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# **All India Democratic Students' Organisation**

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### **Press release**

In a statement issued to the press AIDSO General Secretary, Sourav Mukherjee has said the following:

“It has transpired from the reports published in national media that the minister of school education Smt. Archana Chitnis of the BJP-led Madhya Pradesh state government has proposed to introduce some portions of Srimad Bhagavat Geeta into the school syllabus starting from class-VI upto class-X. We strongly condemn this proposal as this is opposed to the concept of secular, scientific and democratic education envisaged by the great men of Renaissance of our country. According to the concept of secular education religion should be considered as strictly a matter of personal belief and educational institutions courses and curricula should remain completely free from any influence of religion. Furthermore, according to the concept of democratic education what will be the course or content of the schools that should be decided by the teachers, professors and educationists and government should not at all intervene in this process. Wherever, the BJP has been in the government, central or any state, they pursued their Hindutva agenda and made particular attempts to promote it through educational syllabus. In a country like ours where superstitious beliefs are prevalent within the society and calculated attempts are there to instigate the feelings based on caste, community, religion etc. for electoral and other benefits and disrupt the unity of the people, there such a step will be extremely damaging. We demand to immediately reject the proposal and urge upon the teachers, professors, educationists, students and people at large of Madhya Pradesh to oppose it and demand introduction of good renaissance literature based on democratic ethos and values in the school syllabus.”

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