

Indian National Trade Union Congress Conferences

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The Tamilnadu Branch inaugural conference of INTUC was held at 9.00 a.m. in Southern Indian Railway Workers' Union ground at Golden Rock, Trichy, on 29th July, 1947.

Sri. P.R.K. Sharma, M.L.C., a well-known trade union leader presided it.

Aims and objects of Indian National Trade Union Congress

The Objects of the Congress shall be :

- I. (i) To establish an order of society which is free from hindrances in the way of an all-round development of its individual members, which fosters the growth of human personality in all its aspects, and goes to the utmost limit in progressively eliminating social, political or economic exploitations and inequality, the profit motive in the economic activity and organisation of society and the anti-social concentration of power in any form;
(ii) to place industry under national ownership and control in suitable form in order to realise the aforesaid objective in the quickest time;
(iii) to organise society in such a manner as to ensure full employment and the best utilisation of its man-power and other resources;
(iv) to secure increasing association of the workers in the administration of industry and their full participation in its control;
(v) to promote generally the social, civic and political interest /of the working class.
- II. (i) to secure an effective and complete organisation of all categories of workers including agricultural labour;
(ii) to guide and co-ordinate the activities of the affiliated organisations;
(iii) to assist in the formation of Trade Unions;
(iv) to promote the organisation of workers of each industry on a nationwide basis;
(v) to assist in the formation of Regional or Provincial Branches of Federations.
- III. (i) to secure speedy improvement of conditions of work and life and of the status of the workers in industry and society;
(ii) to obtain for the workers various measure of social security, including adequate provision in respect of accidents, maternity sickness, old age and unemployment;
(iii) to secure a living wage for every worker in normal employment and to bring about a progressive improvement in the workers' standard of life;
(iv) to regulate hours and other conditions of work in keeping with the requirements of the workers in the matter of health, recreation and cultural development;

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(v) to secure suitable legislative enactments for ameliorating the condition of the workers and to ensure the proper enforcement of legislation for the protection and uplift of labour.

- IV. (i) To establish just industrial relations ;
(ii) to secure redress of grievances, without stoppage of work, by means of negotiation and conciliation and failing these by arbitration or adjudication;
(iii) where adjudication is not applied and settlement of disputes within a reasonable time by arbitration is not available for the redress of grievances, to have recourse to other legitimate methods, including strikes or any suitable form of satyagraha;
(iv) to make the necessary arrangement for the efficient conduct and satisfactory and speedy conclusion of authorised strikes or satyagraha.
- V. (i) To foster the spirit of solidarity, service, brotherhood, co-operation and mutual help among the workers;
(ii) to develop in the workers a sense of responsibility towards industry and the community;
(iii) to raise the workers' standard of efficiency and discipline.

The means to be adopted for the furtherance of the objects mentioned above shall be peaceful and consistent with truth.

In the first Conference, representatives from sixty trade unions, representing 1,50,000 workers from Railway, Motor Transport, Plantation, Textile, Handloom, Weaving, Cement, Agriculture, Construction, Hotels and shops attended the conference. Sri. K. Ramachandran General Secretary, South India Railway workers' union welcomed the gatherings.

Sri. G. Ramanujam, organizer for Southern India of INTUC, explained the objects and the programmes of INTUC. He dispelled the fear among certain quarters that INTUC is against strike.

In fact as far as INTUC is concerned strike is the costly weapon in the almerie. Sri. Ramanujam also made it clear that the INTUC stand for the labour and will act as an independent central organization to serve the working class. It was also pointed out that it is only the trade union record of the person will be considered to serve in the organization rather than its political status.

The meeting invited the workers of the socialist party to join the INTUC. Dr. P. Varadharajulu Naidu, a veteran in the trade union welcomed the formation of the following persons as members.

