



# ALL INDIA SHIKSHA SANGHARSH YATRA-2014

(2 November-4 December 2014)

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**ALL INDIA FORUM FOR RIGHT TO EDUCATION  
and its 45 member-organisations and more than 200 fraternal organisations**

## SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

To  
Prime Minister  
Government of India  
New Delhi

We, the people of India, having undertaken All India Shiksha Sangharsh Yatra-2014 from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, urge upon you to implement the following five demands forthwith and bring about necessary changes in the education policy accordingly:

1. **Establish fully free and state-funded Common Education System** 'from KG to PG' **founded on equality and freedom from discrimination**, including Common School System based on Neighbourhood Schools up to class XII. Such an education system should be capable of building a **democratic, socialist, secular, egalitarian, just, enlightened and humane society** in the country in consonance with the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.
2. **Stop, withdraw and reverse all policies of privatisation and commercialization** of education, including all forms of **Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in education.
3. **Withdraw 'offer' made in WTO-GATS** to treat higher education as a tradable commodity in global market before it becomes an irrevocable 'commitment', thereby restoring **India's sovereignty in educational policy-making**.
4. **Uproot communalism** from education; **eliminate casteist, patriarchal, sectarian and anti-disability prejudices** as well as **irrational and superstitious content from education** which leads to discrimination and subverts India's rich diversity by insidiously claiming supremacy of any class, caste, religion, culture, gender, language, region or the so-called 'normal' body over the rest.
5. **Develop mother tongue in a multi-lingual context as medium of education** in all private and government schools and colleges and **establish primacy of India's languages** in all sectors of national life including, among others, the executive, legislative and judiciary, trade & business, Science & Technology and Information Technology.

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