

PEOPLES ALLIANCE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT EDUCATION (PAFRE)

**FIGHTING ON CASTE- RELIGION- HATRED IS ENOUGH
WE WANT OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION**

OUR SCHOOL EDUCATION DEMANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
MANIFESTOS OF POLITICAL PARTIES FOR 2023 LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN KARNATAKA

ALL THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO INCLUDE THESE
DEMANDS OF OURS AS GUARANTEED PROMISES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
MANIFESTOS.

Dear Madam/ Sir,


People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education-PAFRE, is an alliance of people's movements working to realize the goal of fundamental right to education. As members of this coordination group, we are part of a state- wide movement to promote health, nutrition and sensory development in young children, quality health care for all children right from the infants in the womb to the adults up to the age of 18 years, and to promote early childhood opportunities and quality education that complements sustainable human development.

We believe in a good intention of having that these matters should be prime political issues of discussion in the run up to the upcoming 2023 Assembly Elections in Karnataka. Instead of announcing equitable quality education as a mere promise in the manifesto, the basic objective of this campaign is to give it as a guaranteed promise and create awareness among public to vote to the parties who are committed to fulfill these promises after the elections.

In addition, we, the parents of children, have decided to participate in the election and cast our vote with the theme Vote FOR QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM to uphold the right of our children to basic education as their fundamental right. The state movement is spearheaded by the Coordination of People's Movements for the Fundamental Right to Education (PAFRE).

We request that the following points be included in your party's election manifesto as a guarantee of uncompromising commitment. We also demand political commitment to fulfill these points after the elections.

OUR RIGHTFUL DEMANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MANIFESTO'S:

-  Our party is committed to adequately and effectively implement the Right to Education Act, which enforces Article 21 of the Fundamental Rights in the Constitution by

emphasizing the education of all children, including children with disabilities, and to provide all basic facilities in due time.

- ✚ Our party is committed to provide textbooks, note books, uniforms, bicycle, scholarship, etc. to all students in timely manner.
- ✚ Our party is committed to completely stop the amalgamation process of mass closure of any government school.
- ✚ Our party is committed to exert pressure on the central government to bring necessary amendments to the Constitution and the Right to Education Act to extend free and compulsory education up to at least class 12, including early childhood care and education.
- ✚ Instead of conducting unnecessary tests, our party is committed to take all necessary steps to assess children's learning at the school level based on Comprehensive and Continuous Assessment (CCA) and teach them as per government standards.
- ✚ Our party is committed to phase- by- step implementation of equal school education of equal quality as recommended in Empowerment Report 2017, Public Foundational Neighborhood Primary School at village level from Pre- Primary to Class IV and Public Neighborhood Day/ Residential School at Panchayat/ Ward level from Pre- Primary to Class 12 in a phased manner. To safeguard the interests of children- parents in non-government aided schools and to fully control the privatization and commercialization of education and to make private schools accountable and accountable to the masses, we have formulated and enforced a strict comprehensive law that includes fee regulation, minimum standards and norms for quality education and an institutional structure that complements parental involvement, as is already in place in most states. The party is committed for the same.
- ✚ Our party is committed to review the National Education Policy, which has been widely criticized in the public, in accordance with the federal principles of the Constitution and formulate a State Education Policy (SEP) according to the needs of the state.
- ✚ To eradicate malnutrition in the state, our party is committed to implement Breakfast scheme (along with Ksheera Bhagya for children and midday meals) for children and also to distribute eggs daily to all children up to 10th class children right from Anganwadi .
- ✚ Our party is committed to provide effective training to democratically formed and constitutionally functioning SDMC committee in government schools
- ✚ Our party is committed to form special programs to increase the current net enrollment in secondary, higher secondary and higher education.

- ✚ Our party is committed to take all kinds of measures to strengthen and expand public universities, thereby stopping the mushrooming of private autonomous universities.
- ✚ Our party is committed to earmarking 15% of the state budget for education.
- ✚ Our party is committed to select/ appoint as ministers only those who are aware of the importance of the education system and can lead it in accordance with the values of the constitution and democracy.

We, through People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education strongly demand to include all the above points as the people's agenda in the manifestos of all political parties. We solely endorse the above demands.

1. Niranjanaradhya V .P (People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education)
2. Mavalli Shankar (Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (Ambedkarite)
3. Basavaraja Gurikara (All India Primary Teachers Union)
4. Chandrasekhara Nuggi (Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association)
5. Avagere Chandru (Karnataka Mid day meal Employees Association)
6. M. Jayamma (Karnataka State Federation of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers)
7. Shanti/ Moyuddin Kutty/ Umesh Doddangawadi/ Ashok Magadi/ Abdul Salam Chittoor/ Mathew Muniappa , Nagesh Kodagu and all District/ Taluk Presidents/ Secretaries (Karnataka State School Development and Monitoring Committees Coordination Forum)
8. BN Yogananda (Coordinating Forum of Parents' Organizations of Karnataka State Schools and Colleges)
9. Mallige (People's Movement for Equal Education and Karnataka Janashakti)
10. Shashanka S R (All India Forum for Fundamental Right to Education)
11. Vinay Srinivasa (Bahutva Karnataka)
12. Lokesh Talikatte (Rural Union of Private Unaided Schools - RUPUSA)
13. Saraswati (Anti- Child Labor Movement)
14. Babu Mathew (Public Policy Institute, NLSIU)
15. Zeeshan Akhil Siddiqui (Students Islamic Organization of India)
16. Sarovar Benkikere (Karnataka Vidyarthi Sanghatane)
17. Shubhankar Chakraborty (Indian Science Committee)
18. Gurumurthy Kashinath (IT for Change)
19. Kirana Kamala Prasada (Jeevika- Jita Vimukti Karnataka)
20. Mahadeva Heggadadevanakote (Karnataka Serf and Agricultural Workers' Union)
21. Gangadhara (Group of Friends for an Equal Society)
22. Y. Mariswamy (People's Movement for Social Transformation)
23. Thirumala Rao (Karnataka State Retired Education Officers Association)
24. R Nagesh Aralakuppe (All Karnataka Intellectuals Trust)
25. N.V. Manjula (Karnataka Adivasi Soligara Budakattu Mahasabha (R))
26. Kumar Swamy (Centre for Child and Law, NLSIU, Bangalore)
27. G. Ravi (Fourth Wave Foundation)
28. Aratrika (All India Student Association)
29. Sudha S (EFSA)