1. Sri. P.R.K. Sharma, Federation of Government employees union, Madras
2. Sri. P. Ramalingam, Foundry Smithy & Engineering General Workers' union, Madras.
3. Sri. N. Doraisamy, PWD, Workers' union, Madras

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4. Sri. C. Chengalvarayan, M.S.M. Railway workers' Union, Madras
5. Sri. M. Velusamy, Thozhilalar Seva Ashram, Madras
6. Sri. Mani Bharathi, Labour worker, Dindigul
7. Sri. D. Bommaiah, TVS Workers' union, Madurai
8. Sri. P.M. Sheriff, Anamalai Plantation Labour Union, Valparai
9. Sri. P.S. Bharathi, Nilgiri Estate Workers Union, Ooty
10. Sri. N. Kamman, Provincial Hotel Workers Union, Trichy
11. Sri. K. Ramachandran, S.I. Railway workers' union, Golden Rock
12. Sri. R. Kuppusamy, M.L.A., Singanallur, Coimbatore
13. Sri. R. Ramu, Coimbatore District Engineering Workers' Union
14. Sri. S.V. Ramasamy, Hospital Workers Union, Salem
15. Sri. Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, Salem
16. Sri. K.G. Sivasamy, President, South Indian Agricultural Workers Federation, Mayavoor
17. Sri. G. Ramanujam, INTUC, Organiser, Madurai.

Sri. P.R.K. Sharma and G. Ramanujam were elected as joint secretaries.

In its second meeting of the provisional committee, the happenings in Punjab and Delhi were viewed with great concern. The committee also expressed sympathy to the people of Mysore and Hyderabad, in their struggle against repression. In view of the food problem prevailing in the country, the committee urged the Government to issue ration cards. It also urged the Government wages for agricultural workers. The committee viewed seriously the move of the Tamilnadu congress committee to form a labour wing. The committee also requested the Government to define the labour policy.

SECOND Conference:

The second annual conference was held in Madurai on 8th October 1950. The conference adopted the following resolutions:

1. Expressing sincere sympathy for the victims of earthquake and floods in Assam.
2. Expressing great concern about the fast deteriorating food situation in Tamilnadu and elsewhere in the country.
3. It was noted that even the "six ounce" rice ration was not available to industrial workers in Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Tirunelveli and in rural Tamilnadu.
4. Appealing to the workers to increase the industrial and agricultural production to enhance the economic conditions of the country.
5. The conference requested the Government to provide full ration to the people and to pay workers the wages in time. It also requested that the ration need not be extended to families with more than of Rs.300/- monthly income.

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6. The conference opposed the price control of items of cycles tubes and tyres, razor blade.

The conference appealed the working class to organize committees with the shareholders and profiteers. In the conference there was also an appeal to the employers to pay additional special D.A. of Rs.10/- per month and also to supply subsidized articles through co-operative stores, till full rations are made available at reasonable rates.

In another resolution it appealed to the Government to speed up land reforms, to limit maximum hold in family, to abolish absentee land lordism, to encourage collective farming in the lands belonging to the temples and mutts and finally to establish multi-purpose co-operative societies.

The next resolution was the demands to the Government to take over industries mismanaging. The conference opposed nationalization in industries and consequent retrenchment. The Government was asked to review the working of Managing Agency system.

The conference welcomed the Principles behind two bills sending before the Parliament, that is the labour relation bill and trade union bill. The conference criticized the tendency of the management to resort to civil courts to delay and deny justice to labour.

The conference resolved the state Government should amend factories Act and to extend the provisions of leave on par with Madras shops and Establishments Act. It also requested the Government to bring Hotels and Restaurants under shops and establishments act. In another resolution it requested the state Government to enact suitable legislation to bring in savings for workers in Government securities and National saving certificate.

The conference in another resolution requested the Government to utilize the provisions of appellate Tribunal act, to recover money due to workmen.

The next resolution of the conference demand was that the Government to extend labour laws especially Industrial Disputes Act. to employees of Government industries, local bodies and municipalities. It demanded the disputes between the worker and union of the Madurai Municipalities to refer the adjudication.

Plantation : The conference requested the Government to refer the disputes in South Indian plantations for adjudications immediately.

