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EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE



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RS INVESTIGATES

India Doesn't Have an Examination Crisis. It Has a Trust Crisis.

Can Parliament Rebuild Student Confidence?

A Parliamentary Standing Committee has reviewed the National Testing Agency's handling of the NEET-UG re-examination and discussed structural reforms to strengthen the country's examination ecosystem. The debate is now larger than one exam—it is about the future of trust in India's merit system.



Panel reviews NTA governance and exam processes



Statutory status, multi-session model under discussion



Impact on millions of students, universities and families



Focus shifts from conduct to credibility, transparency and trust

“A trusted examination system is the foundation of a trusted education system. Reform is not just about fairness in the exam hall. It's about faith beyond it.”

— RS EDITORIAL

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EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE DASHBOARD



2.8 CRORE+

Students appear in major national entrance examinations every year



25,000+

Colleges and institutions use national entrance scores for admissions



1 SYSTEM

A small number of examinations shape millions of futures



1 QUESTION

Can students continue to trust the system?

TODAY'S NUMBER

73%

Students say trust in national examinations has reduced over the last 2 years.*

*RS Student Confidence Survey, June 2026

STUDENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Track exam reforms and policy updates
- ✓ Understand how changes affect you
- ✓ Strengthen conceptual learning
- ✓ Seek guidance and support early
- ✓ Stay informed. Stay prepared. Stay confident.

RS ANALYSIS

Why Did CBSE Decide That Marks Alone Are No Longer Enough?

New counselling guidelines recognise emotional well-being and career guidance as essential parts of school education.

The classroom has changed. Has our system?

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RS RESEARCH

Who Will Teach India's Next Generation?

UGC-NET is more than an exam. It is the gateway to research, quality teaching and India's knowledge future.

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RS FUTURE

Why Are India's Brightest Students Looking at Agriculture Differently?

AI, drones, biotech and climate science are transforming agriculture into one of India's most future-ready career pathways.

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RS EDITORIAL

Education Cannot End at the Examination Hall

Exams test what students know. Life demands what they can do with that knowledge.

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■ NEP 2020 Implementation: States review progress of school reforms and foundational learning outcomes.

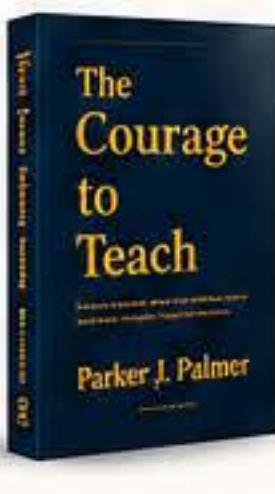
■ Digital Education: DIKSHA and PM eVidya expand content access in multiple languages.

■ University Grants Commission announces new initiatives to strengthen research infrastructure.

■ AICTE launches faculty development programme on emerging technologies.

MORE BRIEFS ON PAGE 2 ►

“Policy changes are easy to announce. Culture change is hard to build. True reform begins in classrooms.”



The Courage to Teach

Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life

Parker J. Palmer

A timeless classic for educators on integrity, purpose and the transformative power of teaching.

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TELANGANA EDUCATION | SCHOOL AFFAIRS

RS CONTINUATION

From Page 1

Counselling Cannot Remain
a Circular on Paper.
Can Telangana Build a Culture
of Student Wellbeing?

When the Central Board of Secondary Education expanded its expectations around structured counselling and student wellbeing, the announcement resonated beyond CBSE-affiliated schools. It highlighted a broader national question: Can academic excellence be sustained without emotional wellbeing?

For Telangana, the question is particularly relevant. Government schools, private institutions, and residential campuses have all witnessed rising academic competition over the past decade. Students today are expected to balance classroom learning, competitive examinations, co-curricular activities, and digital distractions—all while navigating adolescence.

RS INVESTIGATES

Republic Student’s review of current education practices suggests that counselling is still unevenly available across the school ecosystem. While some institutions have invested in counsellors, many continue to rely on teachers to identify and respond to emotional or behavioural concerns alongside their academic responsibilities.

