

Right to Education portal launched at FICCI's Federation House

NEW DELHI, August 29, 2013. The **Right to Education (RTE) portal**, a joint initiative of FICCI and Delhi-based think tanks - Centre for Civil Society (CCS) and the Central Square Foundation (CSF) was today launched at FICCI's Federation House.

The RTE portal (RighttoEducation.in) is India's largest online resource for all information related to the RTE, which aims to:

- **Inform:** Acts as an all-inclusive port of call on RTE-related information and updates from across the country, provides a birds-eye views on the status of implementation of RTE Act in different states including the 25 per cent quota and enables individuals to browse all Supreme Court and High Court judgments on RTE.
- **Engage:** Provides a space for stakeholders to interact, discuss, create, share experiences, and dispel myths regarding the historic Right to Education Act. The portal also allows anxious parents to ask questions and get their queries redressed by in-house RTE experts.
- **Reform:** Provides access to reports and case studies on RTE related interventions across the country to encourage the sharing of best practices and increase accountability and improve governance.

The launch of this portal is an important step towards increasing citizen participation in governance, and making government processes, decision-making and policy implementation more transparent and accountable which will move us closer to the goal of providing quality education of choice to the children of India.

The portal was formally launched by **Ms. Annie Koshi, Principal, St. Mary's School** and champion of inclusive education. This was followed by a discussion on 'RighttoEducation.in: Inform, Engage, Reform', in which the panelists were **Ms. Koshi; Mr. Ashish Dhawan, Chairman—FICCI School Committee and CEO, Central Square Foundation; Ms. Yamini Aiyar, Director, Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research** and **Mr. Parth J Shah, President, CCS.**

The RTE portal will contain features such as state-specific Information, central-level resources, judgments, knowledge centre, reports & case studies, grievance redressal and videos from parliamentary debates and TV discussions to interviews with ministers and success stories on ground.

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