

INTUC HISTORY

The workers in India are only a section of the people and not a class apart. The culture and their tradition form part of the common heritage of the people of India. In organizing them and seeking the redressal of their grievances, ways and means have to be evolved in consonance with our condition. No more grafting or transplantation of a foreign ideology or method however suited to the condition elsewhere, is likely to yield healthy results here. What is required is an indigenous movement having its roots in the Indian and soil. Such a movement has for long been in existence and has attained a remarkable center. A new organization, that would give the correct lead to the working class and strives to established social justice, peace and security with a constitution and working. Which would be essentially democratic giving every one of its constituent units ample scope for free expression of views and action has become imperative.

Number of Unions gathered at conference, held at the Constitution Club, New Delhi on May 3 and 4 ,1947 , determined to form a new trade union centre which could voice the genuine demands for realizing the aspirations of the working class in the country, at the same time keeping the national interest foremost in view. The unions represented at the same conference was 200 with a total membership of over 5,65,000.

LEADERS IN THE CONFERENCE

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL	-	PRESIDENT
J.B. KRIPALANI	-	INAUGURATION
PANDITJAWAHARLAL NEHRU	-	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
JAGJIVAN RAM	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
ARUNA ASIF ALI	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
RAM MANOHARLOHIA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
G. RAMANUJAM	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
V.V. DAVID	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
SHANKAR RAO DEO	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
B.G. KHER	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
O.P. RAMASAMIREDDIAR	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
RAVI SHANKARSHUKLA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
HARE KRISHNA MEHTAB	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS

S.K. PATIL	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
KAMALDEVICHATTOPADHYAYA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
AHOKA MEHTA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
R.R. DIWAKAR	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
BHIMASENSACAR	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
G.L. NANDA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
KHADUBHAI DESAI	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
SURESH CHANDRA BANERJEE	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
ABID ALI JAFFARBHOY	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
MICHAEL JOHN	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
DEVENSEN	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
HARIHARNATHSHASHTRI	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
S.R. VASAVDA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
S.P. SEN	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
R.K. KHEDGIKAR	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
G.L. MAPARA	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS
G.D. AMBEKAR	-	FELICITATION ADDRESS

The iron man and unifier of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, presided and the Congress President Acharya J.B. Kripalani inaugurated the Conference. The keynote address was delivered by the interim Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

Acharya J.B. Kripalani, in his inaugural address said:-The proposed organization should not hesitate to employ the weapon of strike, if it were essential to promote the true interest of labour. But that weapon is to be employed only after due consideration and with aim was to achieve any legitimate economic and social objective. But it would however, not only be misuse of this weapon but doing actual harm to labour's own interests if it were to be employed for the attainment of sectional political ends. If labour were to submit its organized strength to such exploitation. It would become a mere tool in the hands of unscrupulous party politicians.

Blessing the new organization, He also said, It is a happy augury for the Indian working class that trained and trusted leaders of the labour movement are starting the new central organization on healthy lines.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the interim Prime Minister of India in his keynote address pointed out that, now India is in freedom and Congress is in power. Congress represent the entire section of the people. But we recognise that the workers are the strength of the country in economic and social development and the interest of the labour should be protected in all means. So an Independent labour organisation is essential to protect and safe guard the interest of the working class and this new

organisation should be organised in such a way. If it is so my mind and actions will be with you.

Explaining the circumstances that led to the proposed organization, Shri GhulzariLal Nanda, Secretary of the Hindustan Mazdoor Sewak Sangh under whose auspices the meeting was held, pointed out that to disclosed the productive organization of the nation at that crucial period in the history of the country was really to strike a direct blow on the life of the nation and its political integrity and it would harm which the communist activity was causing from day to day if to mischief was not counteracted at once.

Concluding Shri Nanda said: "While there is no common ground between those inspired by communist philosophy and those who have fail in democracy, the proposed organization can provide a broad platform and ensure the largest measure of unity as the latter in pursuit of the aim of the labour movement."

The main resolution moved by Dr. Suresh Chandra Banrjee said: "Whereas the course of the labour movement in the country is taking under the leadership of those who are opposed to peaceful change and democratic methods has provide extremely detrimental to the growth of strong and healthy trade unionism and is doing incalculable harm to the true interest of the masses of the country and whereas it has become a scared and imperative obligation of those who are for the well-being of the working class to take concerted action to safeguard and promote its interest, it is resolved that to give effect to this purpose, an organization - called the INDIAN NATIONAL TRDE UNION CONGRESS be formed."