Educational psychologists often note that early support can improve attendance, classroom participation, and confidence. Yet access to trained counselling professionals remains inconsistent across schools.



REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

A counselling room should become as ordinary in a school as a library or science laboratory. When students feel safe asking for help, learning becomes stronger.

RS SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The Quiet Transformation
Happening Inside Telangana
Classrooms

Across many schools, teachers are increasingly integrating digital content, activity-based learning, classroom discussions, and formative assessment into daily teaching. The pace of adoption varies, but the direction reflects a gradual shift away from purely lecture-based instruction.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



Technology alone does not improve learning. The teacher remains the most important educational resource.

Digital tools become meaningful only when they strengthen—not replace—effective teaching.

RS TEACHER’S DESK

Five Questions Every
Teacher Should Ask
Before the First Assessment

Instead of asking:

“Have I completed the syllabus?”

Consider asking:

- 1 Which students are hesitant to participate?
- 2 Who needs additional reading support?
- 3 Have I encouraged critical thinking or only memorisation?
- 4 Which concepts require another explanation?
- 5 What evidence do I have that students truly understood today’s lesson?

Assessment should begin with observation before it reaches the answer sheet.

RS GROUND REPORT

Why July Is the Most
Important Month in a
Telangana Classroom

While public attention often focuses on annual examinations, educators describe July as one of the most decisive periods of the academic year. This is when teachers begin identifying learning gaps, establishing classroom routines, building reading habits, and conducting the first informal assessments that shape future teaching strategies.

Students who struggle during these early weeks often benefit most from timely interventions rather than later remedial programmes.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS

The success of an academic year is rarely determined in March during examinations. It is often determined in July, when schools establish expectations, strengthen foundational learning, and build relationships that influence student confidence throughout the year.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Telangana Education Watch



Schools continue implementing the academic calendar and preparing for early formative assessments.



Teachers are reviewing baseline classroom learning to identify students requiring additional academic support.



Schools are encouraging attendance, reading habits, and classroom participation during the opening weeks of the academic session.

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT

Question of the Week

If every school has a library, science laboratory, and computer lab...

Should every school also have a dedicated student wellbeing centre?



CONTINUATION NOTE

The Page 1 counselling story concludes here. It does not continue further.

Our focus remains on Telangana’s education ecosystem, ground realities, and the stories shaping classrooms.

CAMPUS INTELLIGENCE

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UNIVERSITIES • RESEARCH • INNOVATION

RS INVESTIGATES | Continued from Page 1

Trust Cannot Be Legislated.
It Must Be Earned.
What Comes Next for India's
Examination System?

The Parliamentary Standing Committee's review of the National Testing Agency (NTA) has moved the conversation beyond individual examination events. Recommendations such as granting statutory status to the NTA and exploring multi-phase examinations indicate that policymakers are considering structural reforms rather than isolated administrative fixes. These are recommendations, not yet adopted policy, but they signal the direction of the national debate.

RS INVESTIGATES

Republic Student examined what students consistently identify as the foundations of trust:

- Clear and timely communication
- Transparent grievance mechanisms
- Strong examination security
- Predictable academic calendars
- Accountability when failures occur

While technology can strengthen examination delivery, institutional credibility depends equally on openness and consistency.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS

India is entering an era in which a small number of national examinations influence the future of millions of learners.

As that responsibility grows, examination governance must evolve from being efficient to being trusted.

The reforms being discussed today could shape how students experience competitive examinations for the next decade.

- Conclusion of the Page 1 investigation.

RS CAMPUS REPORT

India's First Bachelor
of Cybersecurity Is More Than
a New Degree—It Signals a
New Workforce Strategy

The joint launch of a practice-oriented undergraduate cybersecurity programme by IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur reflects a shift in higher education toward building industry-ready graduates through extended practical deployment and laboratory learning.

REPUBLIC STUDENT GROUND ANALYSIS

For years, Indian universities have responded to industry demand by introducing new courses. This programme represents something different. Instead of adding another subject, it redesigns how students learn by integrating classroom education with sustained field experience.

