

THE NEXT EDUCATION REFORM IS NOT INFRASTRUCTURE. IT IS TRUST.

For more than a decade, education debates across India have revolved around infrastructure. Governments proudly announce new classrooms, renovated campuses, digital boards, smart classrooms, and modern school buildings. These investments are important and necessary. No child should study in unsafe or inadequate facilities.

Yet a growing body of evidence suggests that infrastructure alone cannot transform education. The real crisis facing public education today is not a shortage of buildings. It is a shortage of trust.

Trust is earned through outcomes—when teachers are present and motivated, when students learn with confidence, and when parents see measurable academic growth. The next phase of education reform must move beyond physical assets and focus on educational credibility.

The schools that rebuild trust will rebuild enrolment. The schools that fail to do so will continue to struggle regardless of how modern their campuses become. That is the challenge facing policymakers today.



GROUND REPORT: TELANGANA

Government Schools Reopen. Can Telangana Win Back Parent Trust?



Across Telangana, education authorities have intensified enrolment drives, community outreach programmes, and school reopening campaigns. Officials, teachers, and local administrators are visiting villages and urban neighbourhoods to encourage families to consider government schools for the coming academic year.

Parents today evaluate schools on classroom quality, English communication, teacher engagement, digital readiness, safety, and future preparation. Many are comparing government schools not with those of a decade ago, but with the demands of a future economy driven by technology and knowledge.

Restoring confidence requires a three-part strategy: stronger foundational learning, deeper parent engagement, and empowered teachers. The measure of success will not be reopening ceremonies, but whether parents voluntarily choose government schools because they trust the quality of education being delivered.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Public confidence—not infrastructure alone—will determine whether enrolment returns to government schools.

FOCUS STORY

Teacher Quality Emerges As The Next Big Education Reform



When education reforms are discussed, attention often gravitates toward budgets, infrastructure, technology, and policy announcements. Yet research consistently identifies teachers as the most powerful driver of student success.

A highly effective teacher can transform learning outcomes even within modest environments. Modern teachers are expected to be educators, mentors, counsellors, facilitators, technology adopters, and career guides. Students entering classrooms today face a future defined by AI, automation, climate challenges, and rapid change.

Countries with strong education systems invest heavily in teacher preparation, mentoring, and professional learning communities. Teaching is treated as a profession requiring lifelong learning.

For Telangana, large-scale investments in teacher capacity building may generate greater long-term returns than infrastructure alone. The future of learning will depend on whether teacher quality is placed at the centre of reform.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS

Every improvement in teacher quality multiplies across every student, every classroom, and every academic year.

NATIONAL EDUCATION WATCH

What States Are Doing Differently In Education



ODISHA

Expanding access through targeted school infrastructure and community initiatives.



KARNATAKA

Strengthening student mobility through transport support and digital tracking systems.



TAMIL NADU

Focused on foundational literacy and numeracy improvement mission.



DELHI

Innovating in school governance and leadership models to improve accountability.



MAHARASHTRA

Integrating employability and skill-oriented learning into secondary education.



The diversity of approaches highlights an important reality: there is no single blueprint for educational success. Reforms succeed when implementation remains consistent beyond political announcements.

WORLD CLASSROOM

Why Singapore Invests More In Teachers Than Buildings



Singapore's education success is built on a simple principle—strong teachers create strong learners. The country invests more in teacher recruitment, continuous training, and professional development than in constructing new buildings.

Teachers receive continuous support throughout their careers, are held to high professional standards, and are respected as nation-builders. The result is a system where quality teaching is the foundation of national success.

GLOBAL LESSON FOR INDIA

Invest in teachers. The returns are measured in generations.

DATA SNAPSHOT

Education Trust Index: What Parents Prioritize

(Republic Student Survey | May–June 2026)



Source: Republic Student Survey | Sample Size: 3,200 Parents Across Telangana

Trust is earned when these expectations are consistently met.

THE REPUBLIC VIEW

The Real Education Divide Is No Longer Government Vs Private

For years, debates have focused on ownership. Government versus private. Public versus corporate. Affordable versus premium. Yet the future may be shaped by an entirely different divide.

The schools that adapt versus the schools that remain unchanged.

Students entering primary school today will graduate into a world influenced by AI, automation, climate uncertainty, and rapidly evolving careers. The institutions that prepare students for this future will succeed regardless of ownership structure. The institutions that continue operating with outdated methods will struggle regardless of funding. The next education reform is therefore not about buildings. It is about trust. And trust is earned through outcomes. That is the challenge before every education system in India.

— Republic Student Editorial

LEAD ANALYSIS

WHY SCHOOL BUILDINGS ALONE CANNOT SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Infrastructure is necessary. But without learning, accountability and trust, buildings will remain empty.



