

## **Free Education for Underprivileged Children**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

-Nelson Mandela

Poverty deprives people of a lot of experiences, even the most crucial things in life like education. One of the best things the government has done for our country is passing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act. The RTE Act, 2009 is “An act to provide for free and compulsory education to all children of the age 6 to 14 years”. It came into force from 1st April, 2010. According to the Act, every child in the age group of 6 to 14 years will be provided 8 years of elementary education in an age-appropriate classroom in the vicinity of his/her neighbourhood.

Millions of children from the underprivileged families are being benefitted by this Act as they are getting the education that can change their lives and create a future for themselves free from poverty. This has also opened up a pool of new and creative ideas as more children’s voices are being heard. On our country’s path to growth and success, education is the one tool that will always push us forward.

In conclusion, the young children of today are the youth of tomorrow, and thus, the future of the country depends on how they are being raised. The right education provided to them in the right ways can lead to wonders.