The conference demanded the abolition to congani system in plantations as well as the zamindarism to encourage co-operative farming. The conference demanded compensation for involuntary unemployment widespread in factories, textile mills, shop establishment on account of power shortage and cotton shortage. The Government was requested to refer the matter to adjudication.

In another resolution the conference congratulated the Government of Madras for supporting labour in the Meenakshi mill dispute and offering a loan of Rs.15 per month for each worker. It congratulated the Government for the statement of the labour minister that such help will be extended to the labour in future also.

It is significant note that the conference was presided over by Sri. K. Kamaraj and Sri. Ramanujam.

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THIRD conference:

The third conference was held at Ambal Talkies, Singanallur, Coimbatore on 16th November, 1952. Sri. M. Velu, one of the Vice-President presided. 426 delegates attended the conference.

The resolutions passed on the conference took a strong exceptions to a resolution passed by Tamilnadu Congress working committee earlier making adverse remarks against the General Secretary of the INTUC. It asserted the INTUC as an independent organization, eventhough both the INTUC and the Congress have similar and identical views in many matters.

Sri. G. Ramanujam was selected as the General Secretary and twenty-seven members out of the thirty six members of the committee. The session decided to authorize working committee to elect five assistant secretary and a treasurer.

The session received messages from Gulsarilal Nanda of the National Planning Commission, Sri. Kandubhai Desai, President of INTUC, Newdelhi, Sri. V.V. Giri, Minister for labour, Government of India, Dr. V. Krishna Rao, Labour Minister of Madras state.

The session discussed in detail about the programmes to develop the INTUC movement in the Madras state. Sri. S.R. Chandran, Secretary of Kovai District INTUC, pleaded for the consolidation of workers throughout the country and for the formation of the Labour Party of India.

(Information regarding main resolutions are not available).

FOURTH Conference :

The fourth conference was held on 12-2-1954 in Kovilpatti, Shastri Pandal. 105 delegates attended. Sri. Shantilal Shah, the labour minister for Bombay state attended the conference. In the morning the subject committee meeting was held in the presence of Shantilal Shah.

The conference passed a resolution condoling the death of Sri. Hariharan Shastri, the General Secretary of the Central INTUC. Resolutions were passed on the following subjects :

1. Indian foreign policy
2. Demand for lay-off compensation
3. Demanding the Government to take over, incase of closure
4. Demanding jobs and fair wages to all
5. Demanding gratuity to all
6. Labour policy of the Madras state
7. Problems of labour in getting justice in cases of non employment and delay caused in the process
8. Demanding provident fund scheme to all workers

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9. Demanding housing to all workers.

Sri. K. Ramasamy Naidu of Kovai hoisted the National flag. Sri. Shantilal Shah, inaugurated the conference. Sri. G. Ramanujam presented the General Secretary's report.

FIFTH Conference :

The fifth conference of INTUC was held at Trichy on 13-3-1955. The conference was presided by Sri. G.D. Ambedkar, National President of the INTUC. Sri. K. Kamaraj, President of Tamilnadu Congress Committee addressed the meeting. G. Ramanujam presented the General Secretary's report. (Information about the number of delegates attended the conference was not available).

Resolutions:

1. Condolence resolution on the death of Madurai Sri. Vaidhyanatha Iyer.
2. Second "five-year plan" and the establishment of socialistic pattern of society.
3. Amendment to Industrial Disputes Act.
4. The conditions of employment in Government and quasi Government and co-operative institutions.
5. Amendment to plantation workers' act.
6. Establishment of Appellate Tribunal in Chennai.
7. Conditions of workers in small parts.
8. Opposing the Government's action in giving exemption from shop act to certain establishment.
9. To enquire into the working of Industrial establishments which shows severe losses continuously.
10. Implementation of the recommendation of the Tri-partriate committee in textile industry.
11. Equitable distribution of wealth to prevent accumulation of wealth, by few people in the country.
12. Protection to small industries and cottage industries.
13. Control over prices of agricultural products by the Government to prevent price rise of food items.
14. To Nationalise the natural resources.
15. Exports & Import Policy to be aimed at developing domestic industries and employment opportunities.
16. To develop the educational policy evolving a basic education.
17. Demanding the extension of industrial disputes act for working journalists.