India has invested thousands of crores in school infrastructure over the past decade. New classrooms, boundary walls, toilets, digital boards and smart laboratories are being constructed across rural and urban areas.

Yet, enrolment in many government schools continues to decline.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PARADOX

- Over ₹2.6 lakh crore spent on school infrastructure since 2015.
- More than 11 lakh classrooms built nationwide.
- Despite this, in several states, private school enrolment continues to rise.
- Learning outcomes remain a major concern in national assessments.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Buildings create the possibility of education. But outcomes create the promise of education. The future of public education will depend on how well systems deliver — not how well buildings are constructed.

WHY BUILDINGS ARE NOT ENOUGH

- Learning outcomes are weak.** NAS and state assessments show foundational learning remains a challenge.
- Teacher absenteeism and vacancies persist.** Infrastructure cannot replace a motivated and trained teacher.
- Community trust is low.** Parents choose schools where they see results, not buildings.
- Accountability systems are inconsistent.** Monitoring and feedback mechanisms are often weak or missing.

GOVERNANCE WATCH

TELANGANA'S NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MODEL INSTITUTIONS OR POLICY EXPERIMENT?

The Telangana government has announced a major expansion of new model schools with modern infrastructure, English-medium sections, and digital classrooms.

The initiative aims to restore parent confidence in government education.

But questions remain about capacity, equity, and the long-term impact on existing schools.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 1,000 new government schools proposed.
- Strong public response during admissions.
- Focus on quality infrastructure and teacher recruitment.
- Concerns about existing schools being neglected.
- Need for transparent monitoring and outcome tracking.

“New schools are welcome. But improvement must be system-wide, not selective.”
— Education Researcher

“Neighbourhood schools must be strengthened alongside new institutions.”
— School Leader

NATIONAL POLICY WATCH

WHY STATES ARE QUIETLY COMPETING TO BECOME EDUCATION HUBS



- GUJARAT**
Investing in school consolidation, digital governance and vocational integration.
- KARNATAKA**
Strengthening teacher training, early learning programmes and innovation labs.
- ODISHA**
Expanding foundational literacy and focusing on tribal education models.
- TAMIL NADU**
Scaling early childhood education and industry-linked skill pathways.
- UTTAR PRADESH**
Improving basic infrastructure and launching large-scale teacher recruitment.

THE TAKEAWAY

Education is becoming a key driver of state competitiveness. The race is not about buildings. It is about outcomes.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

ARE WE PREPARING STUDENTS FOR EXAMS OR FOR SOCIETY?

Teams measure memory. Society demands judgement. Schools often prepare students for tests. But life prepares them for uncertainty. The future requires critical thinking, collaboration, communication, empathy, creativity and responsibility. It is time to align education with real-world challenges.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Should our education system focus more on helping students become good human beings or high-scoring machines?

Share your thoughts at editor@republicstudent.com

EXPERT COLUMN

GOVERNANCE OF EDUCATION POLICIES: WHY PARENTS MUST UNDERSTAND WHO REALLY SHAPES THEIR CHILD'S FUTURE



By Nagbhushan Paidi
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Education governance refers to the system through which governments, regulatory bodies, school administrations, educational boards, universities, and policymakers make decisions that affect learning outcomes. It determines where schools are built, what students study, how teachers are recruited, how budgets are allocated, and how success is measured.

In simple terms, governance is the invisible engine behind every visible educational outcome.

Across India, educational policies are evolving rapidly. New public school models are being introduced. Curriculum frameworks are being revised. Digital education platforms are becoming part of everyday classrooms. Each of these decisions creates consequences for students and families.

WHY GOVERNANCE MATTERS TO PARENTS

- School mergers may improve resources but increase travel distances.
- English-medium policy may improve employability but require additional support.
- New public schools may create centres of excellence, but existing schools must not be neglected.

STRONG EDUCATION SYSTEMS SHARE:

- Student outcomes at the centre of decision-making.
- Policy continuity beyond political cycles.
- Evidence-based planning and implementation.
- Active engagement of parents and communities.

PARENTS ARE STAKEHOLDERS, NOT OBSERVERS

Parents provide valuable insights on attendance, learning quality, school safety, teacher engagement, transportation, digital access and student well-being. Schools that communicate with parents build stronger outcomes and deeper trust.

KEY QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK

- Are learning outcomes improving?
- Are schools safe, inclusive and supportive?
- Are teachers receiving continuous professional development?
- Are students gaining future-ready skills?
- Are government resources used effectively?
- Are reforms reaching every child equally?

“The true measure of education governance is not the announcement of a reform, but its impact on a student five years later.”

