



7th School Choice National Conference

New Education Policy: Keep Students First!

(19 December 2015, Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre)

Time	Session	Theme
09:00 to 09:30	Registration and Tea	
09:30 to 11:00	Session 1 Inaugural Panel	New Education Policy: Depoliticizing Education Prof Kamal Kishore Sharma, Prof Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, Ms Ekta Sodha, Mr Shantanu Gupta, <i>Mr Rohan Joshi</i>
		"Minimum Government, Maximum Governance" is one of the most popular slogans of the current government. Can the principles of maximum governance be applied to education sector? In education sector, government currently plays the role of regulator, financier and provider. In this session we will contemplate upon whether this role is yielding right impact and how can this role be changed to the benefit of India's education system?
11:00 to 11:30	Tea	
11:30 to 13:00	Session 2 Thematic Panel	From Right to Education to Right to Learning Mr Murlidhar Koteswar, Ms Megha Pradhan, Mr R C Jain, Mr Vikram Jain, <i>Ms Premila Nazareth Satyanand</i>
		Much celebrated Right to Education has failed to make any visible impact on either access to or quality of education in India. Retaining the principle of universal and equitable education for all at the core, how can Right to Education be redefined as Right to Learning? How can the focus of current law be diverted from inputs in education towards quality of education?
13:00 to 13:30	Book Launch: UnpackED - The Black Box of Indian School Education Reform by Karthik Dinne	
13:30 to 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 to 16:00	Session 3 Thematic Panel	Ensuring School Autonomy Ms Vyjayanthi Sankar, Mr Arvind Patel, Ms Meeta Sengupta, Mr Kulbhushan Sharma, <i>Fr Joseph Manipadam</i>
		There is near universal agreement that school principals play a pivotal role in quality of education. However, our current regulations allow very little autonomy to its schools and principals. Is there a way to change the current regulations? What aspects of autonomy matter? How can autonomy be promoted through innovative programs and regulatory structures?
16:00 to 16:30	Tea	
16:30 to 18:00	Session 4 Thematic Panel	Fixing Up Accountability in Education System Mr Ashish Khetan, Mr Amitav Virmani, Mr D Shashi Kumar, Mr Merajuddin Syed, <i>Mr Rohan Joshi</i>
		Stakeholder accountability is the key to the healthy growth of any sector and education is no exception to this. It is important that, both government and private sector, agree upon parameters of accountability. In this session we will explore, how can stakeholder accountability be enhanced in education sector? How can our regulatory systems, public financing and systems of education delivery be made more accountable to its main stakeholder: the student!
18:00	Thank You Note & Closure	