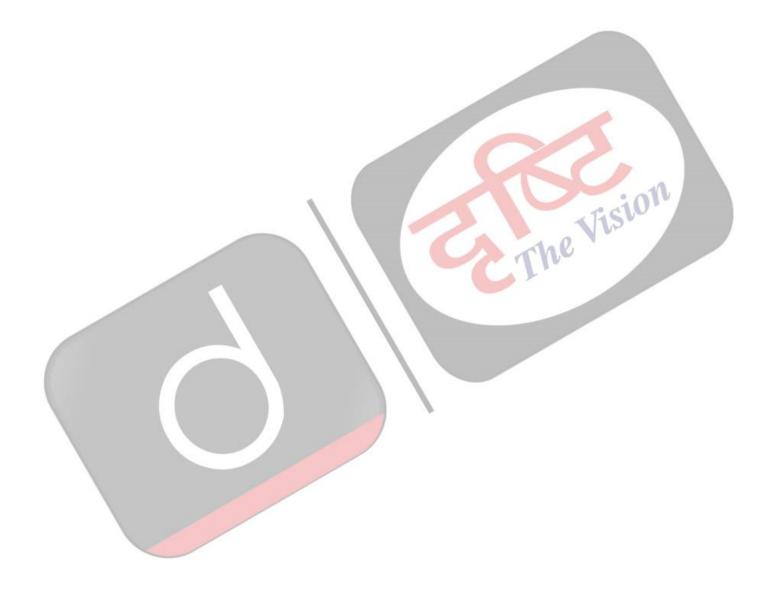


Right to Education



What is it?

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

Constitutional Background

- Original Constitution
- O 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.
 - ${\scriptstyle \bigcirc}\,$ 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:

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- Physical punishment and mental harassment
- Screening procedures for admission of children

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- Capitation fee
- Private tuition by teachers
- O 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
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 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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