Governance is not an administrative process happening behind closed doors. It is a living system that influences every classroom, every teacher, every parent and every child.

The more informed parents become about education governance, the stronger our education system will become.

CAMPUS INTELLIGENCE

HIGHER EDUCATION • ADMISSIONS WATCH • RESEARCH & INNOVATION

LEAD STORY

Degrees Are Growing. Employability Is Not.

Despite a decade of expansion, Indian universities are struggling to prepare graduates for the real world.

By Republic Student Higher Education Bureau

Telangana has seen a sharp rise in higher education institutions. The All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2024-25 reports the state now has over 1,520 colleges and 48 universities.

Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) has reached 36.4%, above the national average. Yet employers say graduates still lack the skills they need.

NASSCOM's 2025 Talent Demand Report states that 67% of employers find new graduates "only partially employable."



THE EMPLOYABILITY GAP



8.6 million graduates enter the job market every year in India.



Only 2.5 million high-quality jobs are created annually.



Employers cite skill gaps in communication, problem-solving, digital tools, analytical thinking and workplace readiness.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS



A university's success should not be measured by admissions. It should be measured by the opportunities available to students after graduation. The next phase of higher education reform must focus on outcomes, relevance and real-world readiness.

WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT IN 2026 AND BEYOND



Critical Thinking



Digital Literacy



Communication Skills



Adaptability



Teamwork & Ethics



Problem Solving

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE WATCH

Why Public Universities Are Being Forced To Reinvent Themselves

From funding pressures to global competition, public universities across India are entering a period of deep transformation.

Key developments shaping the change:

- New UGC regulations on autonomy and performance
- Outcome-based accreditation under NAAC 2.0
- Focus on research output and innovation
- Faculty recruitment reforms and international hiring
- Industry partnerships and CSR-funded chairs
- Blended and digital learning ecosystems

Universities that fail to adapt may lose relevance in an increasingly competitive landscape where global and private institutions are moving faster.



REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

The next competition among universities will not be for students—it will be for credibility."

ADMISSIONS WATCH 2026

Students Are No Longer Choosing One Future

Admissions experts report a major shift in how students choose their academic paths.

Today's students are applying to:



Traditional universities and colleges



Specialised institutes and niche programmes



International pathway programmes



Online degree and hybrid learning platforms



Professional certifications and skill-based courses

Multiple applications. Multiple pathways.
Multiple possibilities.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Telangana's Student Researchers Are Quietly Building The Future

Across universities and engineering colleges, students are solving real-world problems through innovation.

Breakthrough areas include:



Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



AgriTech & Food Security



Climate Solutions & Sustainability



Healthcare Technology & Diagnostics



Robotics, Drones & Automation



Renewable Energy & Green Tech

Innovation is no longer limited to big cities or big labs. It is rising from campuses across Telangana.



CAMPUS VOICES

What Students Want Universities To Fix First

Republic Student Survey Insights (May-June 2026)

- 1 Better Internship Opportunities 82%
- 2 Stronger Placement Support 76%
- 3 Industry-Linked Curriculum 71%
- 4 Modern Labs & Infrastructure 64%
- 5 Career Counselling & Guidance 61%
- 6 Entrepreneurship Support 54%
- 7 Mental Health & Well-being 49%
- 8 Research Funding for Students 42%



Students increasingly see universities as career-launch platforms, not just degree providers.

Their voice must shape the future.

GLOBAL CAMPUS

Why Singapore, South Korea And Finland Treat Universities As Innovation Engines

These countries integrate four critical pillars:



UNIVERSITY



INDUSTRY



GOVERNMENT



RESEARCH CENTRES

This integration drives research, startups, talent development and economic growth.

GLOBAL LESSON FOR INDIA

Future-ready universities do not operate in isolation. They collaborate, innovate and solve national challenges. India's higher education reforms must move from expansion to excellence.



DATA SNAPSHOT

Telangana Higher Education Dashboard 2026

	Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER)	36.4%	↑ 2.8% (vs 2023)
	Total Students Enrolled	17.8 Lakh	↑ 9.6% (vs 2023)
	Campus Placement Rate	58.7%	↑ 4.2% (vs 2023)
	Research Publications (Scopus)	8,912	↑ 12.3% (vs 2023)
	Patents Filed by Universities	782	↑ 15.7% (vs 2023)
	University Startups Incubated	1,146	↑ 21.4% (vs 2023)
	Industry Partnerships	1,932	↑ 18.9% (vs 2023)

Source: AISHE 2024-25, UGC, NIRF, State Higher Education Council of Telangana



EDUCATION IN TRANSITION SYSTEMS • SOCIETY • REFORM • GLOBAL SHIFTS

LEAD STORY

THE PRIVATE SCHOOL BOOM:
Why Parents Are Leaving
Government Schools
Across India

A silent migration is reshaping Indian education. Parents, even in small towns and villages, are choosing private schools in growing numbers. The reasons go far beyond English medium.

