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**PUNJAB & CHANDIGARH COLLEGE TEACHERS' UNION  
(PCCTU)**



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**CIRCULAR**

**My Dear friends**

We have been marching through a tough time as the Punjab government has started reducing our salary grant without any reason. All of you have been participating in an agitation against the government with full strength and I hope our struggle will bring a bright future ahead and the issue of retirement age/reduction in the grant from 60 years to 58 years will be resolved in teachers' favor.

In March 2022, with the formation of AAP government in Punjab, we started lobbying for the implementation of the 7th pay commission and got it implemented in October 2022. But, unfortunately, the Punjab government added a confusing clause 13(ii) which raised concerns regarding the age of retirement. After the said notification, we again started lobbying to get above-said clause rectified by the government and side wise also initiated the agitation. Many official and unofficial meetings were carried out with the government nominees but no concrete result has been received till now. Since the Punjab government is not keeping an ear to our just and genuine demand, we have decided to intensify our ongoing agitation.

**JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE**

A joint action committee including Management federations, Principals association and PCCTU was formed to fight against callous attitude of Punjab government against higher education. In a meeting of Joint Action Committee on 9/1/2023 and PFUCTO on 10/1/2023, it was decided to observe complete boycott of evaluation work on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January all Non-Govt. Aided and Unaided colleges were closed under the slogan "Total Education Bandh" (Including Examination Boycott) and submitted memorandum to respective Deputy Commissioners. Also, teachers of all the Govt. Colleges and all the five state universities observed two hours Campus Dharna from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

### **EC Meeting:**

An emergent online meeting of the Executive Committee was organized on 1/2/2023 at 7:00pm and the protest program as follows was given:

1. 6<sup>th</sup> February: Stay in strike and Dharna in front of gate from 12.00pm to 2.00pm
2. 7<sup>th</sup> February: Black Badges as announced by JAC earlier.
3. 9<sup>th</sup> February: Students to be educated in 3rd and 4th period in class rooms regarding concerns related to Higher Education particularly reduction in salary grant.
4. 10<sup>th</sup> February: Complete Education Bandh and stay in strike as announced by JAC.

Principals' associations also extended support to PCCTU actions programme on 6<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **JAC MEETING**

As decided by the Joint Action Committee in its meeting held at Khalsa College Amritsar, the given plan of protest was followed:

1. 15<sup>th</sup> February: College teachers including Principals and management members observed complete bandh of the colleges and organized stay-in-strike and Dharna at the respective college gates from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM.
2. 16<sup>th</sup> February: College teachers along with Principals and management members hold the protest march to the office of the Deputy Commissioners in all Districts at 12:30 PM.

### **MEETING WITH OFFICIALS**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

A meeting with Finance Minister was scheduled on 7/2/2023 at 3:00pm in the Secretariat Chandigarh. However, due to some unknown reasons, FM was not available at that time, so meeting was chaired by Principal Secretary, Finance. The delegation comprising Dr. Gurdas Singh Sekhon, General Secretary PCCTU, Dr. Jagwant Singh, General Secretary PFUCTO and Prof. Bhupinder Singh, Finance Secretary PCCTU explained all issues to him. PS, Finance raised some questions which were replied to his satisfaction. He told the delegation that the proceedings will be apprised to FM with a positive note.

#### **16<sup>TH</sup> February**

Our President Dr. Vinay Sopath met Education Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains at Ludhiana. Minister assured that the age of retirement will remain 60.

**21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023**

A meeting was scheduled with Principal Secretary, Chief Minister Punjab on 21/2/2023. Our President Dr. Vinay Sopath, Dr. Jagwant Singh General Secretary PFUCTO and Dr. Vikas Teji met Principal Secretary Chief Minister Punjab, Sh. A Veenu Prasad at Secretariat Chandigarh. Principal Secretary Finance Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha was also the part of that meeting. We discussed the issue of retirement age along with grant in detail and put our viewpoint regarding the issue.

During this period our many teachers across the state also met Education minister and got the same assurance but still no concrete outcome is there. So PCCTU in its EC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February decided to intensify the agitation.

**EC Meeting:**

An online meeting of Executive Committee was held on 22/02/2023 at 10:30 am and following decisions have been taken to intensify the agitation:

1. On 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, District Presidents and EC members will hold offline meetings with their respective Units in their colleges by mutually assigning colleges to each EC member/ District President. The teachers will be motivated to participate in this long battle with 100 percent presence in all the actions.
2. On 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, **Letters to raise questions will be given to all MLA's** of both ruling and opposition parties to raise the issue in the Assembly during assemble session which is to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023. District Presidents and EC Members will ensure in their districts/Areas to do the same. PDF file of the letter is attached herewith.
3. On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, **Candle March** will be organized in all the districts which will start at 6:00 pm with banners/placards and candles. Venue and route will be intimated by the district President/EC member.
4. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, **Two hours Dharna** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm in front of **AAP office/ halqa in-charge of AAP** will be held in all the districts Headquarters/Cities.
5. On 6<sup>th</sup> March, Campus Dharna from 12:00 to 2:00 pm for mobilization of march to assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
6. On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, **March to Assembly**. All the teachers will observe **Mass Causal Leave** and reach Chandigarh SECTOR 25 NEAR CREMATION GROUND at 11.30am sharp. All will march to gherao Assembly.
7. On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Press Conferences in all the Districts at 4:00 pm in all the Districts/Cities. All the units will issue the press note.
8. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, **Black flag March on the occasion of G20** meet at Amritsar. All the teachers will reach Amritsar. Time and venue will be intimated later on.
9. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Resolution to be passed in AIFUCTO Conference, Kurukshetra Haryana against double standards of APP Government towards higher education in Punjab and expose their intensions all over India.
10. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, blood samples by 51 teachers to be offered at the feet of **S. Bahagat Singh at Khatkar kalan where CM took oath to guard the ideas of S. Bhagat Singh but now doing otherwise**. So in protest against the anti-teacher and anti-higher education policies of Punjab Government. The agitation will be intensified further.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

All the teachers are requested to renew their membership for the session 2023-24 through their units by all means till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. Membership fee of Rs. 800/- per member should be submitted via bank Draft which should be in favour of Finance Secretary, PCCTU payable at Chandigarh. Address of the Finance Secretary is Prof. Bhupinder Singh H.No.74, Shivalik Homes, Near Mittal Paradise Apartment, Shivalik City, Kharar-140307.

You can pay online also at Punjab National Bank A/C No. 7700000100048092, IFS Code: PUNB0057500, Branch Sector-16D Chandigarh. You are requested to send the list of teachers and online transaction details to Finance Secretary if paid online at his WhatsApp Number +91-84275-30008.

## **BEREAVMENTS:**

PCCTU offers condolences on the sad and sudden demise of Prof. Om Parkash Kalra, HoD Mathematics, DAV College Abohar and revered father of former Prof. Rakesh Kumar Popli (PCS) , DAV College Amritsar. We pray Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and bestow strength on the family members to bear this irreparable loss. Bereaved fund has been paid to the family of Prof. OP Kalra as per the norms of PCCTU.

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