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## **Crusader for Teachers' Rights and Renowned Educationist**

Ram Pal Singh hails from Uttar Pradesh in India. He started his professional career as a teacher at the age of 21. Considering the problems faced by teachers, he decided to join the teachers union to work for improving the service conditions, pay scales and rights of teachers. He became the General Secretary of Uttar Pradesh state, an affiliate of AIPTF in 1985, the post he held continuously for next 15 years. He led successfully various agitations and went to jail for not less than 10 times for the cause of teachers.

He took over the position as General Secretary in 1993 and President of All India Primary Teachers' Federation in 1997, the position he held continuously till date. Throughout his life as unionist, he led incessant struggle for upholding rights of teachers, fighting for quality education for all and strengthening AIPTF. Recognizing his commitment and expertise, government of India appointed him as member to various government bodies and institution dealing with education policy and implementation like NCERT, NCTE, NUEPA, NCPCR and Governing Council and Executive Committee of National Mission of Sarva Shikshak Abhiyan (SSA).

As a unionist he has been active at regional level as well and was elected as Member of Education International Asia Pacific Regional Committee in 1994 to 1997 and 2013 till date and Vice President of Education International (Asia Pacific) thrice in 1997, 2004 and 2009.

He led AIPTF in its successful struggles demanding Education for All. These struggles led to the enactment of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act in 2009 making elementary education a fundamental right of all children. The struggles under his leadership ensured better pay scales and service condition for teachers. In 2014, he led a Nationwide March "Shiksha Yatra" as part of EI's UNITE Campaign passing through all the states in the country culminated at New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

He is a strong crusader of quality education for all, upholding trade union and human rights. He firmly believes that quality education for all cannot be achieved through commercialization of education as children from poverty stricken homes and deprived sections of society will not have any access to commercialized schools because of their high tuition fee and other allied charges.

***AIPTF wishes him success in his new endeavor as the Executive Board member of Education International.***