By Republic Student Investigations Desk

For decades, government schools were the backbone of India's education system. Today, millions of parents believe private schools offer discipline, accountability, communication skills and better future opportunities. This shift is not limited to cities. It is visible across district headquarters, mandal towns and rural areas.

The implications are huge: declining enrolment, school mergers, community loss and a crisis of trust in public education.



AT A GLANCE



35–40%
urban parents now prefer private schools for their children.



2.3 crore
estimated enrolment shift from government to private schools over the past decade.



62%
parents cite 'better future opportunities' as the top reason for choosing private schools.



Thousands
of government schools face closure or merger due to falling enrolment.

EDUCATION & DEMOGRAPHY

India's Falling Birth Rate
Will Change Education Forever

Fewer children today mean fewer students tomorrow. This demographic shift will reshape school planning, teacher demand, university enrolment and the future workforce.

- Several Indian states have already fallen below the replacement-level fertility rate.
- Declining school-age population will impact infrastructure needs.
- Teacher recruitment patterns may change.
- Some districts may see school consolidation.
- Quality, not expansion, will become the new priority.



GLOBAL TRANSITIONS

Why China Is Closing Universities
While India Is Opening More

China is dealing with a shrinking youth population. India is experiencing the opposite. Two contrasting stories. Two different challenges.

	CHINA	INDIA
Population Trend	Declining	Growing
University Enrolment	Falling in many provinces	Rising across states
Government Focus	Consolidation & Mergers	Expansion & New Institutions
Key Challenge	Too many universities for fewer students	Maintaining quality during rapid growth
Future Outlook	Right-sizing the higher education system	Building globally competitive institutions

EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY

Who Owns Student Data?

Millions of pieces of student data are collected every year through apps, platforms and digital tools. But privacy, ownership and security remain unanswered questions.



- Student data includes academics, behaviour, preferences, assessments and digital interactions.
- Data helps personalise learning but also creates risks.
- Questions: Who stores it? Who controls it? Who can access it? How long is it retained?
- India needs a strong data privacy framework for the education sector.

CLASSROOM REALITY CHECK

Are Students Reading Less Than
Previous Generations?

Students today consume more content than ever before. But deep reading is declining.

- Short-form digital content dominates attention.
- Skimming replaces study. Scrolling replaces reading.
- Reduced deep reading affects critical thinking, concentration and analytical ability.
- The ability to read, analyse and reflect remains irreplaceable in the age of AI.



AVERAGE DAILY
SCREEN TIME
(TEENS 13–18)

6.8
HOURS

Source: Statista 2025

POLICY WATCH

The Rise Of Mega Public Schools:
Are Large Campuses Replacing
Neighbourhood Schools?

Large school complexes promise better facilities and efficiency. But neighbourhood schools provide access, community connection and local identity.

BENEFITS	CONCERNS
✓ Better infrastructure and laboratories	✗ Longer travel time for young children
✓ Efficient teacher deployment	✗ Higher transportation costs
✓ More subject choices and resources	✗ Loss of community connection
✓ Stronger administrative management	✗ Risk of excluding marginalised children

THE CHALLENGE:

Finding the right balance between quality, accessibility and community needs.



REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

Education Is Quietly Becoming
An Infrastructure Story

The quality of education increasingly depends on what exists beyond the classroom.

- Buildings, connectivity and transport shape learning outcomes.
- Digital infrastructure and electricity are now educational essentials.
- Devices, platforms and data networks determine access and equity.
- Infrastructure investment today will decide educational success tomorrow.



DATA
POINT

1.48
BILLION

The number of students worldwide impacted by school closures, mergers or demographic shifts between 2020–2030.

Source: UNESCO 2025

“ The future of education will not be determined only inside classrooms. It will be shaped by society, demography, technology and trust.

— Republic Student Editorial Board

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WHAT
IT
MEANS

Education is no longer just about teaching and learning. It is about building systems that can adapt to a changing world.