Cybersecurity is no longer only an IT specialisation. It is becoming essential infrastructure for banking, healthcare, defence, public administration, education, manufacturing, and digital governance.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

The next generation of university programmes will increasingly be judged not by the number of subjects they teach, but by the real-world capability they develop.

RS INNOVATION WATCH

Can Artificial Intelligence
Become India's
Greatest Teacher?

A new report argues that responsible AI integration in public education could strengthen learning outcomes, improve system efficiency, and contribute significantly to India's long-term economic growth.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS

The question is no longer whether AI will enter classrooms. It already has.

The real challenge is ensuring that AI supports teachers rather than replacing them, helps students think rather than merely generate answers, and reduces educational inequality instead of widening it.

Universities now face a strategic decision: prepare graduates to use AI responsibly, or risk leaving them behind in an AI-enabled economy.

RS UNIVERSITY WATCH

Global Partnerships Are
Becoming the New Measure
of University Excellence

Collaborations between Indian institutions and international universities are increasingly focusing on research, engineering, artificial intelligence, and innovation rather than only student exchange programmes.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

The universities that lead over the next decade may not simply be those with the highest rankings.

They will be the institutions that build the strongest research networks, attract global talent, and solve real-world problems through collaboration.

RS RESEARCH DESK

Question Every
Vice-Chancellor
Should Ask

Instead of asking:

"How many students
graduated this year?"

- ✓ How many students published research?
- ✓ How many solved a real industry problem?
- ✓ How many created intellectual property?
- ✓ How many startups emerged from campus?
- ✓ How many graduates are ready for jobs that do not yet exist?

Universities shape futures—
not just degrees.

CAMPUS BRIEFS



Parliament continues discussions on strengthening national examination governance.



IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur introduce a practice-oriented undergraduate cybersecurity programme.



Universities continue expanding research and international collaboration.



IGNOU extends July re-registration to support continuing learners.

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REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

The university of the future will not compete on the size of its campus. It will compete on the quality of ideas it produces, the problems it solves, and the graduates it prepares for a rapidly changing world.

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Education is evolving.
Our mission is to inform, interpret and inspire every learner, educator and leader.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

LEARNING • RESEARCH
IDEAS • THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

RS FEATURE (Continuation from Page 1)

Who Will Teach India's Next Generation?

The Quiet Examination That Shapes India's Intellectual Future

Every civilisation can be remembered through two kinds of monuments. The first are built from stone. The second are built through knowledge. Universities rarely become great because of magnificent campuses. They become great because somewhere inside a classroom, an extraordinary teacher changes the direction of a student's life.

That is why the UGC-NET examination deserves to be understood differently. For many graduates, it is another competitive examination. For India, it quietly decides who will become tomorrow's professors, researchers, laboratory scientists, mentors, and public intellectuals.

Every person who qualifies today may spend the next thirty years influencing thousands of students. Their ideas may shape scientific discoveries, public policy, technological innovation, or the next generation of entrepreneurs.

RS INVESTIGATES

India often measures educational success by the number of graduates produced each year. Far less attention is given to another question: Who is preparing the people who will educate those graduates?

This is where the significance of UGC-NET extends beyond eligibility. It influences the quality of future classrooms. It influences research culture. It influences academic leadership. It influences India's intellectual capital.

If India aspires to become a global knowledge economy, its universities cannot merely produce degrees. They must cultivate scholars who ask difficult questions, challenge assumptions, and create new knowledge.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE
The future of Indian education will never be determined by examination results alone. It will be determined by the quality of the teachers those examinations eventually produce.

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RS BIG IDEA

The Classroom Is No Longer the Centre of Learning.

Curiosity Is.

There was a time when knowledge lived almost exclusively inside classrooms. Today, it lives everywhere. A lecture delivered in Hyderabad can be watched in Helsinki. A research paper published in Tokyo can be discussed in Karimnagar before sunset. A student with curiosity now has access to more knowledge than entire universities possessed a generation ago.

This transformation changes the role of schools. Teachers are no longer expected to be the only source of information. They are expected to become guides, mentors, critics, and designers of learning experiences.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE
The most valuable skill students can develop is no longer memorisation. It is **learning how to learn**.