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SIXTH Conference:

The sixth conference was held in Pondicherry on 24th June 1956. Information about the number of delegates is not available. The Chief Minister of Pondicherry Sri. Edward Guber hoisted the flag. Sri. A. Karunendra Mudaliar welcomed the gatherings. Sri. Kandubai Desai, the union labour minister inaugurated the conference. Sri. G. Ramanujam submitted the general secretary's report.

Resolutions:

1. Welcoming the workers of Pondicherry which has recently merged with Indian Union.
2. On five year plan and its implementation on the labour . Eventhough the first "five-year plan" is making contribution to the overall development of the country the wages of workers has not increase. The fair wages committee could not reach a unanimous opinion and therefore no unanimous recommendation. Even though the wealth of the Nation has increased the condition of labour in the country has not increased).
3. Amendments to industrial disputes act providing suitable clauses to expedite or speed up grievances,
4. Equal wages to state government employees at par with central government employees.
5. To bring suitable legislation for gratuity to all workers.
6. Workers' participation in management.
7. To enhance the contribution to provident fund from 6.25% to 8.33%.
8. To provide housing for workers by granting advance from provident fund and also granting subsidy by the Government.
9. Extension of protection to workers of Municipalities and co-operative institutions under the industrial disputes act.
10. Recognition to one union for one industry.

SEVENTH Conference:

The seventh conference was held on 27-4-1959, Rajapalayam, T.S.K. Nagar, P.A. Chinnaya Raja Memorial School. 140 delegates attended. The reception committee was headed by P.L. Duraisamy Raja welcomed the delegates. Srimathy Indira Gandhi, the president of the Indian National Congress inaugurated the conference. Sri. G. Ramanujam presided. Sri. K. Kamaraj, the then Chief Minister of Madras State and Sri. Rajaram Naidu the president of Tamilnadu Congress Committee addressed the gatherings.

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Resolutions:

The meeting passed a condoling address to the death of Sri. Somanath and P. Dhawe, the leader of the textile and labour association in Ahmedabad. Sri. R. Rangasamy the General Secretary presented the annual report.

The meeting expressed his concern over the price rise of essential commodity. The meeting opined that really enhancing the DA would not help the workers. The Government therefore should establish fair price shops for workers to get all essential food items at reasonable prices.

The conference demanded immediate action against hoarding. The conference passed another resolution requesting the Government to encourage co-operative farming. It also wanted to fix minimum wages for agricultural workers and also to implement the same vigorously.

In another resolution the conference warned all workers against the influence of communist party on the trade unions. The conference expressed its concern against the infiltration of communist in the trade union.

The next resolution the conference expressed its concern was the growing sickness in textile industry. The main reason for the growing sickness is managerial inefficiency.

The conference demanded that the provident fund should be extended to Cinchona and Cardamom plantation. It also demanded that the contribution to EPG should be enhanced to 8.3% from the present 6.3%.

The conference demanded the wage boards to be constituted for the trades like plantation, engineering, motor transport and co-operative institution.

In another resolution the conference charted out various deficiencies in the employee state insurance scheme and demanded the government to rectify such lacunens (draw backs).

The next resolution the conference expressed is its disappointment in the delay caused in annexing Pondicherry to the Indian Union and requested the Union Government to expedite action to annexe Pondicherry. The conference demanded that DA should be paid to workers of mines attached to Neyveli Lignite Corporation. Similarly it demanded wage increase for Port and Dockworkers. The conference elected a new committee with the following office bearers.

1. Sri. R. Rangasami – the General Secretary.
2. A.C. Ramasami and S.S. Mera - Assistant Secretary
3. T. Govindan – Treasurer.

Twenty others were also elected for the committee.

EIGHTETH Conference:

The eighteth conference was held at Tuticorin on 28 & 29th May, 1961. G. Ramanujam presided. 159 delegates attended the conference.

