

INDIAN FEDERATION OF WORKING JOURNALISTS

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Tamil Nadu Union to host at Kanyakumari on October 26-28

To all working journalists and media friends

Dear Colleagues

The nation's largest journalist organization, the Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ), entering its 70th year, celebrates its National Council's diamond jubilee session on its 69th foundation day on Sunday, 28 October 2018, at Kanyakumari. IFWJ president **K. Vikram Rao** will preside. As the sun sets at 5:20 p.m. that day, it will mark the completion of seven decades of IFWJ glorious and eventful existence for free press and service to media workers.

Over 427 participants from 29 States and Union Territories have registered themselves with the camp office of the Working Journalists Union of Tamil Nadu at Kutralam (Tirunelveli district). WJTU president **Thiru Anthony J. Sagayaraj** and IFWJ national secretary (South) **Thirumathi R. Chandrika** inform that delegates are requested to contribute Rs. 1,000 per head towards the expenses of sight-seeing. The IFWJ delegate registration fee is Rs. 500.

The chairman of the Organizing Committee and member of the IFWJ working committee, **Thiru G. Paramasivam** says you will be lodged on 26-27 October at comfortable resorts, overlooking the eye-soothing waterfalls in the valley of Kutralam, which compares with Utrakhand's Mussoorie. Luxury buses will carry you to the southern-most tip of India at the Vivekanand Rock Memorial on Sunday where the Swamiji saw vision of free

India. At a short distance the three seas: the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean meet.

The topics for your debates include a Code of Conduct for reporting Lok Sabha elections, curbing the evil of paid news, security and protection of journalists, particularly rural, and wage revision in the newspaper industry. IFWJ legal adviser **Shri Ashwini Kumar Dubey**, advocate on record in the Supreme Court, will speak on the need for National Register for Journalists.

The largest contingent of 62 delegates is from Karnataka, led by its president **B. Narayana**, including **Ms. K. Shanta Kumari**, national convener of IFWJ women's cell in Bengaluru. Orissa sends 41-member delegation; led by UJA general secretary Benudhar Panda, Delhi (22), Kerala (21) and M.P. (20). Uttar Pradesh which has paid Rs. 97,000 as annual subscription to the IFWJ for its 1,616 members, sends (26) delegates, West Bengal delegation returns after many years. It is led by **Amit Roy**, bureau chief of "Inside India" in Kolkata. The Bihar unit, led by its president **Dr. Dhruv Kumar**, general secretary **Sudhir Madhukar** and IFWJ national secretary **Mohan Kumar**, will have this time an increased number of 33 delegates.

Of importance is the Delhi delegation, led by veteran correspondent **Rajiv Ranjan Nag**, its new president, who was also the president of Press Association of India, accredited to the Press Information Bureau (PIB) and member of the Press Council for six years. Nag is also a visiting lecturer in several media institutions. With him will be Com. **Havaladar Singh**, general secretary of the Times of India employees union, New Delhi, and also the secretary general of the National Confederation of Newspaper and News Agencies' Employees Organisations, apex trade union in the media industry. Jharkhand Journalist Association delegation is led by its president and most senior journalist **Devendra Singh** who had worked for the daily 'Aaj' in Ranchi. IFWJ vice-president **S. Sudeesan** informs that veteran V. Pratap Chandran, who just returned to India from the United States, is back in the

IFWJ fold and will be addressing you. Pratapchandran was with the Congress Party daily the Veeekhanam (eyes), leading Malayalam daily. His father Late Varadarajan Nair was a Gandhian and freedom-fighter. Com. **Upendra Singh Rathod**, president of the Rajasthan unit, says that some of the delegates are from those who had won the keenly contested election for the prestigious Pink City Press Club of Jaipur.

At the railway station of Tenkasi junction a Reception Counter will be set up. IFWJ treasurer **Ram P Yadav** will collect registration fee and forms. You may meet there our Tamil Nadu colleagues for registration for sight-seeing and transport to various resorts for your camp. Programme details will be given to you in the camp. The Working Committee will meet after lunch in the camp office on Friday evening 26 October to discuss organizational matters. The State Returning Officers must deposit, if they have not sent so far, the list of their elected National Council members.

Kutralam is just five kilometers from Tenkasi railway station. The distance from Kutralam to Kanyakumari is 130 kms and bus takes three hours. So you must board buses near your camp at Kutralam at 6:30 a.m., on Sunday morning, 28 October, for Kanyakumari. Packed breakfast will be served in the buses. Lunch will be at the Vivekanand (Rock Memorial) Kendra at 12 noon. The session starts at 1 p.m. in the Kendra auditorium. Your return journey home will be from Kanyakumari on Sunday night, 28 October. If you want to stay overnight at Kanyakumari cheap rooms at reasonable rates are available at Vivekanand Kendra and nearby lodges.

See you at Tenkasi.

With warm greeting for Vijayadasmi.

Yours fraternally



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