

Hello Readers!

The month of October was full of interesting activities at Indus Action! Early in the month, we hosted a thought-provoking [panel discussion on “How can schools be reopened safely and strategically during the ongoing pandemic?”](#)

Eminent stakeholders in the education sector, such as [Nivritti Tandon](#) from [Teach For India](#), [Rahul Gupta](#) from [The Akanksha Foundation](#), and [Madhusudan Sadula](#) from Pragati Vidyaniketan School, Hyderabad, shared their perspectives on the topic and [discussed the transformation of the Indian education system in the post-pandemic era](#).

Point Of View

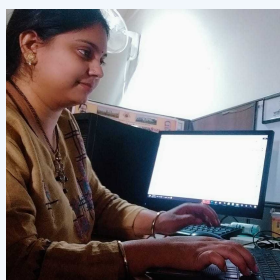
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Such headlines in today's day and age are unfortunate, but still a reality. **The time is ripe to add to the conversations about children's Right to Education to prevent such scenarios from repeating.**

From CEO's desk: Tarun Cherukuri conducted a masterclass exclusively for Leap Club members, where he shared insights **on how to build a social enterprise to a Deliberately Developmental Organisation.** [Listen to the podcast here.](#)



Blog Update: Unlocking Technological Solutions For Revolutionizing Education



"As I look back, I've realised that it **generally takes a network of public policy leaders, technology enthusiasts, and investors who develop and finance technical and digital solutions to accelerate the transition towards a more sustainable and responsible society,**" says Madhu Verma, our Senior Tech Manager from Chhattisgarh, while talking about her work on the online RTE (Right To Education) Portal. [The thoughts penned down by her](#) echo [EY India's](#) commitment to **identifying sustainable practices across the education ecosystem and ensuring stakeholder satisfaction.**

Welfare during the Pandemic

The [Centre announced a slew of measures for children who lost both their parents/surviving guardians to Covid-19](#), under the 'PM CARES for Children' scheme. These include free school education, assistance in availing loans for higher studies, health coverage under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, and a monthly stipend after attaining the age of 18. To further ensure that students who lost their parents and guardians don't drop out of school, [scholarship programmes have been launched in India for economic assistance](#).

To offer social security and welfare benefits to migrant and construction workers who are affected by the second wave of COVID-19, [the Uttar Pradesh government has linked them with several schemes](#). This commendable move includes a fee waiver for registration and renewal and registration of over 73.61 lakh workers, involved in 40 odd construction works from 2017 to 2021.

While the [Delhi government also ensured the welfare of workers in these times by increasing the dearness allowance of Rs 1000-2000](#), which has raised the monthly salary of unskilled labourers, semi-skilled workers, and skilled workers.

Policy & Impact

Ensuring that children from vulnerable backgrounds avail their Right To Education has been our key focus area since inception. In Haryana, this is ensured through the State Education Rule 134 A, which reserves 10% seats in private unaided schools for eligible students. It is different from the RTE 12(1)(c) clause adopted by most States in India, which reserves 25% seats for the same purpose. **Our experience of working with numerous states for the implementation of Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act enabled us to build and put in place a state-level MIS to conduct the Rule 134 A admission process online in Haryana.** The admissions for 2020-2021 started in October and currently we have received 23,000+ applications. **As the enrollment process ends on 24th Nov 2021, we urge you to spread the word in your networks and help enroll eligible families under rule 134A [here](#).**



Perspectives



Social change for safer Livelihood: [“No one wants to beg,” said Madhuri Maa, a 45-year-old transwoman from Bhubaneswar.](#)



“School chalein hum...” - Remember this catchy tune? [How the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan ad campaign is much more than nostalgia.](#)



Struggling to socialize in the post-pandemic times? [Here is an interesting take on the subject.](#)

Enjoy reading and have an eventful month ahead.
We'll see you soon!

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