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Nation-wide Protest Week Against NEP 2020

(6th to 12th Feb'2023)

To

The Member and Associate Organizations, National Executive Members, and Campaign Associates

Dear Friends,

The NEP 2020 is a project of,

1. privatization, commercialization, and corporatization of education restricting educational opportunities to only those who could pay;
2. fascist Hindutva communalization both by distortion of History and bringing communal content into text books and courses;
3. centralization of power against federal rights of the states and bureaucratization of administration against the democratic rights of the students and teachers;
4. exclusion of all discriminated sections from education by dismantling the social justice agenda of the constitution and diluting the rule of reservations;
5. infusing the right-wing cadres into educational institutions through bypassing roster system, the rule of seniority and priority of academic credentials in appointments and promotions in universities and through volunteer system in schools.

Despite protests from different quarters, the central government is systematically implementing the NEP 2020. The agenda of this anti-people policy is unfolding in front of us through a series of decisions like the stopping of pre-metric scholarships, scholarships for minorities, etc. Further, the communalization of education is going unabated. The recent press report says that the government is planning to teach the Bhagavad Gita as a subject.

The Program of Action adopted at the Seventh National Executive meeting of All India Forum for Right to Education (AIFRTE) at Hyderabad has called upon to organise decentralised protests against NEP 2020 in the second week of February 2023 across the country. The protests are to be organised from 6th to 12 February.

While we oppose the anti-people and anti-constitution NEP 2020, we demand the government to implement scientific, secular and democratic education system to advance

the goals set and values enshrined in the constitution of India which includes inter alia the common school system

All member and associate organisations and individual members are requested to plan and implement a week-long program at different levels such as State/District/University/College/Campus etc. In places where a week-long program cannot be organised, you may plan at least for a single day program. The forms of protest could naturally be designed at local/district/university and state levels.

Please keep in mind the necessity to develop coordination and networks at different levels particularly at the state level in order to make the week-long protest successful as well as to create an atmosphere of united action. Further, you are requested to send a report to the Presidium-Secretariat about the activities taken up, the challenges encountered and impact created.

All India team of AIFRTE will be providing a leaflet, some posters and such other material in English and Hindi for dissemination in this week-long protest. However, member and associate organisations and state level networks need not wait for such material and always shall add state level or university level educational issues and recreate the material to suit their purposes.

Member and associate organisations and state level networks are requested to identify at least one person to work with AIFRTE social media group who will be instrumental in exchange of propaganda material between the federal body and the membership.

The social media committee may come up with creative ideas to develop campaigns in the run up to the 'protest week'.

The Program of Action given and the resolution against NEP 2020 made by the VII National Council held in Hyderabad are herewith attached.

With regards

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