PEOPLE OF EDUCATION PARENTS | TEACHERS • COMMUNITY • WELLBEING | SOCIETY

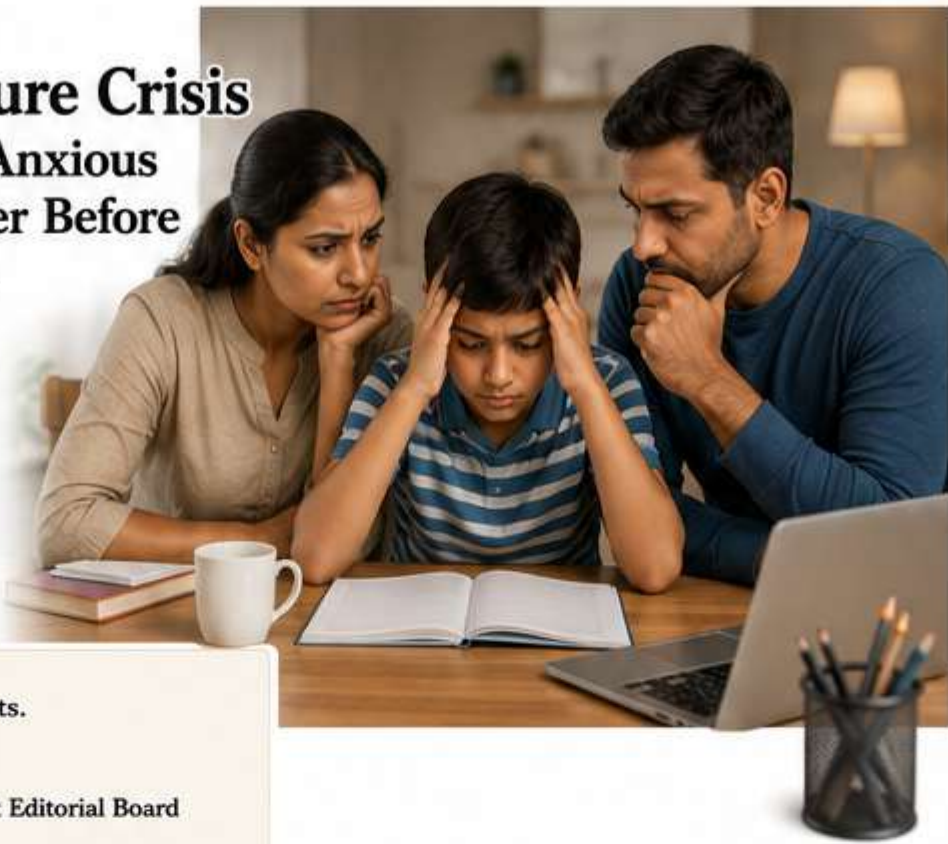
LEAD STORY

The Parenting Pressure Crisis
Why More Families Feel Anxious
About Education Than Ever Before

Rising competition, changing careers, social media exposure and high expectations are creating unprecedented pressure on parents and students.

Educational psychologists warn that excessive pressure can lead to anxiety, burnout and loss of self-confidence.

The challenge is not ambition.
The challenge is balance.



“Children do not need perfect parents.
They need present parents.”
— Republic Student Editorial Board

THE PRESSURE POINTS

- High Expectations**
Parents feel constant pressure to ensure their child's future success.
- Rising Competition**
Limited seats and intense exams increase stress at every level.
- Social Media Impact**
Comparison culture creates unrealistic benchmarks.
- Mental Health Risk**
Anxiety, burnout and low self-esteem are rising among students.
- The Need For Balance**
Empathy, support and realistic goals build resilient children.

TEACHER'S DESK

The Teacher Shortage
Nobody Is Talking About

Across many regions, schools struggle to find and retain quality teachers, especially in maths, science, languages and emerging technology subjects.

- Vacancies remain high in government and private schools.
- Administrative work is increasing for teachers.
- Professional growth opportunities are limited.
- Burnout and stress are driving early exits.
- The future of education depends on investing in teachers today.



WHAT TEACHERS NEED

- Respect
- Support
- Training
- Time
- Career Growth

PARENT LENS

The Hidden Cost
Of Schooling

For many families, education expenses go far beyond school fees. These additional costs often decide access and opportunities.

- Transport, uniforms and books
- Digital devices and internet
- Coaching and tuitions
- Competitive exam fees
- Extracurricular activities

Affordability is the real challenge for millions of families.



COMMUNITY DESK

Libraries Are Disappearing
From Communities.
Why That Matters.

Libraries are more than books. They are public learning spaces that build reading habits, curiosity and community engagement.

- Many towns and villages lack functional libraries.
- Digital access cannot replace reading culture.
- Libraries support research, creativity and civic learning.
- Investment in libraries is an investment in society.



WELLBEING WATCH

Why Sleep May Be The Most
Underrated Academic Resource

Good sleep improves memory, concentration and emotional balance. Yet many students sacrifice sleep for late-night study and screens.

- 7–9 hours of sleep improves learning and attention.
- Sleep strengthens memory and problem-solving.
- Chronic sleep deprivation increases stress and fatigue.
- Healthy sleep habits lead to better academic outcomes.