The resolution was by late Michael John and was passed by an overwhelming majority.

Thus INTUC was born on May 3, 1947 as historic necessity, just before Indian attained independence. The constitution of INTUC was adopted in the second day's proceedings of the conference, Mahatma Gandhi who was then in Delhi also blessed the new found trade union centre.

INTUC PRESIDENTS

AT A GLANCE



DR. G. SANJEEVA REDDY
PRESIDENT
FROM 1994

- Born at Hyderabad on 18th February 1930.
- A student Freedom fighter.
- From 1948 Trade Union activist.
- A strong follower of Sardar Valla Bhai Patel.
- In 1950 INTUC Andhra Branch General Secretary.
- From 1954 INTUC Andhra Branch President and continuing for 63 years without change.
- Serve as President of various Unions in major sectors in the Country.
- From 1994 INTUC National President and Continuing for 23 years without change.
- From 1988 to 2006 Vice President International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.
- From 2006 Vice President, International Trade Union Confederation and still continuing.
- From 2011 to 2015 President, International Trade Union Confederation Asia Pacific Region , Singapore. _____
- From 1962 to 1972 for 10 years Member of Andhra Legislative Assembly.
- From 1968 to 1971 for 3 years Andhra State Minister for Labour.
- From 2006 to 2012 for 6 years Member of Rajya Sabha.
- Congress Working Committee Member as Special Invitee _____
- Visited and participated several times in the Labour summits held in United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, Nepal, Denmark, Philippines, South Korea, Indonesia, France, Belgium, Australia, Singapore, Switzerland, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Canada etc...
- In many times attended in International Labour Conferences held in Geneva and Bangkok.
- The member of Indian Delegates for World summit for social development at Copenhagen.
- In 2002 attended the meeting of World Economic Forum held at New-York city.
- The father of the Indian Trade Union Unity

May God Bless him with a long and healthy life.

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DR. SURESH CHANDRA BANARJI
1947 MAY – OCTOBER 1947



HARIHARNATH SHASTRI
1947 OCTOBER - MAY 1949



KHANDUBHAI K. DESAI
1949 MAY - OCTOBER 1952



MICHALE JOHN
1952 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 1953
1960 APRIL - JUNE 1962



S.R. VASAVADA
1953 DECEMBER - JANUARY 1955
1956 MAY – JANUARY 1958



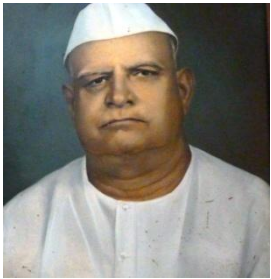
G.D. AMBEKAR
1955 JANUARY – MAY 1956



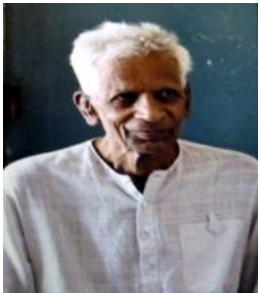
DR. MAITREYEE BOSE
1962 JUNE - MAY 1963
1970 FEBRUARY – NOVEMBER 1971



KASHINATH PANDEY
1963 MAY - DECEMBER 1964



DR. G.S. MELKOTE
1964 DECEMBER - DECEMBER 1965



V.V. DAVID
1965 DECEMBER - MAY 1968



ABIDE ALI
1968 MAY - MAY 1969



GULZARILAL NANDA
1969 MAY - FEBRUARY 1970

- In 1957 Central Labour Minister
- In 1963 Central Home Minister
- In 1964 Prime Minister
- In 1966 Prime Minister



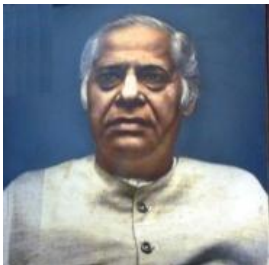
B.C. BHAGAVATHI
1971 NOVEMBER – OCTOBER 1978



