

EQUAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

For your child's better Future

Our children today are facing an unprecedented situation. Children coming from rural, poor, socially and educationally backward communities are suffering from a great injustice. They are being denied a fair opportunity to grow to their highest human potential. While there are a few who are getting the best of the education, most of our children are forced to go to schools without even the basic amenities and basic learning outcomes. This stark difference in the quality of education is creating two Indias; a small one that shines in the brightness of education and the larger one that is languishing in the darkness without quality education.



If you are born in a poor family, if you are born as a girl, if you are born in rural area, or if you are born to parents who are not educated, or to parents who are manual wage earners, or if you are born in a socially and educationally backward community, then you are left to suffer this injustice and inequality of opportunity. Why should the family or place you are born decide your fate in today's civilized world! The least this nation can do is to ensure equal and good quality education to all its children, irrespective of where they are born. It is only by ensuring equal opportunity to every child to rise to her/his fullest human potential can we think of becoming a prosperous and great civic nation.

There is no gain blaming the governments! There is no gain cursing the politicians. There is no gain criticizing the past. The only gainful thing to do is to try doing something to improve the situation. And Equal Education Campaign is that effort on our part as citizens of this country.

Through this campaign, we will have to do our part first. To ensure every child goes to school. And we will have to work together with the schools and the governments to ensure that equal good-quality education is imparted to all our children. This campaign is not against governments or teachers, or administration; this campaign is against no one. It cannot be. The governments, teachers, administrators, students, parents and the society are all stakeholders in school education and they must work together to ensure it. Our Equal Education Volunteers are here to facilitate this process.

Under the Right to Education Act, Sarv Shiksha, Madhyamik Shiksha and now Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, it is promised that every school will have good facilities and good quality education. Let us do our part, demand and ensure what is a matter of right of every child. In the school in our neighborhood,

LETS ENSURE THE FOLLOWING

- All children go to school
- There are lights and fans in the classrooms
- There are desks-benches or decent mats to sit and good board to teach
- There are separate functional toilets for girls and boys, with running water
- There is safe drinking water in school
- There is a library and enough teaching learning material in the school
- There are enough classrooms for students in the school
- There are enough trained teachers in the school
- Teaching happens regularly and with appropriate pedagogy
- There are good learning outcomes
- There is information, opportunity and career guidance
- There is playground/sports/games/recreation equipment/material
- There is effective value education that makes the children better human beings and citizens
- There are all those things that are necessary for good-quality education

(Note: This is not an exhaustive list, it only lists some important things to be done.)

WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN THE CAMPAIGN

1. To meet the teachers, parents of the students, other socially aware people in the neighbourhood and sensitize them about the children's right to equal good-quality education.
2. To facilitate the identification of gaps and making of the School Development Plan ensuring equal good-quality education.
3. To follow up and ensure the implementation of the plan at the community, school, district and state level.
4. To keep track of the progress of the implementation, document achievements/improvements in schools and share with stakeholders. Using software tool designed for this purpose.
5. Sensitize mainstream print and electronic media about the necessity of the campaign and keep them informed of the progress of the campaign.
6. Sensitize the society in general about the necessity to ensure equal good-quality education for every child by way of social media.
7. To organize peaceable assemblies, press conferences, media briefings, meetings of the Equal Education Teams, etc. for the successful implementation of the campaign.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE CAMPAIGN

1. Significant improvement in the infrastructure and other facilities in the selected schools.
2. Significant improvement in the teaching learning process and learning outcomes.
3. Inculcation of humanistic values in children and visible behaviour change
4. Availability of the best possible content on curriculum, opportunity and career guidance, library, etc.
5. Every child gets equal good-quality education and opportunity to grow to her/his fullest human potential