SLEEP GUIDELINE FOR
STUDENTS (TEENS)

- Sleep early (before 10:30 PM)
- Avoid screens 1 hour before bed
- Maintain a consistent routine
- Get at least 7–9 hours daily

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

Education Is Ultimately
A Human Story

Behind every policy is a family. Behind every reform is a student. Behind every classroom is a teacher. Education systems may evolve, but the purpose must remain the same: to build better human beings and better societies.



- Families make sacrifices
- Teachers shape futures
- Students dream big
- Communities build nations

EDUCATION COST TRACKER 2026		
Average Annual Cost Per Student (Urban India)		
	Average School Fee (Tuition)	₹ 61,200
	Transport (Annual)	₹ 18,000
	Books & Uniforms (Annual)	₹ 6,500
	Digital Device (One-time / 3 years avg.)	₹ 15,000
	Internet (Annual)	₹ 6,000
	Coaching / Tuition (Annual)	₹ 24,000
TOTAL AVERAGE ANNUAL COST		₹ 1,30,700
Source: Field surveys, school inputs, parent associations, 2026		

THOUGHT
OF THE DAY

“Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself.”
— John Dewey

Share Your Story
Do you have a parenting, teaching, or community story that can inspire others? Write to us at people@republicstudent.com



HUMAN MIND

LEARNING SCIENCE • PSYCHOLOGY SIMPLIFIED
DIGITAL ETHICS • BOOK OF THE DAY • HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

LEAD STORY

Attention Is Becoming
The Most Valuable Skill
Of The 21st Century

In a world full of information, attention is the new superpower. Constant notifications, endless scrolling and digital distractions are making it harder for students to focus deeply.

Research shows that fragmented attention impacts memory, learning and creativity. The ability to focus, think deeply and stay present will define success in the future.



HOW TO PROTECT
YOUR ATTENTION

- ✓ Turn off non-essential notifications.
- ✓ Use time blocks for deep work.
- ✓ Take digital detox breaks.
- ✓ Practice single-tasking.
- ✓ Protect sleep and physical activity.

“Where your attention goes, your life goes.”

— James Clear

THE ATTENTION CRISIS

- 🔔 Average student checks phone every 6-8 minutes.
- 🧠 Frequent distractions reduce productivity by up to 40%.
- 🎯 Deep focus leads to better learning, creative thinking and emotional wellbeing.

LEARNING SCIENCE

Why Cramming Fails
And Retrieval
Practice Works

The brain remembers better when it works to recall information instead of just re-reading it. Retrieval practice strengthens memory pathways and improves long-term retention.

WHAT WORKS BETTER?

❌ CRAMMING

- Passive reading
- Temporary memory
- High stress
- Poor exam recall

✅ RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

- Active recall
- Long-term memory
- Low stress
- Better exam performance

Proven Learning Strategies

- 🧠 Active Recall
- 📅 Spaced Repetition
- 📝 Practice Testing
- 👥 Teach Others
- ❓ Self Explanation

DIGITAL ETHICS

Should Artificial
Intelligence Think
For Students?

AI can explain, summarise and solve problems in seconds. But over-reliance can weaken critical thinking and originality.

USE AI AS A TOOL, NOT A SUBSTITUTE.

- 👤 Ask AI to explain, not to do. Understand the concept yourself.
- 💡 Use AI for brainstorming, not for copying. Ideas should be yours.
- 🔍 Verify AI responses. AI can be wrong too.
- 🧠 Your thinking is your advantage. Don't outsource your mind.

🧠 The future belongs to those who use AI wisely, not those who depend on it blindly.

PSYCHOLOGY SIMPLIFIED

Why Comparison Is
Quietly Damaging
Student Confidence

Constant comparison on social media and in real life creates pressure, lowers self-esteem and increases anxiety.

THE HIDDEN EFFECTS

- Unrealistic expectations
- Reduced self-worth
- Fear of failure
- Perfectionism
- Stress and burnout



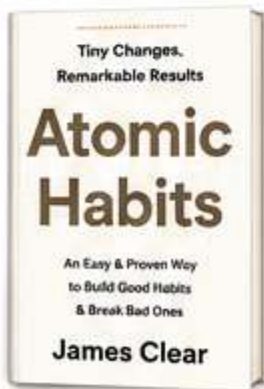
HEALTHY MINDSET

Compare today's you with yesterday's you. Progress, not perfection, is the real goal.

BOOK OF THE DAY

Atomic Habits

By James Clear



CENTRAL IDEA

Small changes repeated consistently create extraordinary results.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR STUDENTS

- ✓ Focus on systems, not goals.
- ✓ 1% better every day = 37x better in a year.
- ✓ Build habits that support your future.
- ✓ Environment shapes behaviour.
- ✓ Consistency beats motivation.