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Resolutions :

1. Supporting the struggles of workers of Ceylon
2. Workers and five year plans
3. Demanding wage boards on coffee and rubber estate workers.
4. Resolution condemning the non-implementation of wage board for textile industry, which was unanimous.
5. Non-implementation of the recommendation of sugar wage board.
6. Demanded joint management council extending workers participation management.
7. Establishment of the Bonus commission with sufficient powers.
8. Extension of ESI scheme to all parts of the state.
9. To bring up legislation for gratuity to all working people.
10. The co-operative institutions should be brought under the provision of industrial disputes act.
11. Even though Pondicherry was annexed with the Indian union benefits available to workers of Madras state or not available to the workers of Pondicherry. The conference demanded parity in this regard.
12. Extension of plantation labour act to aracnet plantation.
13. The conference protest against giving exemption from labour legislation for many industrial establishments in Madras state by the Government.
14. The conference demanded fair wages for defense workers employed in vehicle depot in Avadi.
15. The conference elected a committee, consisting G. Ramanujam as President, R. Rangasami as General Secretary and P. Govindan as treasurer. 30 Committee members were also elected.

NINTH Conference:

The ninth conference was held on December 22 and 23rd, 1962. 323 delegates attended the conference. The venue was Sethupathy High School, . G, Ramanujam, presided and M.S. Ramachandran welcomed the gatherings. Subbaraman M.P. inaugurated the conference. T.V. Anandhan, R. Raman and R. Sengaliappan M.L.A. addressed the gatherings. R. Rangasamy, the General Secretary presented the report.

Resolutions :

1. The conference congratulated the brave soldiers of Indian Army who are fighting against Chinese aggression.
2. Appealed to the working class to improve collectivity to cooperate with Government in confronting the enemy.

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3. Condemned the stand taken by Indian Communist in this hour of crisis after the Chinese aggression. The conference wanted the working class to watch carefully the activities and attitudes of the communists when a communist country attacked India.

The following new office bearers were elected:

1. President : G. Ramanujam
2. General Secretary : R. Rangasamy
3. Treasurer : S. Govindan.

TENTH Conference :

(Source : Minutes INTUC – Vol. III from 1965 to 1978)

The tenth conference was held on August 22, 23 and 24th August, 1964 at Pudukottai. The venue was not mentioned. G. Ramanujam Presided and 256 delegates attended the conference.

The conference passed unanimous resolution on the sad demise of Sri.Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and G.Chemmanlal Shah former President of the INTUC.

Another resolution : The conference condoled the demise of Sri. K.R. Srinivasan, who was serving in the head quarters of Tamilnadu INTUC. The conference expressed its concern in the not implementing many recommendations of the Bonus commission by the Government.

It also demanded the amendment to industrial Disputes Act 1947 to equip with Appellet powers to the labour court and industrial tribunal against the orders passed favouring the employers by amending sec.11.

The conference welcomed the appointment of monopolies commission to curb monopoly and restrictive trade practices. The conference approved the constitutions of the Tamilnadu INTUC after making certain amendment as recommended earlier.

ELEVENTH Conference :

The eleventh conference was held in Palani on January 6,7 and 8th January, 1968. 242 delegates attended the conference. G. Ramanujam presided and R. Ranagasami, the General Secretary presented the report.

Resolutions:

The meeting condoled the death of Manohar Mehta, organizing secretary, in the central INTUC.

The meeting expressed its concern in the closures and lay-off in many textile mill and other industrial establishments in the state. It demanded that the Government should take over all closed industries and protect the interest of the workman.

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It also suggested that the ESI scheme should be extended to Government establishment.

Office bearers :

1. President : G. Ramanujam
2. Treasurer : R. Rangasamy and 29 committee members were elected.

TWELFTH Conference :

The twelfth conference was held at Kovai on 12-9-1970. 300 delegates attended the conference. G. Ramanujam presided the General Secretary, R. Rangasami submitted the the report and the treasurer Govindasamy addressed the conference. The conference was inaugurated by G. Sanjeeva Reddy, the labour minister of Andhra Pradesh.

