

Sub:- 2nd zonal Youth Convention of NFRMU

2nd Zonal Youth Convention of N.F.Railway Mazdoor Union was held at Maligaon, Guwahati on 28th September, 2010.

About 2000 youths from all the 47 branches of N.F.Railway Mazdoor Union attended the convention. Amidst the loud applause the convention was inaugurated by Com.Umraomal Purohit, President, AIRF and General Secretary, HMS.

Com.Umraomal Purohit in his inaugural speech express his delight to notice the large scale attendance of the youth workers of the union and said that the youth coming forward this way will be able to give able and efficient future to the union workers. In his long speech he mentioned about the past of Trade Union movement of India making special references to the struggle of the Railway men under the able leadership of AIRF, the political and economic scenario of the country and the task ahead to resolve the problems of the working class.

Dr. N.G.Mahanta, Professor, Gauhati University and Chairman of the reception committee at the very outset welcome all to the second zonal Youth convention which was devoted to the issues of Socio Economic Condition of India and Responsibility of the Youths. He mentioned that today a sizeable portion of the population of the country comprises of youth. The number of youth in the age group of 13-35 years, as per the 1991 Census, was estimated at about 34 crores, and about 38 crores in 1997, which is anticipated to increase to about 51 crores by the year 2016.

He further mentioned that the need of the hour is to set certain specific objectives in the above backdrop, and draw up an action-plan that would not just benefit the youth but immensely contribute towards building a better east India and then India which secures for the youth the right to life, liberty and opportunities, enhance quality of life, ensure proper and affordable education and sustainable livelihood, build capacity, infuse in them values and culture of the society they belong to, and make them the main stakeholders of our future.

Dr. Mahanta said that the youths today must remember when we talk of 'my rights' it must come with 'your rights' too. Rights bestow certain responsibilities—responsibility to respect other's rights, respect to your Job & organization, your profession and responsibility to the society.

Shri Keshab Chandra GM/N.F.Railway praised the leadership of AIRF and N.F.Railway Mazdoor Union in general and of Com.Umraomal Purohit and Rakhal Das Gupta in particular. He remembered his experience to work together with the leadership of AIRF in several occasions when he have had his remarkable experience about the leadership of the union.

Com. Rakhal Das Gupta in his speech expressed the need for unity amongst the youths in the coming days and also Rasilwaymen`s struggle of 1960, 1968 and 1974. He also mentioned about the successful movement for Assam Compensatory Allowance, Bonus & SDA .

After the inaugural session at about 12.30 hrs. a colourful procession comprising of about 2000 youths marched from Rang Bhavan to the N.F.Railway Head Quarter and back to Rang Bhavan.

In the afternoon at about 15.00 hrs a seminar on “ Sociao Economic Condition of India and the responsibility of the youths” was staged which was addressed by Com. Umraomal Purohit, Com. Rakhal Das Gupta, Com. Biswajit Das, Secretary, Bijan Deb, Chairperson of the Zonal Youth Committee of NFRMU and many others.
