of approval on war crimes only tacitly endorsed by previous US governments, Israel has expanded its settlement colonies in the West Bank. Donald Trump had earlier taken a unilateral decision to shift the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, recognizing this city as the capital of the State of Israel in a flagrant violation of International law.

The inhuman occupation of their homeland and subjugation of Palestine is an ongoing crime that has invited world wide opposition, but the Israeli aggression continues blatantly. For a full 50 years, Israel has refused to vacate its 1967 occupation in spite of numerous United Nations Resolutions. It has created and maintained an occupation regime more brutal than anything the world has seen.

Gaza has been reduced to a tiny strip of land surrounded by Israel, making it the largest open-air prison in the world. Israeli military completely controls all Palestinian movements in and out of Gaza. Israel also exercises complete control on the flow of goods to Palestine and all imports and exports have to pass through Israeli security checks, hampering Palestinian trade severely, and resulting in reduced economic activity, that has led to further impoverishment and unemployment among Palestinian people. The recent decision by the International Criminal Court to move forward with an investigation into whether Israel committed war crimes in the Palestinian territories has provided a glimmer of hope in this otherwise bleak landscape. However, AIPSO cannot agree with Israel and Palestine being treated as two equal parties to an ongoing conflict, as the ICC's preliminary report does.

While many countries in the world have been equivocal in their support of the cause of Palestine, the US has been the key patron of Israel in flouting all international law and the occupation of Palestine. It is most unfortunate that the Indian Government under Narendra Modi at the Centre, in its keenness to develop strategic ties with Israel, is distancing itself from India's traditional policy of support to the Palestinian people. AIPSO condemns Indian government's vote with Israel in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) in June 2019 to prevent a Palestinian human rights organisation called Shahed, from getting observer status in UN institutions. This is the first time India has voted with Israel on a resolution at the UN against Palestine. This is a complete reversal of Indian foreign policy of support to the just cause of Palestinians, which is part of our historical legacy.

We underline the urgency of finding a peaceful and lasting solution to the Palestinian question and we emphasise that security and peace can only be achieved by putting an end to the Israeli occupation, evacuation of all Israeli settlements and establishing an independent Palestinian state. We reiterate our support and solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Palestinians on their just demands; condemn the continuing killing, torture and arrests of Palestinians by Israel; demand recognition of independent sovereign state of Palestine with 1967 borders and East Jerusalem as its capital. We demand that the Indian Government stand firmly by the cause of Palestine and stop all its defence deals with Israel.

#### SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELA

The All India Peace and Solidarity Organization (AIPSO) expresses its firm solidarity with the Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela which has been consistently targeted by the US Administration in a hybrid war through economic sanctions, attempts at international and diplomatic isolation, a dirty media war, and threats of direct military intervention. We stand with the people of Venezuela, who have been braving all odds to protect their hard fought rights in the face of such a massive and powerful onslaught. We join them in celebrating 20 years of the New Bolivarian Constitution, a foundational document approved and adopted by the Venezuelans on 15 December, 1999, under the visionary leadership of Commandant Hugo Chavez, with the expressed objective of establishing a democratic, participatory, multi-ethnic and multicultural society.



We note with immense happiness that major violent actions by the right wing Venezuelan opposition within the country as well as several measures by the US backed right wing in the Latin American continent to encircle and isolate the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela are falling apart.

One of the major developments in 2019 was the self-proclamation of Juan Guaidóas President in charge of Venezuela in an operation created and sustained publicly by the Trump administration, which threw the country into a turmoil. The opposition as well as the US lackeys in the region backed Guaidó but they could not break the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) nor the will of the Chavistas, despite several attempts which included an assassination attempt at President Nicolas Maduro.

At the regional level, the activation of the Inter-American Reciprocal Military Assistance Treaty by the Organisation of American States, after twelve member-states approved a Colombian resolution against Venezuela as a “threat to peace and security in the region.” stoked fears of foreign military intervention. AIPSO notes with satisfaction that the defeat of right wing governments in Mexico and Argentina, and the massive social revolt in several countries in the region such as Ecuador and Chile, has meant that Venezuela has come out of the isolation it was being subjected to.

AIPSO reiterates its firm solidarity with the people and government of Bolivarian Venezuela and denounces in no uncertain terms the US attempts to destabilize the Bolivarian revolution.

### **On US attacks in Iraq**

The National Conference of AIPSO condemns the criminal attack of the US against a sovereign country-Iraq, in which the commander of the Iranian revolutionary guards was assassinated along with high rank officers of the Iraqi army.

This new act of US aggression will further increase tensions in the already volatile West Asian region. This attack comes in the background of an increase in the US troops in the region and also its withdrawal from the 6 nation unclear deal with Iran. The bellicose attitude of US is pushing the region into another war with Iran as the target of its aggression.

The National Conference of AIPSO denounces the recent attack and calls upon all the people to join protests against this attack on another sovereign country

### **On the Victims of “Agent Orange”**

The national conference of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation expresses its support and solidarity with the people of Vietnam towards their genuine demand for compensations by the US administration for the million of Vietnamese people who became victims of dioxin “Agent Orange”. As a consequence of the dirty war of the USA the Vietnamese people who liberated their country 45 years ago, are suffering even today, particularly with the old and new victims of the dioxin “Agent Orange”

The national conference of AIPSO demands that the US authority should acknowledge its historical responsibilities towards the victims of “Agent Orange” and take necessary steps for providing appropriate compensation to all victims.

### **Special Resolution On Organisation**

National Conference of AIPSO held in Raipur while electing the new general council, executive committee, advisory council, office bearers decided that the next General Council meeting to be held first quarter of 2021 will review the performances of all committees and will make necessary changes as required. Thus newly elected bodies have mandated to discharge the responsibilities only till next General Council meeting.





4<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### **Message of Ahed Tamimi**

Hallo Indian friends and comrades,

I am Ahed Tamimi from Palestine. I was invited to attend the national conference of All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation but due to my exams I missed this opportunity. I know Indian people and their support to our liberation movement. I also know the role of AIPSO in supporting our just cause.

Today Palestinian people are living in a very measurable condition. The inhuman occupation of our homeland and subjugation of our people is an ongoing crime which is continuing. We are fighting for our just and legitimate struggle for dignity, justice and for our inalienable right to self determination and establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State.

We know the progressive forces all over the world are supporting our struggle. We know how Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Nehru, Indira Gandhi and the progressive forces particularly the communist parties have continuously supported our struggle and we are great full for that.

I as one of the thousands militants who are fighting against the Israeli occupation forces on everyday can assure you that our struggle will continue till we achieve our complete freedom. I do believe in our struggle we will receive all kinds of support from Indian people particularly from AIPSO.

I wish all success of your conference. See you in India in near future.

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