

BJP Education Manifesto Commitments

BJP believes that education is the most powerful tool for the advancement of the nation and the most potent weapon to fight poverty. Education in India needs to be revitalized and reorganized. Every effort shall be made to ensure 'equality of opportunity in access and success' to all learners.

Commitments:

- Highest priority would be given to address the acute shortage of teachers and researchers, quality of education and research, and also the employability factor associated with most of the courses.
- Education should not only lead to employability but also job creation and entrepreneurship by introducing a national multi-skills orientation program.
- We intend to review and revise education system; the salary structures associated with the teaching staff and most importantly, address the shortfall of faculty and related issues in the country.
- Public spending on education would be raised to 6% of the GDP, and involving the private sector would further enhance this.

1. School Education

- 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan': Mechanism would be set up for its performance audit and to have real time information about its performance.
- Universalization of secondary school education and skills development through functional school shall be seriously pursued.
- The content and process of school education shall be thoroughly reviewed to make it dynamic, stress-free, attractive and responsive to the emerging national needs.
- Entail use of technology for education to reduce burden of books on students.
- Establish a national E-Library to empower school teachers and students.
- Initiate a multi-country student exchange programme for school going children.

2. Higher and Professional Education

- Enhancing the pivotal role of the teachers by teacher training institutions
- A mechanism for close interaction between industry (including SME), academia and community.
- Developing appropriate courses for higher education, to ensure that the country has adequate manpower for every sector, both established and emerging, in the economy.
- Provide autonomy with steps to ensure accountability for institutions of higher learning.
- Raise the standard of education and research, so that Indian universities become at par with the top global universities and find their place in the global league.
- UGC will be restructured and transformed into a Higher Education Commission rather than just being a grant distribution agency.
- Revisit the Apprenticeship Act to facilitate our youth to Earn while they Learn.

3. Vocational Training

- Set up Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) and virtual classrooms to make it convenient for working class people and housewives to further their knowledge and qualifications.
- Correspondence courses will be started in new domains for self-employment; family run businesses, entrepreneurship and innovation,