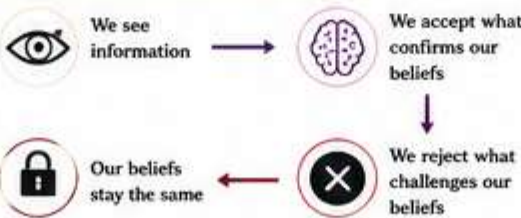
“You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems.”

HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

Why People Believe
Misinformation Even
When Facts Are Available

Our brains are wired with biases that affect how we process information.

THE CONFIRMATION BIAS LOOP



FACTS MATTER.
BUT CRITICAL THINKING MATTERS MORE.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

Education Is Not The Transfer
Of Information.
It Is The Development
Of Judgement.

Information can be found anywhere. Judgement must be built within.

- ✓ Think independently.
- ✓ Question assumptions.
- ✓ Evaluate evidence.
- ✓ Understand bias.
- ✓ Make wise decisions.



Knowledge gives you power.
Judgement gives you direction.

MIND
MATTERS



MEMORY FACT

Sleep after learning improves memory by up to 60%.



BRAIN FACT

The brain uses 20% of the body's energy to think and focus.



DIGITAL FACT

Multitasking can reduce focus and productivity by up to 40%.



LEARNING FACT

Teaching someone else is one of the best ways to learn deeply.

“A sharp mind, a calm heart and strong values can change the world.”

— Republic Student Editorial Board

ECONOMY OF EDUCATION

MONEY • INDUSTRY • OPPORTUNITY • INNOVATION • MOBILITY



LEAD STORY

Why Education Is
Becoming India's
Biggest Economic Sector

The Silent Industry Employing Millions

Education is no longer just preparing people for the economy. It has become an economic ecosystem that impacts jobs, industries, cities and national growth.

- Employs millions across teaching, administration, transport, publishing, technology and services.
- Drives real estate, digital infrastructure, consumption and local economies.
- Creates opportunities from early childhood to lifelong learning.
- A powerful engine for innovation, research and entrepreneurship.
- Cities, towns and entire neighbourhoods are growing around education.



THE EDUCATION
ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

	Direct & Indirect Jobs Supported 3.8+ Crore
	Estimated Size (FY 2025) ₹ 10.4 Lakh Crore
	Annual Growth Rate (Est.) 14-16%
	EdTech Market Size (FY 2025) ₹ 1.25 Lakh Crore
	Share in India's GDP (Est.) 2.9% and rising

Source: Industry reports, NASSCOM, KPMG, Economic Survey 2024-25, Media estimates

INDUSTRY WATCH

The Coaching Economy:
India's Parallel
Education System

The ₹50,000 crore+ coaching industry continues to expand, driven by competitive exams and aspiration.

KEY QUESTIONS WE MUST ASK

- Does coaching improve learning or just examination performance?
- Is it creating equal opportunity or deepening inequality?
- Who really benefits from this boom?
- What is the long-term impact on students' curiosity and wellbeing?



EDUCATION & MOBILITY

How Education Is
Redrawing India's Map

Every year, millions of students move in search of better learning opportunities. Education-driven migration is one of India's biggest social movements.

BENEFITS

- Knowledge exchange
- Economic activity
- Talent concentration

CHALLENGES

- Rising living costs
- Housing shortages
- Regional imbalances

TOP DESTINATIONS FOR STUDENTS



OPPORTUNITY INDEX

Which Cities Are Emerging
As India's New Education
Capitals?

Tier-2 cities are investing, innovating and attracting talent at an unprecedented pace.

CITY	WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL
Indore	Strong management & professional education ecosystem
Bhubaneswar	Growing research, technology and startup presence
Coimbatore	Engineering excellence & industry connect
Mysuru	Research-driven institutions & quality of life
Visakhapatnam	Expanding universities & strategic investments
Warangal	Emerging hub for engineering & technology education

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DESK

Student Startups
Are No Longer
Campus Experiments

From ideas to impact, student entrepreneurs are building real solutions for real problems.

A NEW GENERATION OF FOUNDERS

- AI & DeepTech
- EdTech
- AgriTech
- Sustainability
- HealthTech
- FinTech

WHAT'S DRIVING THIS SHIFT?

- University incubators & innovation labs
- Access to mentorship & early funding
- Rise of problem-solvers, not just degree seekers
- A culture that celebrates creation over competition



ECONOMIC REALITY

The Education Loan Question:
Investment Or Burden?

Loans open doors. But informed decisions prevent regret.

ASK BEFORE YOU BORROW

- What are placement outcomes?
- What are likely salary levels?
- What is the total cost of the program?
- What are repayment timelines?
- What is the return on investment?



