Hello Readers!

March 2022 was largely about driving efforts and celebrating milestones related to the Right to Education (RTE) Act for us. We’ve been mobilising public support through a petition with OutLawed India in a bid to convince the Karnataka State Government to do away with the restrictive RTE amendment clause, which suggests that children from vulnerable backgrounds can only seek admission under RTE 12(1)(c) in private schools if there are no Government schools in their vicinity. We thank you for supporting this cause, we came a long way because of you as our petition now has over 1400 signatories! Request you to keep encouraging us by spreading the word.

In addition, we’ve also signed an MoU with the Commissionerate of School Education, State of Andhra Pradesh, to support the implementation of Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act, 2009. The state will release the notification and begin the admission process soon.

We also welcome the Haryana Government’s move to set aside the State Education Rule 134A in favour of implementing RTE 12(1)(c), as the former only reserved 10% seats for children from economically weaker families in private schools as opposed to the 25% reservation with better benefits than the latter offers. This is a huge win for us! While we await effective implementation of RTE 12(1)(c), we will continue to support transparent and error-free digital processes to facilitate admissions.

Blog

Admission cycles of RTE have kick-started across states like Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Odisha, while more are slated to follow suit. This comes as a relief for everyone who has been advocating for physical reopening of schools in a safe manner, as it opens up the possibilities of inclusive education once again. An inclusive classroom will especially benefit children from vulnerable backgrounds, who’ve lacked access to online education during the pandemic. Read our blog that elaborates on this subject here.

Point Of View

While budgets have been announced by various state governments, let’s look closer at how they fare in providing access to quality education to children.

The Tamil Nadu Government introduced a raft of educational measures. The Assam Government launched the Mission Zero Drop-Out for
reforms focusing on inclusive growth, with measures like ₹1,000 a month granted to girls until the completion of their higher education. This sum will cover educational expenditure so that girls’ education remains uninterrupted due to financial constraints.

**RTE Fundraiser**

To further our objective of pioneering education under RTE 12(1)(c) in India, we’re supporting local #RTE champions and on-ground partners through fundraising so that they can achieve their RTE admission targets this year and create awareness to mobilise more community leaders.

The first RTE champion is Vipul from Rupayaan. Vipul is the Research, Evidence and Learning Manager at Rupayaan, a non-profit in Odisha that strives to ensure equity and dignity through food, nutrition, and livelihood security of the community.

Your donation will be used to streamline RTE operations, such as Tech and Helpline support, in addition to awareness programs. We request and encourage you to support this cause so that every child can be educated in India.

**GLG Social Impact Fellowship**

Do you lead a nonprofit or a social enterprise at an inflection point, or know someone who does? Applications for the 2022 GLG Social Impact Fellowship are now open. Organizations driving impactful social change and past early development stage (3+ years in operation, 5+ full-time staff) qualify for the opportunity to receive two years of extraordinary expertise from world class experts, in addition support from GLG teams to pursue your biggest goals. What are next steps? Learn more and apply before May 19 on their website, and contact our friend Lily Yi (lyi@glgroup.com) for any questions.

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