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PRESS RELEASE

National Summit on the Right to Education Act, 2009 Fifteen Years of Implementation of the RTE Act: Where Do We Stand?

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Date: 1st April 2024

Time: 9.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M.

Venue: Deputy Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, Sansad Marg [behind RBI Bank], New Delhi, Delhi-110001

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The RTE Act enacted in 2009 marked a significant milestone in ensuring the fundamental right to education for every child aged 6–14 years. Despite the noble intentions behind the legislation, the effective implementation of the RTE Act has faced numerous challenges over the years. As we complete 15 years of the implementation of the RTE Act on April 1, 2024, it was felt critical to review the implementation of this justiciable right by bringing together various stakeholders, including civil society organisations, grassroots movements, educators, policymakers, and practitioners, to critically assess the state of implementation of the RTE Act.

The **National Summit on the Implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act** is organised by the Right to Education Cell (RTE Cell), at the Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi, in collaboration with the RTE Forum and Max Weber Stiftung. It aims to engage in useful deliberations on the status of implementation of the Act and reflect on the challenges and gaps in the process.

It is expected that the Summit will lead to:

- Outlining critical concerns and issues in providing equitable and quality education in the context of educational rights of children;
- Reflection on practical measures and strategies adopted across India to implement the RTE Act in letter and spirit;
- Enunciation of challenges faced by the contemporary system of education and its stakeholders in implementing the norms and provisions of the RTE Act;
- Envisioning the future schools, where right to free and compulsory education of every child is met in an inclusive way on the basis of equality.

The RTE Cell is a functional unit of CSD. Its goal is to achieve universal, equitable and quality education through the monitoring and implementation of the RTE Act. In so doing it remains true to CSD's objective of building a just and equal society, and ameliorating the socio-economic conditions of the poorest, deprived and marginalised sections through its research, advocacy and publication activities.