A loan becomes valuable when it creates opportunity. Plan wisely. Borrow responsibly.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

Education Is The Only
Infrastructure That Builds
Other Infrastructure

Roads connect cities. Factories build products. But education builds the people who build everything.

- Every engineer who builds a bridge.
- Every scientist who discovers a medicine.
- Every entrepreneur who creates jobs.
- Every teacher who inspires a classroom.

Nations that invest in education invest in their future. Not as an expense. But as nation-building.



EDUCATION
ECONOMY
FACT FILE

Education Infrastructure
Market (FY 2025)



₹ 1.6 Lakh Crore+

Private Spending on
Education (Est.)



55%
of total spend

Students Studying
Outside Home State



1.35 Crore+

Online Education Users
in India (2025)



12.5 Crore+

Coaching Industry Size
(Est. 2025)



₹ 50,000
Crore+

“ The future of India's economy will be written in classrooms, labs, libraries and ideas.
— Republic Student Editorial Board

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EDITORIAL

A Nation Cannot Become Developed If Its Schools Remain Unequal

Equality in classrooms is the foundation of equality in the nation.

India aspires to become a developed nation by 2047. Yet, quality of education for millions of children still depends on where they are born.

Some students learn in well-equipped classrooms with digital tools and trained teachers. Others study in schools struggling with basic infrastructure and teacher shortages.

This gap is not just educational. It is economic. It is social. It is democratic.

A developed India cannot be built on islands of excellence surrounded by oceans of inequality.

The challenge is not only to increase enrollment. It is to ensure quality learning for every child, in every corner of the country.

The future belongs to nations that democratize quality education.

The question is not whether India can build world-class institutions.

The question is whether every child can benefit from them.



Equal opportunity in education is the starting point of a just and developed India.

CIVIC INTELLIGENCE

Why Every Student Should Understand How Public Money Works

Public money builds the systems that shape our daily lives—from schools and scholarships to hospitals and roads. Understanding how it is collected and spent is a citizenship skill every student must learn.

WHAT PUBLIC MONEY MAKES POSSIBLE



Better schools and teacher salaries



Scholarships and student support



Hospitals and public health services



Student transport and infrastructure



Roads, bridges and public facilities

QUESTIONS INFORMED CITIZENS SHOULD ASK

- How are education budgets allocated?
- Why do some schools receive better infrastructure?
- How are scholarships funded?
- How are public projects evaluated?

A strong democracy needs informed citizens. Public finance literacy is a powerful civic tool.



INDIA OBSERVATORY



The Rise of Education Corridors: How Cities Are Competing for Talent

Cities are building education corridors—clusters of universities, research centres, startups and industries working together. Talent attracts innovation. Innovation attracts investment. Investment creates opportunity.



EMERGING EDUCATION CORRIDORS

- Hyderabad Western Corridor
- Bengaluru Tech-Education Ecosystem
- Pune University Belt
- Ahmedabad Knowledge & Innovation Hub
- Bhubaneswar Research & Technology Zone
- Visakhapatnam Coastal Education Cluster



The cities that integrate education, research and industry will become the talent capitals of the next decade.

DIGITAL SOCIETY



The Hidden Cost of Constant Notifications

Students today receive more notifications in a day than previous generations encountered in weeks.



- ❶ Continuous interruptions reduce concentration.
- ❷ Information overload weakens deep learning.
- ❸ Cognitive fatigue impacts mental well-being.
- ❹ Learning requires focus. Focus requires uninterrupted time.



Digital literacy must evolve from using technology to managing technology.

THE BIG QUESTION



Are We Preparing Students For Jobs That Do Not Yet Exist?

The world of work is changing faster than education systems. How do we prepare students for careers that may not exist today?

THE ANSWER LIES IN BUILDING HUMAN CAPABILITIES



Critical Thinking



Communication



Problem Solving



Digital Fluency



Ethical Reasoning



Lifelong Learning Habits



Technical skills will continue changing. Human capabilities remain transferable. The future belongs to those who learn the fastest.

REPUBLIC STUDENT THOUGHT



“ A nation's future is not written in policy documents alone. It is written every day inside classrooms where curiosity is encouraged, questions are welcomed and learning is valued. ”

— Republic Student Editorial Board

CIVIC FACT FILE

Public Expenditure on Education (2024-25)
₹ 1.28 Lakh Crore (Approx.)

Literacy Rate (India)
77.0% (Census 2011)

GER in Higher Education (2023-24)
28.4% (AISHE Report)

Internet Users in India (2025)
92.0 Crore+ (Estimated)

Public Schools in India (2024)
10.9 Lakh+ (U-DISE+)

“ Democracy grows stronger when citizens understand how resources are generated and distributed. ”

