

Hello Readers!



February 2022 was all about celebrating significant steps and milestones at Indus Action. We were thrilled to see the results of the advocacy led by **Hon'ble Amar Patnaik, Ram Mohan Naidu, Nadimul Haque, and many others** - when [the Ministry of Women and Child Development declared that a husband's Aadhaar card will no longer be mandatory for pregnant women to avail maternity benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana \(PMMVY\) scheme](#). We hope that such a move creates a dynamo effect of meaningful conversations, like extending maternity benefits under PMMVY to the second live birth.



Our CEO Tarun Cherukuri interacted with **Chamundeswari Dharmavarapu from Suno India** to discuss the impact of the Covid19 crisis on children's education and how to combat learning losses that resulted from school closures.

Listen to the full podcast in Telugu [here](#).

[Our partner IDInsight embarked on a new venture with The Dignity Project to empower social sector leaders with the tools to uphold the dignity of the communities they serve](#). We are excited about this new development and wish them success!

Another update coming from **Odisha** is that the **RTE 12(1)(c) admissions are now open**. We urge you to help students from your network to access unhindered education. [Rupayaan](#) and [Indus Action](#) is closely working with [Education Depttment in Odisha](#) in enabling school admissions in the state. **Call toll free No. 1800 3456 722 or [visit this link](#)**.

Blog: Budget 2022

In a poverty-stricken nation like India, the annual Union Budget is viewed not only as a financial document but as a guiding light for citizens, giving them hope and feeding their aspirations for the coming year. [In our team's assessment of the Union Budget 2022, they touch upon some important points](#), such as:

- Women constitute a large number of the beneficiaries and often depend on the MGNREGA scheme for employment, but its allocation has been reduced by 20%.
- Funds not allocated sufficiently to implement the PMMVY scheme and other maternal & child health measures.
- There was a need for doubling the education budget to ensure the provisions of the NEP be carried out effectively, especially in a pandemic-ridden scenario. This was not done.
- The budget allocations to reopen schools safely are being used for the maintenance of the physical infrastructure.
- There is no specification of social security benefits to 400 million unorganized workers in the budget.
- No urban job guarantee scheme has been announced even though urban employment is higher than the national average.

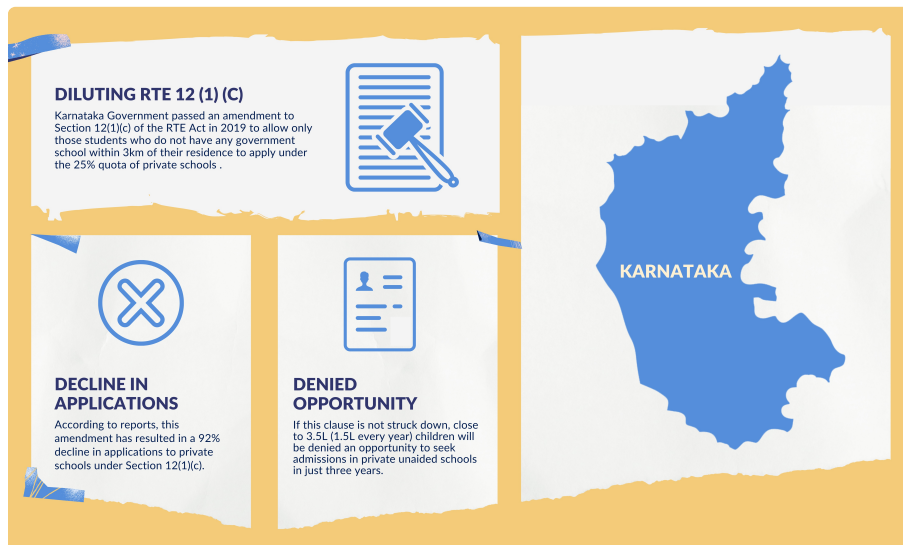
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Point Of View

As schools reopen after the third Covid19 wave, admissions under the Right

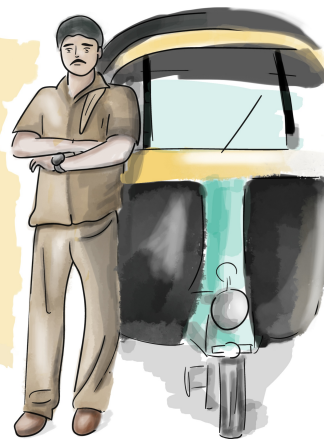
To Education Act (RTE 12 (1) (c) clause) are kickstarting across the country. [Our team member Manab Singha shared his thoughts on how RTE is a right, and not a charity, in the South Asia Monitor.](#)

Keeping up the momentum of these discussions, we partnered with [OutLawed India](#) to become joint petitioners on a [Change.org](#) petition titled: **[Karnataka: Make Education For All A Reality; Remove Restrictive Clause in 12.1.c of RTE.](#)** The rationale behind the petition #RTEinKarnataka:



Suresh, an auto driver, who filed the petition at the High Court recently, said

"My child's future is in jeopardy. My daughter is studying in LKG in a private school under the RTE Act. Now, I have to discontinue her studies as the school won't allow her to study in UKG. I also can't afford the school fees."



Read more [here](#).

Join us and ensure that children's education remains inclusive under the RTE Act.

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