RS LEARNING SCIENCE

Why Do Some Students Remember Lessons for Years While Others Forget Them After an Examination?

Learning scientists increasingly agree on one important principle. Memory is strengthened not by repetition alone, but by retrieval. Every time learners attempt to recall information without immediately looking at notes, the neural pathways associated with that knowledge become stronger.

This explains why active recall, spaced practice, and teaching others often produce deeper understanding than simply rereading textbooks.

REPUBLIC STUDENT CLASSROOM
Students should spend less time highlighting pages. They should spend more time asking themselves difficult questions. Learning begins when retrieval becomes effortful.

RS GLOBAL CLASSROOM

What India Can Learn from Finland Without Becoming Finland

Education conversations often present Finland as an ideal model. The reality is more nuanced. Finland's success stems from a combination of teacher professionalism, trust in educators, balanced assessment, and sustained investment in public education.

India's educational landscape is vastly different in size, diversity, language, and socio-economic context. Rather than copying another country, policymakers can study which principles are adaptable.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE
The goal is not to import another nation's education system. The goal is to build one that reflects India's own aspirations while learning thoughtfully from global experience.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT
Education is not the transfer of information. It is the cultivation of judgement. Facts can be searched. Wisdom must be learned.

RS ACADEMIC TOOLKIT

The Science of Learning

TODAY'S PRINCIPLE

Active Recall

Reading creates familiarity. Recalling creates memory.

Before opening your textbook again, close it.

Ask yourself:

"What do I actually remember?"

That simple habit often strengthens long-term learning more effectively than repeated reading.

BOOK OF THE DAY

Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning

by Peter C. Brown, Henry L. Roediger III, and Mark A. McDaniel

WHY REPUBLIC STUDENT RECOMMENDS IT

Most students believe effective learning means studying harder. This book demonstrates, through decades of cognitive science research, that effective learning often means studying differently.

Its evidence-based insights challenge many common assumptions about revision and provide practical strategies that benefit students, teachers, and lifelong learners alike.

WEEKEND REFLECTION

Before your next examination...

Ask yourself one question. "Am I preparing to remember these ideas for two weeks, or to use them for the next twenty years?" The answer may change how you study.

PARENTS • TEACHERS • COUNSELLORS • COMMUNITY

The People Who Shape Learning Before the Classroom Does

RS CONTINUATION (From Page 1)

A Child Who Feels Heard Learns Better Than a Child Who Feels Pressured

(Continuation from Page 1)

Every education reform eventually arrives at the same destination. Not the classroom. The child.

The recent emphasis on structured counselling is often discussed as another administrative reform. Yet its deeper significance lies elsewhere. It asks educators and parents to reconsider one of the oldest assumptions in education—that academic success can exist independently of emotional wellbeing.

For generations, families have measured educational progress through report cards. Marks became conversations. Ranks became identity. Admissions became the destination.

Yet behind every percentage is a child carrying invisible questions.

“Am I good enough?”
“What happens if I fail?”
“Will my parents still believe in me?”

These questions rarely appear on examination papers, but they shape every student’s experience of learning.

RS INVESTIGATES

Educational psychology has consistently shown that students learn more effectively when they experience psychological safety—a learning environment in which mistakes become opportunities rather than permanent labels.

Counselling should therefore never be viewed as a room students visit after a crisis.

It should become part of the culture of every school.

Just as libraries encourage reading, counselling should encourage reflection.

RS WEEKEND ESSAY

The Most Powerful Teacher in a Child’s Life Never Stands in Front of a Blackboard

When children remember their school years twenty years later, they rarely remember every lesson.

They remember a sentence.
A conversation.
A moment when somebody believed in them.

Sometimes that person is a teacher.
Very often, it is a parent.

Children do not learn resilience by hearing lectures about resilience. They learn it by watching adults respond to failure.

They do not learn kindness from moral science textbooks. They learn it by observing everyday behaviour.

Education therefore begins long before a school bell rings.
The home is a child’s first university.
Parents are its first faculty members.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL

Schools teach mathematics.

