

Roundtable on “Education Reforms in India”

Tuesday, 17th February 2015, Jaipur

Background

The National Policy on Education was framed in 1986 and modified in 1992. Since then, several changes have taken place in the country owing to rapid development due to liberalization. This mandates revision of the policy to address existing and new challenges such as quality education, research orientation, skill development, influence of technology, inclusive focus, standards and enabling regulation, to name a few.

Accordingly, Government of India has embarked upon the process of formulation of new education policy and has invited feedback on thirty three identified themes (<http://mygov.in/new-education-policy-group.html>). Although the themes are divided into two groups, namely, school education and higher education, one cannot separate the inevitable linkage between the two.

In light of the above, it is incumbent upon stakeholders to contribute to the formulation of new policy on education.

How will this be achieved?

Education reforms is one of the focus areas of Jaipur based CUTS International Public Policy Centre (CIPPoIC) (www.cippolc.in). A part of CUTS family, the newly created CIPPoIC has already carved out a leadership role in the public policy domain in the country. An apt testimony of this fact is the acceptance of many of its recommendations in the creation of NITI Aayog – a body that replaced the Planning Commission ([http://www.cuts-international.org/pdf/Reinventing The Planning Commission-The Great Debate.pdf](http://www.cuts-international.org/pdf/Reinventing_The_Planning_Commission-The_Great_Debate.pdf)).

In the realm of education reforms too, CIPPoIC plans to conduct extensive consultations and present a set of implementable recommendations to the government.

A roundtable, a first, in the series of these consultations, has been planned in Jaipur on 17th February 2015.

Proposed Programme

Date: Tuesday, February 17th 2015

Venue: Conference Hall, CUTS International, D-218, Bhaskar Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur 302 016

Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

The Roundtable will be chaired by Professor V.S. Vyas¹ and will see participation of prominent heads of educational institutions from within Rajasthan, government officials and other key stakeholders. The discussions will be followed by high tea.

Further, it is requested that participants visit <http://mygov.in/new-education-policy-group.html> to see the themes identified by the Government of India.

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