A.P. SHARMA
1978 OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 1980



N.K. BHATT
1980 NOVEMBER - MAY 1984



BINDESHWARI DUBEY
1984 MAY - MARCH 1985



G. RAMANUJAM
1958 JANUARY – APRIL 1960
1985 MARCH – AUGUST 1994

AT A GLANCE

- Born at Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu on 28th May 1915.
- In 1945 to 1947 for 2 years training in Trade Unionism in an Institute established by Mahatma Gandhi in Ahmadabad.
- One of the founder leaders of INTUC in 1947.
- From 1958 to 1960 INTUC National President.
- From 1964 to 1984 INTUC National General Secretary.
- From 1985 to 1994 INTUC National President
- From 1994 to 1995 Governor of Goa State.
- From 1995 to 1997 Governor of Orissa State.
- Writer of many articles and books like Indian Trade Union History and Honeybee.
- Government honoured him with Padma Bhushan the 3rd highest Indian Civilian honour.
- Died on 26th June 2001.

**HEART FELT REMEMBRANCE CONDOLENCE
MAY GOD GIVE REST AND PEACE TO HIS SOUL**

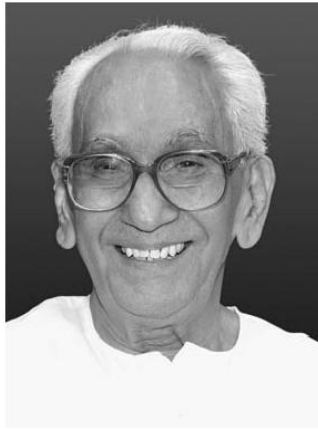
INTUC KERALA BRANCH PRESIDENTS



SRI. R. CHANDRASEKHARAN
PRESIDENT
FROM 2007

- Born at Kollam, Kerala on 17th November 1955
- Entered into Trade Union Movement in 1979 at the age of 24
- In 1992 became the All India Chairman, INTUC Young Workers Council
- In 1996 became the General Secretary, INTUC Kerala Branch
- In 1996 elected as General Secretary, All India Paper Mill Workers Federation
- In 2004 appointed as the Chairman of Kerala Institute of Labour and Employment (KILE), Government of Kerala undertaking.
- In 2007 became the President of the INTUC Kerala Branch
- In 2009 elected as Chairman of Joint Trade Union Action Council State Committee.
- In 2009 Board Member and then the Vice Chairman, National Productivity Council, Government of India
- From 2009 KPCC Executive Member
- In 2010 Board Member and then became the Vice Chairman of Central Board for Workers Education Centre.
- From 2012 INTUC National Vice President.
- In 2012 to 2015 Chairman, Kerala State Cashew Development Corporation, Government of Kerala.
- In 2014 Board Member and then became elected Vice Chairman of Coffee Board, Government of India
- In 2014 Board of Governors National Safety Council, Government of India
- In 2014 Board Member and then Vice Chairman All India Handloom Board, Government of India.
- **Elected as ILO Governing Body Member in 2014.**
- **Elected as ILO Governing Body Member in Second Term in 2017**
- **Elected as Board Member ILO Turin Centre, Italy in 2014**
- **Elected as Board Member ILO Turin Centre, Italy in Second Term in 2017**
- **Elected as AICC Member in 2018**
- In 2010 attended Second World Disarmament conference at UN Head quarters, New York as Indian Representative and was the one of the leaders led the procession and addressed in the meeting of 3 million participants from all over the World.
- In 2013 selected as India Convener for UN – ILO MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL – 2015 and conducted four Zonal National Consultations at Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and Jaipur and then final National Consultation at New Delhi. The report submitted by Sri. R. Chandrasekharan India Convener selected for presentation in United Nations. He presented the report in the meeting held at UN Head Quarters, New York.

THE VIBRANT LEADER OF THE WORKING CLASS



K. KARUNAKARAN

FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OF KERALA
FORMER CABINET MINISTER
FOUNDER KERALA INTUC

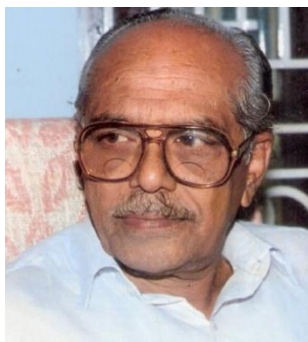
**THE FOUNDER – GUIDE - PHILOSOPHER AND
THE SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR KERALA INTUC**



B.K. NAIR



C.M. STEPHEN



V.P. MARIKAR



K. SURESH BABU