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#### **6 percent of GDP should be earmarked for education: ABVP**

**More than 450 students from North East will participate in ABVP's 'Rashtriya Ekatmata Yatra' this year**

**Problems related to exams like NEET-PG and JEE should be resolved soon: ABVP**

**There should be a detailed discussion on the UGC draft regarding foreign universities: ABVP**

In the Central Working Committee meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad being held in Mysore on January 28-29, various important topics related to the education sector and contemporary issues are being discussed. ABVP demanded from the central government to set aside 6 per cent budget of GDP for the education sector, out of which 2 per cent budget should be earmarked for higher education and research. Along with this, ABVP has demanded that the central government should release the budget in a phased manner to give shape to the various institutions mentioned in the education policy. In the context of lack of resources in proportion to the large number of students in state universities, lack of infrastructure, etc., the ABVP has demanded that the state governments improve the condition of these state universities by paying special attention to the education sector. ABVP clearly believes that the situation of government apathy towards state universities should change.

On the recently released UGC draft for setting up Indian campuses of foreign universities, the ABVP has demanded a detailed discussion with all stakeholders and inclusion of their suggestions. Regarding the BBC documentary, ABVP is of the opinion that this documentary is a clear symbol of biased, colonial backwardness and when India is getting stronger from various sides, the recent BBC documentary tries to tarnish the image of India on the basis of lies.

ABVP's 'Student Experience in Inter-State Living' (SEIL), which has been going on since 1966 to acquaint the youth of North East with the rest of India and vice-versa, will start from February 1 this year, more than 450 delegates will participate in this Yatra. This 'Rashtriya Ekatmata Yatra' will pass through 64 places across the country and introduce the delegates to the length and breadth of Bharat.

ABVP had launched a nationwide campaign called 'Gyaat-Agyaat Hutatma', in which information was collected about the freedom fighters of the Indian independence movement through the survey method. ABVP will pay tribute to these freedom fighters on coming 23 March in Delhi under 'Swaraj @ 75' program and will inform the country about these forgotten freedom fighters through various mediums.

ABVP has demanded a speedy resolution to the problems related to NEET-PG and JEE. There has been a demand for quick resolution of the problems like institutional confusion in the conduction of examinations, digital errors, qualification related changes and non-issuance of the examination calendar on time.

ABVP's National General Secretary Yagyavalkya Shukla said, "Budget increase is very necessary for the education sector. This investment will certainly bring revolutionary changes in the direction of the country's development. The budget increase will be critical for the implementation of National Education Policy-2020. It is a subject, which should be taken seriously. We are placing various demands before the government on the subjects of budget increase, improving the condition of state universities, removing problems related to various examinations, etc. We hope that immediate action will be taken on these subjects."

**(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Digambar Pawar)**