Parents teach values.

Counsellors teach perspective.

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RS TEACHER’S LETTER



Dear Teacher, You Are Teaching More Than Your Subject

Every lesson communicates two things.

The subject.
And the teacher.

Students notice far more than content. They observe patience. Integrity. Fairness. Preparation. Curiosity. Humility.

Years later, they may forget a formula. They rarely forget how a teacher made them feel.

The influence of a teacher cannot always be measured by examination scores. Sometimes it becomes visible decades later.

RS COUNSELLOR’S DESK



Listening May Be the Most Underrated Educational Skill

Most schools invest heavily in speaking. Teaching. Presentations. Instructions.

Very few invest equally in listening.

Yet almost every student carries an untold story.

Some struggle with anxiety. Some carry family responsibilities. Some silently compare themselves with others.

Some simply need one adult willing to listen without judgement.

Counselling begins with conversation. Healing often begins with listening.

RS COMMUNITY



It Takes More Than a School to Educate a Child

Communities often expect schools to solve every educational challenge. But schools cannot work in isolation.

Libraries.
Neighbourhood volunteers.
Local entrepreneurs.
Artists.
Retired teachers.
Scientists.
Police officers.
Doctors.

Every community possesses knowledge capable of inspiring young minds.

The strongest education systems treat learning as a shared responsibility.

RS WEEKEND READING



The Invisible Curriculum

Students learn far more than subjects.

They learn punctuality. Honesty. Respect. Discipline. Empathy. Collaboration.

These lessons rarely appear in textbooks.

Yet they influence every future workplace and every future family.

This is the curriculum that quietly shapes society.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

“Children rarely become what we tell them to become. They usually become what they see us become.”



PARENT REFLECTION

Tonight... before asking your child

“How many marks did you score?”

Ask instead

“What did you discover today that made you curious?”

One question measures performance.

The other nurtures a lifelong learner.

REPUBLIC STUDENT WEEKEND THOUGHT

“The purpose of education is not to create children who fear failure. It is to nurture adults who have the confidence to keep learning throughout life.”



HUMAN MIND

LEARNING SCIENCE • PSYCHOLOGY • HABITS • BOOKS • REFLECTION

RS EDITORIAL (Continuation from Page 1)

Education Does Not End at the Examination Hall. It Begins There.

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Every July, classrooms across India fill with fresh notebooks, ambitious resolutions, and carefully designed timetables. Yet somewhere between the first unit test and the final examination, many students quietly begin to believe that education is a race measured only by marks. This belief is understandable. For decades, our systems have rewarded outcomes that are visible—percentages, ranks, admissions, placements. They are measurable, comparable, and easy to celebrate. But there is another side of education that is rarely reflected on a report card.

No examination measures courage after failure.

No percentage captures integrity.

No rank reveals kindness.

No answer sheet tells us whether a learner can work with people who think differently.

And yet these qualities often determine success long after academic life has ended.

A student who scores 98 percent but fears every mistake has mastered examinations, not education.

A student who develops curiosity, empathy, discipline, and courage carries an education that no certificate can fully measure.

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RS EDITORIAL

The purpose of education is not merely to prepare students for the next examination. It is to prepare them for the next decision. Because adulthood is a series of decisions that arrive without invigilators, answer keys, or fixed time limits. Schools therefore have a responsibility that extends beyond curriculum. They shape judgement. They cultivate character. They develop the confidence to question, the humility to learn, and the resilience to begin again after failure.

RS MIND LAB

Why Your Brain Was Never Designed to Learn Everything in One Night

The night before an examination has become one of the busiest moments in a student's academic life. Lights remain on. Coffee replaces sleep. Chapters disappear beneath highlighters. The belief is simple: "If I study longer tonight, I will remember more tomorrow." Neuroscience suggests something different. The brain does not treat learning as an act of storage. It treats learning as an act of construction. Every new idea must be connected to previous knowledge, strengthened through retrieval, and consolidated during sleep. Sleep is not the opposite of learning. It is part of learning. When students sacrifice rest to gain a few additional hours of revision, they often weaken the very memory they hope to strengthen.