The constitution of the INTUC was amended to provide four Vice Presidents instead of two.

Resolutions :

1. The conference passed the condolence resolution for the sad demise of the following persons :
 - i) N. Rajamanikkam, employee of TN INTUC headquarters.
 - ii) L.R.Ganesan, the General Secretary of the sugar workers federation of INTUC, Tamilnadu.
 - iii) N. Nagarajan, active leader of the salem district INTUC.
 - iv) L. Ethiraj, M.L.C.
3. The conference viewed with concern the separatist forces becoming active demanding autonomy for linguistic states. Further there were disputes regarding the state borders. Such conflicts would cause damage to the nation. The conference therefore requested the Union Government to reconsider the division of the country on the basis of the language. Instead they can make the country in the zones for administrative conveniences.
4. The meeting protested the Government being inactive to enhance the PF contribution to 10% as per the recommendation of the National labour commission. Further the conference requested the Government to utilize 2% of the contribution to establishing family pension fund. The conference also demanded stringent action against defaulting management.
5. The conference requested the Tamilnadu Government to legislate gratuity act without waiting for the Central Government to act as Labour is a concurrent subject.
6. The conference welcomed the Government proposals to establish industrial relations commission both at central and state level.
7. A new committee was elected as follows :
President : G. Ramanujam

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General Secretary : R. Rangasami

Treasurer : P. Govindarajan

THIRTEENTH Conference:

The thirteenth conference was held at Salem, Vijayaragavachariar Hall on 2 & 3rd October, 1974. 300 delegates attended the conference. G. Ramanujam presided the conference. The General Secretary's report was delivered by R. Rangasami and the treasurer P. Govindasami addressed the conference.

Resolutions :

1. Inflation and cost of living
2. Public distribution system
3. National labour policy
4. Enhancement of PF contribution and enlarging the scheme to all workers.
5. Amendment to the gratuity act to make it more labour friendly.
6. Amendment to Bonus act.
7. To establish a trust to safeguard and protect the assests of the Tamilnadu INTUC.

Two-member committee was elected. Election of the new office bearers in the conference was as follows:

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| 1. President | G. Ramanujam |
| 2. General Secretary | R. Rangasami |
| 3. Treasurer | P. Govindasamy, |

FOURTEENTH Conference :

The fourteenth conference was held at Salem on 25-6-1978. 400 delegates attended the conference. The President G. Ramanujam presided the conference. The General secretary R. Rangasami and the treasurer P. Govindaraja addressed the conference.

Resolutions :

1. The conference extended the support to the farmers agitation which was started again and demanded the Government should extend relief measures to them.
2. The conference demanded proper implementation of Beedi & Cigar workers act.
3. The conference demanded wage board for paper and magnesite industries.
4. The conference demanded bonus to the Railway employees.
5. The conference demanded compensation to transport workers in Nationalised transport service who suffer from occupational injuries.
6. The conference demanded extension of ESI benefits to the workers of all state.

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(This information was available in Vol IV of the minutes of INTUC from 1978 to 1983)

FIFTEENTH Conference :

The fifteenth conference was held at Chennai, T. Nagar Swami Shankaradas Auditorium, on 16-3-1981. 450 delegates attended the conference. The President Ramanujam presided over the conference and the General Secretaries Rangasami, P.L. Subbiah and the treasurer P, Govindarajan addressed the conference.

Resolutions : (not available)

SIXTEENTH Conference :

(Source : Minutes of INTUC from 1983 to 1990).

The sixteenth conference was held at Vellore, Ranga Kalyana Mandapam, on July 30th 1984. 400 delegates attended the conference.

