

Committee: SOCHUM

Topic: Enhancing Access to Educational Opportunities for Children Globally

Country: India

India (officially the Republic of India) is the most populous country in the world. It is located in Southern Asia. The country is known for its rich cultural heritage and traditions, diverse landscapes, and fast-growing economy. Despite this, it faces many challenges, such as poverty, environmental sustainability, social inequality, and, most importantly, poor education.

Almost one-third of India's population are children. Less than half of India's children go to secondary school but most, are being exploited by making them work. This dark reality calls for urgent action from the government and society to ensure that every child has the right to quality education, and the chance to build a brighter future. Right to Education Act (RTE) has already taken the first step by declaring it free and compulsory education for children aged 6-14. Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan has also made a change by improving teacher training, and student support services, focusing on inclusive education.

The future of education in India is bright, and it will, in turn, echo across the face of the Earth. The entire world must continue to nurture efforts to make education more accessible for all children, recognizing that only through education can a brighter, fairer future for humanity be created. As we have this crucial conversation here at SOCHUM, let us remember that the education of every child is everybody's shared responsibility and a powerful force for change. Together, we can create a world where every child can thrive and build a better tomorrow.

References: UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS, FMF (Four Minute Films), National Portal of India, UNICEF, The Economist, RightToEducation.in, Samagra Shiksha