REPUBLIC STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

The smartest study strategy is rarely the longest one. It is the most consistent one.



RS THINKING BETTER

The Difference Between Knowing an Answer and Understanding an Idea

A student may remember Newton's Laws for tomorrow's examination.

Another may understand why they explain the movement of a satellite, a bicycle, and a football.

One has memorised.

The other has understood.

Education often rewards the first.

Life almost always rewards the second.

Understanding creates adaptability.

Memorisation creates dependency.

Knowledge becomes powerful only when it can travel into unfamiliar situations.



RS LEARNING SCIENCE

The Science Behind Forgetting—and Why That Is Good News

Many students panic when they realise they have forgotten what they studied a week earlier.

Psychologists view forgetting differently.

Forgetting is not evidence that learning failed.

It is evidence that the brain is deciding what deserves long-term storage.

Each time a learner recalls information after forgetting part of it, memory becomes stronger.

This is why spaced revision consistently outperforms last-minute cramming.

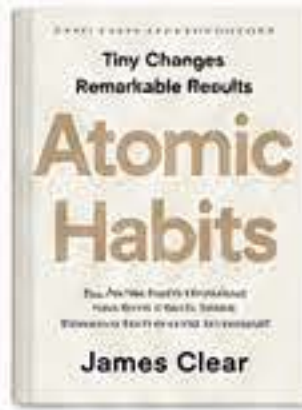
Learning is not strengthened by avoiding forgetting. It is strengthened by rebuilding memory again and again.



RS BOOK OF THE DAY

Atomic Habits

James Clear



Most students search for motivation.

This book argues that lasting success depends less on motivation than on systems.

Small improvements repeated consistently often produce greater results than dramatic efforts sustained briefly.

Republic Student recommends this book because education is not built through extraordinary days.

It is built through ordinary habits repeated over years.



RS BRAIN EXERCISE

One Minute of Reflection

Before you close today's newspaper... Write down the answers to these three questions.

1 What surprised me today?

2 What challenged my thinking today?

3 What will I do differently tomorrow?

Reflection transforms information into learning.



REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

An educated mind is not one that remembers the most facts. It is one that continues asking better questions throughout life.

SATURDAY REFLECTION

One day... Your examination results will become a document stored in a folder. Your character will continue writing your story.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The greatest gift a school can offer is not simply knowledge. It is confidence without arrogance. Curiosity without fear. Discipline without pressure. Compassion without expectation. That is the education Republic Student believes India should strive to build.



CAREER TRUTH

FUTURE WORKFORCE • LEADERSHIP
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RS CAREER FEATURE

(Continuation from Page 1)

The Future of Agriculture Will Not Be Built Only by Farmers. It Will Be Built by Scientists, Engineers, Data Analysts and Climate Innovators.

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For decades, career counselling in India quietly encouraged one belief. The brightest students should become doctors or engineers. Agriculture was often presented as an alternative rather than an aspiration.

That narrative is changing. The farm of the future is becoming one of the world's most sophisticated workplaces. Satellites monitor crop health before a farmer enters the field. Artificial intelligence predicts pest outbreaks. Drones analyse irrigation. Sensors measure soil nutrients in real time. Climate models influence sowing decisions. Biotechnology develops resilient crop varieties.

Suddenly, agriculture is no longer only about farming. It is about solving one of humanity's oldest and most urgent challenges: feeding a growing world sustainably.



RS INVESTIGATES

India is one of the world's largest agricultural economies. Its future competitiveness will increasingly depend on professionals who can combine agronomy with robotics, environmental science, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, economics and public policy.

The careers emerging from this transformation are unlike those available a generation ago. Tomorrow's agricultural graduate may spend as much time analysing satellite data as walking through a field.

RS INDUSTRY INTELLIGENCE

The World's Fastest Growing Careers Did Not Exist When Many Teachers Began Teaching

Twenty years ago, careers such as prompt engineer, AI ethicist, drone systems specialist, digital twin architect, climate risk analyst and cybersecurity intelligence consultant were unfamiliar. Today they are becoming part of the global workforce.

