



Right to Education



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What is it?

- ❑ Free and compulsory education to children in the age group of 6-14 years.

Constitutional Background

- ❑ Original Constitution
 - Article 45
 - Article 39(f)
- ❑ Ramamurti Committee Report in 1990.
- ❑ Unnikrishnan JP vs State of Andhra Pradesh & Others held that Education is a Fundamental right flowing from Article 21.
- ❑ Tapas Majumdar Committee (1999).
- ❑ The 86th amendment to the constitution of India in 2002.
 - Education as a fundamental right
 - Insertion of Article 21A
 - Education for children between 6-14 age
- ❑ Right to Education Act 2009.

Features

- ❑ Primary education to all children aged 6 to 14 years.
- ❑ 25% reservation for disadvantaged sections.
- ❑ Non-admitted child to be admitted to an age appropriate class.
- ❑ It lays down the norms and standards related to:
 - Pupil Teacher Ratios (PTRs)
 - Buildings and infrastructure
 - School-working days
 - Teacher-working hours
- ❑ It prohibits:
 - Physical punishment and mental harassment
 - Screening procedures for admission of children
 - Capitation fee
 - Private tuition by teachers
 - Running of schools without recognition

Achievements

- ❑ Increased enrolment in the upper primary level.
- ❑ Improved school infrastructure, especially in rural areas.
- ❑ More than 3.3 million students secured admission under 25% quota norm.
- ❑ Made education inclusive and accessible nationwide.
- ❑ Brought accountability in the elementary education system.

Limitations

- ❑ Only 6-14 years age children included instead of 0-18 years.
- ❑ No focus on quality of learning.
- ❑ Majorly input oriented.
- ❑ More focus over statistics of RTE.
- ❑ Lack of teachers affects pupil-teacher ratio mandated by RTE.

Steps to be taken

- ❑ Minority Religious Schools to be brought under the RTE.
- ❑ More focus on teacher training programs.
- ❑ Quality of education needs to be improved than quantity.
- ❑ Make the teaching profession attractive.

Way Forward

- ❑ Creation of a conducive socio economic atmosphere.
- ❑ Supply of required resources at the right time and right place.



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