

Ghazal by Balli Singh Cheema

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Lays marble in strangers houses
Makes houses but sleeps on the footpath
He counts me as a tool of this predatory system;
He counts me only when he counts the resource.
He who claims that everyone is equal;
Pulls me down and elevates others.

He plays with words and meanings;
My hunger is only malnutrition to him now.
In my free India who was supposed to go to school;
That child now sweeps the floor in trains.
Your heroes will never be called heroes, Balli!
Some pull rickshaws and some heave ploughs.

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INVITATION

All India Conference
for
Building Common School System &
Abolishing Commercialization of Education
at
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
on
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Organised by
All India Forum for Right to Education (AIF-RTE)
and
State Platform for Common School System, Tamil Nadu (SPCCC, TN)

Participants :
About 2000 delegates (1500 from Tamil Nadu and 500 from other parts of India) are expected to attend and participate

INVITE
All Members of the Member- and Associate- organizations are invited with strong delegations to participate in the conference. They can bring all those people to the conference who clearly 'stand against trade in education and for secular and democratic education system, for government funded public education system from KG to PG and for Common School System based on Neighborhood Schools'.

- Expenses**
- Delegates will bear their travel cost between their place and Chennai
 - Delegates will be provided Local hospitality (accommodation and food) free of cost by the host organisation of the conference.
 - Each delegate will pay a registration Fee of Rs. 100/-

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