



# ALL INDIA SHIKSHA SANGHARSH YATRA - 2014

calls upon you to

*join hands for united struggle to win our Rights!!*

Even after almost seven decades of independence,

- Education is a lofty dream beyond reach of crores of children and youth.
- We, the people, are forced to pay huge sum of our hard-earned money to buy education while, at the same time, we are also compelled to pay taxes and additional education cess for this very Constitutional Right.
- Majority of the impoverished including dalits, tribals, OBCs, muslims, disabled and other deprived communities, especially women in each of these sections, are denied education at all levels – pre-primary, elementary, secondary, senior secondary, higher and professional.
- Discriminatory and multi-layered education system is imposed on us whereby the rich can buy their place in elite and expensive private schools, colleges and universities, while the poor are forced into low grade ill-funded schools, colleges and universities, either government or private.
- The nation's teaching cadre at all levels of education has been destroyed by massive contractualisation of teachers and misconceived teacher education.
- Campus democracy in colleges and universities is being cynically eroded with a view to depoliticise the nation's youth.
- Instead of creating democratic and humane citizens to fulfil social-economic-cultural needs of our country and build an egalitarian and just society, the meaning of education is distorted to prepare slavish skilled workforce for the global market.
- Rather than instilling secular values, critical consciousness and scientific temper, the education system is being allowed to be infected with hateful, sectarian and divisive agenda by the communal forces working to thwart our united struggle against neoliberal assault of the corporate capital, as they also did during India's freedom struggle against British imperialism.

***Can we keep quiet in face of such deep-seated conspiracy against India and her people?***

*We, the people of India, in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic, take a solemn pledge to fight against the forces of corporate capital and oppression of upper class, upper caste and patriarchal structures that have denied our Right to education.*

*We proclaim our resolve to wage struggle in order to achieve a*

**FULLY STATE-FUNDED & ENTIRELY FREE 'COMMON EDUCATION SYSTEM'**

*from 'KG to PG' including Common Neighbourhood School System up to Class XII, through the medium of mother tongue in multi-lingual context and establish India's languages in all sectors of national life including trade & business and Science & Technology. This holistic vision alone can pave the path for democratic, secular, egalitarian, humane & scientific education of equitable quality.*

**UNITE TO RESIST TWIN ASSAULT OF CORPORATE CAPITAL & ITS COMMUNAL AGENTS!**

**UNITE TO STRUGGLE FOR ANNIHILATION OF CASTE & PATRIARCHY!!**

**UNITE TO STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION & EMANCIPATION!!!**

***Exclude disparities, Include diversities!  
Fight for 'Common Education System'!!***



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## All India Forum for Right to Education

and its 45 member-organisations and more than 200 fraternal organisations across the country

Beginning on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 in various states/UTs through district-level Yatras along with five ZONAL YATRAS from north-east, south, north, east & west of India to salute the indomitable spirit of IROM SHARMILA for democratic, just and humane India!

Culminating in Bhopal on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in solidarity with the 30-year long struggle of the LAKHS OF BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS against ruthless imperialist onslaught on people's lives and Rights!!

All India Shiksha Sangharsh Yatra (AISSY) holds that education is not for producing workforce for global market's loot but for meeting socio-economic and cultural needs of the people and for building a **DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST, SECULAR AND ENLIGHTENED SOCIETY**

- by promoting equality, social justice and diversity;
- by liberating education from communal, casteist, patriarchal, sectarian & anti-disability prejudices; discrimination, irrationality and superstition; and
- by inculcating critical consciousness for social transformation.

## THE CONSTITUTIONAL VISION OF EDUCATION based on equality and freedom from discrimination

- cannot be achieved without demolishing the neo-liberal policies that
- allow profit making in education;
  - siphon public assets and funds to private managements through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and FDI;
  - reduce education to tradable service under WTO-GATS; and
  - undermine the very purpose of education by subserving the market through communalization, regimentation and enslavement of minds.

*In order to achieve the Constitutional Vision of Education:  
Let us struggle to reverse the neoliberal agenda of privatisation, commercialisation and communalisation of education.*

**EDUCATE! AGITATE! ORGANIZE!  
AND CONTINUE STRUGGLE FOR REDEEMING LANGUAGES,  
RECLAIMING KNOWLEDGE & RECONSTRUCTING EDUCATION!!**

*Education is not for sale, it is a people's Right!*

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