This does not mean students should chase every new job title. It means they should develop capabilities that remain valuable even as industries evolve.



Critical Thinking



Communication



Digital Literacy



Collaboration



Ethical Judgement

The tools will change. These abilities will continue to matter.



REPUBLIC STUDENT ANALYSIS

Students who learn only specific software may become outdated. Students who learn how to adapt will remain relevant.



RS LEADERSHIP

Your First Promotion Begins Long Before Your First Job

Many graduates believe leadership starts when someone receives a managerial title. In reality, leadership begins much earlier.

- It begins when students accept responsibility without being asked.
- When they complete work with integrity.
- When they help classmates succeed.
- When they remain curious after everyone else has stopped asking questions.

Professional reputation is built long before employment begins.

Every classroom is a leadership laboratory.

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RS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Next Unicorn May Begin as a Student Project

India's startup ecosystem has demonstrated that transformational companies often emerge from solving ordinary problems exceptionally well.

The most successful founders rarely begin with a desire to become wealthy. They begin with curiosity. They observe a problem. They ask why it exists.

Then they spend years building a better solution.

Students should therefore treat every assignment, science exhibition and community project as an opportunity to practise problem-solving rather than simply earning marks.

Innovation begins with observation.



RS PORTFOLIO BUILDER

Degrees Open Doors. Portfolios Build Careers.

Increasingly, employers want evidence of capability alongside academic qualifications.

A strong student portfolio might include:

- Research papers or policy essays.
- Community service projects with measurable impact.
- Internships and field experience.
- Open-source or personal technology projects.
- Entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Public speaking or debate achievements.
- Design, writing or creative work.
- Leadership roles in clubs and student organisations.

A degree tells an employer what you studied. A portfolio shows what you can do.

RS WEEKEND CAREER QUESTION

Before choosing a profession... Ask yourself three questions.

- 1 What problem do I want to solve?
- 2 Whose life will improve because of my work?
- 3 Will this career still matter twenty years from now?

Choosing a career is not simply selecting an income. It is selecting the contribution you hope to make to society.

RS FUTURE WORKFORCE

Skills likely to remain valuable across industries



Systems Thinking



Data Literacy



Communication



Creativity



Adaptability



Ethical Decision-Making



Collaboration



Financial Literacy



Emotional Intelligence



Lifelong Learning

Technology changes. Human capability compounds.

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

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The careers of tomorrow will not belong to those who know the most. They will belong to those who continue learning after everyone else has stopped.

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SATURDAY REFLECTION



One day...

Your profession will introduce you to the world.

Your character will determine whether the world invites you back.

Build both with equal dedication.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Career guidance has traditionally focused on helping students choose occupations. Republic Student believes that is only the beginning.

Education should help young people discover purpose, cultivate judgement, develop resilience and prepare for meaningful contribution.

A successful career is not measured solely by salary or designation. It is measured by the value created for society and the integrity with which that work is carried out.

YOUNG INDIA

BUILDING TOMORROW

— DREAM • INSPIRE • LEAD • BUILD —

RS SPECIAL

What If Every School Adopted One Village?

Not as charity. As learning. As responsibility.

Imagine if every secondary school in India spent one Saturday every month solving one local problem.

Reading support. Water conservation. Digital literacy. Waste segregation. Financial awareness. Health camps. Tree mapping. Road safety.

Instead of producing only graduates, schools would produce citizens.

This is not a government programme.

It is a Republic Student editorial proposition.

HOW IT WORKS

- Identify one nearby village or urban community.
- Understand one real problem with empathy.
- Plan a student-led solution with teacher guidance.
- Take action. Document. Measure impact.
- Reflect. Learn. Repeat.

RS INDIA 2047

The Students Sitting in Today's Classrooms Will Build the India of 2047

The children entering Class 6 today will be in their professional prime when India marks 100 years of Independence.

