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The News Editor,

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Sir/Madam,

Today the General Secretary of AIDS0, Ashok Mishra has issued this following statement:-

“The speech of the UGC Vice-Chairman Mr. H Devaraj in a programme at PPG Institute of Technology, Coimbatore has been published in the leading national newspapers on 26.11.13 which states that Bachelor in Vocational Courses will be introduced from this academic year to replace the B.A., B.Sc. courses as a part of the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). It is also reported that B Voc. course will be introduced in about 200 polytechnic and arts colleges of the country. Initially the two systems will run parallel, but eventually within next 10 years the B Voc. course will completely replace the B.A., B.Sc. courses. Mr. H Devaraj has also informed that the UGC will allocate Rs 25,000 crores to private institutions under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan from the total of Rs 50,000 crores allotted under 12th plan.

We strongly oppose this design of all-out vocationalization of higher education killing the true essence of education. It is worth mentioning here that the stalwarts of Renaissance upheld that education should be provided for searching truth, cultivation of knowledge and for creating scientific bent of mind. Man-making and character-building would be the object of education. Rabindranath Tagore, Albert Einstein and other great personalities expressed that only technical education bereft of social values will destroy that very process. But contrary to their lessons our governments have continuously adopted such education policies which created hindrance in the path of secular, scientific and democratic education and instead of instilling higher human values through education, provided only technical knowledge. Thus they are preparing the ground of fascism through the fusion of religion with technical knowledge. Moreover vocationalization cannot be a panacea to our unemployment problem as camouflaged by our rulers. Innumerable engineers, M. Tech., B. Tech., I.T.I. degree holders are without job. Thousands and thousands of workers in our country are losing their jobs due to severe crisis of market economy. Being fully aware of it the government and the UGC are still vocationalizing education only to destroy the very essence of education. Since long our organization AIDS0 has warned the student community and all education loving people about the conspiracy of vocationalization of education in India unmasking the real character of the education policies adopted by different governments. Our assumption has been proved true by the latest decision of the UGC. We appeal to all education loving people of the country to strongly condemn this heinous attempt of the UGC which is nothing but an all-out attack on education. We also think that when the governments as well as the UGC are reluctant to allot fund to government-aided institutions at all level in the plea of shortage of fund, they are allotting huge money to patronize the private higher institutions whose main object is to sell education at public exchequer. We strongly oppose this policy of privatization also.

AIDS0 will observe **All India Protest Day on 9th December, 2013** against this heinous attack on education. On this countrywide protest day centralized and decentralized meetings, sit-in-demonstrations, dharnas, student rallies and other sorts of agitations will be organized.”

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