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Dear Friends of FRNV,

The Government has settled down. A number of new initiatives have been announced. The HRD Minister has announced a revamping of the Education System. Also the Law Minister has promised that he will address both Judicial and Electoral Reforms.

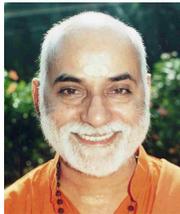
We at FRNV had recently organized two very important workshops – one on Police Reforms and another on Value Education. We urge the Government to take up both these immediately to find an effective solution.

We believe that this is the time people and civil society organizations have to become more vigilant and not wait for the next elections to raise the alarm on issues.

Editorial Team

A Grave Anomaly

Judiciary represents the lasting voice of lawful propriety in setting forth principles, pursuits and goals for the individual as well as the society and the Nation. Democracy cannot be healthy and effective, if Judiciary is not given its due place and importance and its prudent pronouncements sought and adhered to. Like God in religion, Supreme Reality in philosophy, Self in spirituality, Judiciary is overriding in any functioning democracy.



It is in such a constitutional and legal background that we have to view the present stalemate, where the Supreme Court Order on Police Reforms pronounced in 2006 has

not been implemented so far by the Centre and States of India.

If such an order is not adhered to by the Government, it verily brings a **stalemate in democratic functioning**. It is an affront to the trust and confidence of the people of India in the governance. **A Government that does not respect Law and Judicial Orders has no right to expect, seek or enforce law in any matter**. Having the power and resources to clamp whatever they want gives no license to incur any violation and still feel complacent. The ultimate test for any action or non-action is righteousness, propriety, tenability on the grounds of natural justice.

What right or impulsion does a Government have in enforcing any law whatever, if the Government itself flouts the SC order without any consequences? Can they then rightfully take any meaningful legal step in any civil or criminal matter against any person, party or institution?

Who will point out this grave anomaly, nay defiance, except the right thinking citizens, intelligentsia and thought leaders of the country?

In shaping any country and nation, its intelligentsia, thinkers and thought leaders, are the first and last decisive role. This cannot be invalidated. Realize this. But alas, they carry a woeful note of diffidence and lack, which gives rise to the feeling that the brute force of the masses is superior to theirs, when it comes to the question of getting things done, especially by authorities.

Democracy calls for ceaseless vigil by the people. Without the people discharging this democratic obligation, mere elections cannot yield rightful results.

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NATIONAL VALUE EDUCATION

Workshop to Co-create Standards of Integrity for the Educational ecosystem

The National Value Education Task Force of FRNV held its first in the series of workshops this year, with the following three objectives i) Bringing awareness towards the urgent need for Values and Integrity amongst the various stakeholders in the education ecosystem, ii) Co-creating the elements of a value-based teaching system, and iii) Co-creating Standards of Integrity and Values, which could easily be adopted, and then practised by all stakeholders in the Teaching and Learning Communities concerned.

It is planned that the set of Standards that would evolve from the many interactive workshops amongst leaders in each of the stakeholder-groups, would then be unveiled to the Nation later this year, for adoption by educational institutions.

The participants included the following stakeholders of a student's education system: Parent, Principal, Teacher, Student, School Management, Policy Makers.

The participants also provided valuable inputs on challenges and approach for effective implementation of Value education.

The workshop was held on 17th June 2009 in New Delhi.

POLICE REFORMS

WORKSHOP TO STIMULATE EXPEDITIOUS POLICE REFORMS

In order to stimulate decisive action in the area of implementing Police Reforms expeditiously, FRNV organized a half-day Workshop to bring all concerned agencies and citizens to 'pull' in the same direction.

This workshop was held on 30th June in New Delhi. The following were the objectives of the workshop: i) Take stock of the current status, ii) Understand the stated, and unstated roadblocks, iii) Study the success stories from Indian states, iv) Craft

strategies for ensuring a removal of the roadblocks to implementation, v) Arrive at clear, unified and decisive action plan that all can commit to.

The participants included, among others, Dr. E Sreedharan, Sri Bharat Wakhlu, Sri Prakash Singh, Smt. Maja Daruwala, Sri Kamal Kumar, Sri B. G. Verghese.

The following were some of the main points that emerged from the workshop:

- Involve Media and generate greater awareness among the masses regarding urgent implementation of Police Reforms.
- The Prime Minister should call a meeting of the Home Minister, Chief Ministers and home Ministers of the States.
- Meet the Home Secretary and discuss the outcome of the workshop.
- Ask Supreme Court to file contempt petition against those state govt. which are not following the SC Directive
- Approach the Standing Committee and apprise it of the status and the recommendations of the Workshop.

FRIENDS OF FRNV

We welcome you, as a Friend of FRNV, to share information about the Foundation's activities with friends of yours. There is a great need for every citizen of the country to participate in such a Value Restoration Movement.

WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS

For further details on the different initiatives of FRNV, please visit the website (www.valuefoundation.in).

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