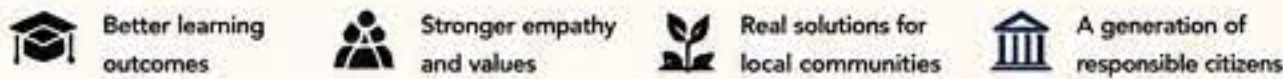
The question is not, "What subjects should they study?"

It is, "What kind of nation will they inherit—and what kind of nation will they create?"

India 2047 needs young minds who can think deeply, act ethically and solve complex problems.



POSSIBLE IMPACT



Education becomes meaningful when it leaves the classroom and enters life.



Republic Student Perspective

The future is not something we enter.
The future is something we build.

RS CHANGE MAKERS

Five Problems Waiting for Young Innovators

These are not someone else's responsibility. They are yours.

- Clean Drinking Water**
Millions still lack safe water. Solutions need courage and creativity.
- Mental Health in Schools**
Let's make every classroom a safe conversation space.
- Plastic Waste**
Our planet cannot wait for better habits.
- Accessible Learning**
Every child deserves equal opportunity.
- Road Safety**
Every year, lakhs of young lives are lost needlessly.

Choose one.
Start small. Think big.



RS OPPORTUNITY DESK

Build Something This Weekend

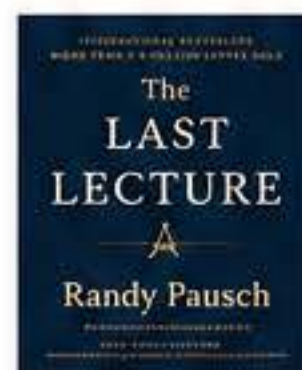
Opportunities are created, not found.

- Write your first research note.
- Interview your grandparents.
- Visit a government school.
- Read one Supreme Court judgement.
- Visit a local farm or industry.
- Meet a scientist or young entrepreneur.
- Volunteer in your community.

Your weekend can be the beginning of your future.

RS WEEKEND READING

The Book That Can Change the Way You Think



By Randy Pausch

A professor facing terminal illness chose not to speak about death. He spoke about dreams.

The book explores curiosity, gratitude, resilience, teaching and the importance of living intentionally.

Republic Student recommends it because every learner should occasionally ask not only "What career do I want?" but also "What kind of life do I want to build?"

RS WEEKEND CHALLENGE

Seven-Day Challenge

Before next Saturday:

- Read one new book chapter.
- Learn one new skill.
- Help one person without expecting recognition.
- Write one original idea.
- Ask one question nobody else asked.
- Spend one hour without social media.
- Reflect on what kind of person you are becoming.

Small actions. Big impact.



RS GLOBAL WINDOW

What the World's Young Innovators Have in Common

- Remain Curious**
They never stop asking "Why?"
- Ask Difficult Questions**
They challenge ideas respectfully.
- Comfortable with Failure**
They treat setbacks as stepping stones.
- Persist with Purpose**
They keep improving long after others stop.

Talent may open the first door.
Consistency keeps it open.



LETTER TO YOUNG INDIA

Dear Student,

Twenty years from now, nobody will ask what marks you scored in July 2026.

They will ask what problems you solved.

They will ask how you treated people.

They will ask whether your education improved someone else's life.

Start preparing your answer today.

— The Future



EDITOR'S LETTER

At Republic Student, we measure success differently. Not by how many headlines we publish. But by how many conversations begin after our newspaper is folded.

If one teacher changes a lesson...

If one parent asks a better question...

If one student decides to solve a real problem instead of merely chasing marks... Then journalism has done its job.

Education is not simply about preparing young people for the future. It is about helping them become the kind of people capable of creating a better future.

Knowledge matters. Character matters more. Curiosity matters most.

Thank you for reading Republic Student.

We will continue investigating education—not merely to report change, but to help shape it.

THIS WEEK'S REPUBLIC MISSION

- Read one book.
- Help one stranger.
- Plant one tree.
- Teach one child.
- Write one idea.
- Call your grandparents.
- Stay curious.

One mission. Every week.
Better you. Better India.

“A nation is not transformed when every child goes to school. It is transformed when every educated child decides to improve the world.”

— Republic Student

