

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear friends

I congratulate all the delegates at the grand success of the 7th all India conference of AINVSA at Mavalankar auditorium, New Delhi on 07-05-2017 and all the delegates who have taken pains to attend it from all the nooks and corners of India. I am very happy to note that the leadership has changed hands and everybody is convinced at the need to move on. I strongly believe that Shri Tafseer Anwar and Smt. K.Manjula will lead the Association by example and move on the path of agitation with renewed energy. The Association never chooses to tread the path of agitation but years of negligence of staff welfare, discrimination, harassment, corruption, official apathy, etc leave no choice but to agitate.

In my 30 years of service I have had the opportunity and privilege of visiting nearly a 100 schools and I was shocked to witness in many schools the hegemony and apathy of the administration and as well as the silent acceptance and resignation of the staff. I have also witnessed some hearting instances of the administrators and the staff working striving selflessly to emulate their own efforts to promote excellence in all spheres. I have learnt my valuable lessons from all the people I have encountered and all the experiences I have undergone as a teacher as well as the General Secretary of the Association. I cherish the ennobling moments and experiences for the rest of my life.

It is a mammoth responsibility to shoulder the responsibilities as the General Secretary of the Association for nearly 12 years. I always tried my best to further the cause of the Association and I believe that the Association is now in a stronger position now that what it was 12 years ago. Thanks to the cooperation the CEC and SEC members and lots of other members and well-wishers I have been able to bring to the notice of the administration many of our burning issues. However, we have not been able to achieve many of our demands. Time and again I emphasised that the resolution of demands lies in our direct confrontation with the management and the government of India by direct agitation. Representations and lobby can only help create an awareness about the problems. Only in rare circumstances some issues are settled through paper work. Over the years the stand of the management has also softened on many of our issues. But we need to be tougher and gear up ourselves for agitation for a permanent resolution of the demands. The strength of the Association lies on the strong support rendered by the vidyalaya units. The vidyalaya units are our pillars. Without strong vidyalaya units and active SECs and then the CECs the Association is not going to progress. In the last few years we have been able to make some progress in strengthening the Association at the vidyalaya level and several state conferences were organised.

I expect more staff and more schools to actively participate in the academic discussion and administrative matters. Most importantly, the teaching should never accept the changes in the curriculum, examination and evaluation changes without discussion. They should fight for representation in decision making. They should involve themselves actively and be in a position to reject the undemocratic and unilateral decisions thrust on them. They should read books and articles on educational issues, and actively participate in the discussions. They should reject superficiality in all matters and grow intellectually.

I request all the teaching and non-teaching friends to actively involve themselves in the Associational activities and give their active support to the new CEC members. The President and the General Secretary are new to their jobs but they have enough experience and have strongly involved themselves in all the activities. They are capable of leading the Association and carry forward the agitation. But they need your support. I request you all to raise to the occasion and extend even stronger support to the new office bearers. Your collective and unstinted support gives them a boost to lead the organisation. I sincerely believe that the better days are still ahead. The Association has received a lot of support from various cadres to reach the present coveted level. Today ours is only active Association among the hundreds of associations working under the Autonomous Organizations. In the last 10 years no other associations went on strike for 10 days for the resolution of their demands. All this shows the teaching and non-teaching staff have spark to ignite. I thank all those anonymous members of the Association who have supported the agitations and my leadership and helped elevating its status.

I am retiring in July. I am planning to spend my post-retirement life in community service activities. Still I would like to render my support to you as and when you need it. I wish you all the success in all your endeavours. Fight unitedly and you will get only what you fight for.

Yours in service

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