Resolutions:

1. Punjab Crisis: Support to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in dealing with communal policies in Punjab.
2. Price rise
3. Unemployment
4. Removal of ceiling of bonus act
5. Support to banian workers who were struggling for better service condition
6. The conference expressed its concern for the continued strike situations in B & C mills. The conference pointed out that the Central Government had already pumped Rs.50 crores to enable the mill to continue production. Despite the financial assistance the mill was still closed. Hence the conference demanded immediate action by the State and Central Governments. Similarly the Anglo-french textile in Pondicherry, Janardhana Molls, Kovai, Srihari Mills, Kovai also were in Crisis.
7. The meeting condemned the suppression of Tamil people by the Srilankan Government and welcomed their action initiated by Smt. Indira Gandhi, in this context.
8. The conference demanded an integrated electricity system for the whole country for more intergrated action between state electricity board. Similarly the conference appealed to the Central Government to take immediate action to link rivers in the country and to establish National Water Authority.
9. The conference demanded the Central Government to establish a high power committee to investigate the functioning of state electricity board to chalk out remedial measures to make them efficient.

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10. The conference regretted to note that the Government had not taken any action to implement the resolutions passed by National labour conference in 1982 and to bring out the new industrial relations bill.
11. The conference requested the State Government to integrate different transport corporation into the single one.

SEVENTEENTH Conference :

The conference was held on 25,26 July 1987 at President Hall, Coimbatore.

The condolence resolution on the death of the following persons was passed :

1. Smt. Indira Gandhi, Ex-Prime Minister
2. Jagajivan Ram, Ex-Union Minister
3. T.Anjaiah
4. Charansingh, Ex-Prime Minister.
5. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Ex-Chief Minister of Tamilnadu

The following resolutions were passed in the Conference.

1. On Sugar-workers wages
2. On unemployment
3. On Sri lankan Problem
4. On unification of different Transport Corporations
5. On Police interference in Trade Union activity
6. On protection of the Handloom Industry
7. On interconnecting the rivers.

The following office-bearers were elected :

President : G. Ramanujam
General Secretaries : 1. R. Rangasamy
2. P.L. Subbiah
3. G. Rajaraman.
Treasurer P. Govindaraja

EIGHTEENTH Conference:

The eighteenth State Conference was held on 22-9-1991 at Hosur. The conference was presided over by Sri. G. Ramanujam.

Condolences :

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Condolence resolution on the death of Sri. Rajiv Gandhi, Ex-Prime Minister, R. Rangasami, P. Ramamurthy, CPM leader.

The resolutions passed in the conference are :

1. On Soviet Union downfall.
2. On closed mills
3. On Electricity board and Transport Corporations
4. On Privatisation of Port Trusts
5. On New Economic Policy

The following office-bearers were elected :

President : Sri. G. Ramanujam

General Secretaries : Sri. P.L. Subbiah

Sri. M. Kalyanasundaram

Treasurer

Sri. P. Govindaraja

NINETEENTH Conference :

The Conference was held on 28, 29, January, 1995 at Chennai.

The condolence resolutions passed for the demise of

1. V.G. Gopal, Jamshedpur, Tata Employees Union Leader, Vice-President, INTUC.
2. V.V. Dravid, INTUC leader, Minister from Madhya Pradesh
3. K.A. Kumaravel, Vice-President, Tamilnadu INTUC.

The following resolutions were passed in the Conference :

1. On New economic Policy
2. On Amendment to Bonus Act
3. On Pension
4. On Price-rise
5. On unemployment
6. On closed mills
7. On TNEB employees issues
8. On Tamilnadu Handloom Weavers issues.

The following office-bearers were elected in the Conference :

President : M.S. Ramachandran

General Secretaries : P.L. Subbiah

M. Kalyanasundaram

Treasurer

: P. Govindaraja.

TWENTIETH Conference:

The conference was held on 26-1-2001 at President Hall, Kovai.

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The following resolutions were passed on the Conference :

1. On Political resolution
2. On Economic Policy
3. On Price-rise
4. On bonus for all
5. On Gratuity
6. On raising the income-tax limit
7. On resolution against communal forces
8. On Tamilnadu Handloom Weavers issues.
9. On strengthening the Pathi distribution system
10. Relief to employees of closed mills.

The following office bearers were elected :

President : P.L. Subbiah
General Secretary : P.K.G. Menon
Treasurer : P. Govindaraja.

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