

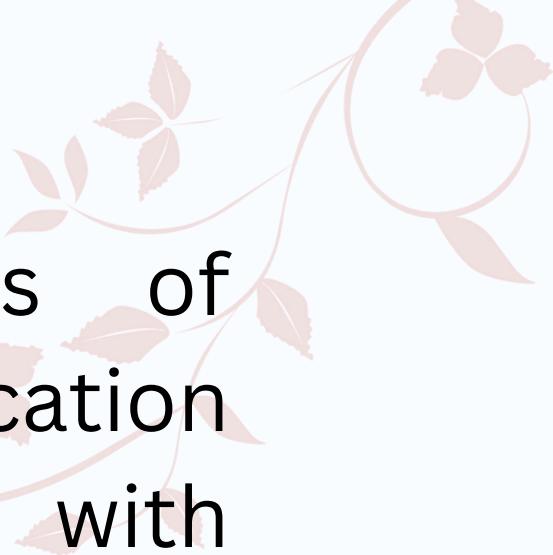


From Awareness to Action Advocating for Education Equality

with

Pehchaan - The Street School ”





- Despite over seven decades of independence, India's education landscape remains marred with systematic inequalities in terms of accessibility, infrastructure, linguistic and geographical differences and discrimination based on caste, religion and gender that routinely manifest inside the classroom. The age-old disparities stemming from class, caste and gender also manifest in the educational attainments among people across the country.



- Many school-going children in rural India struggle with fundamental reading and arithmetic skills despite years of formal education. According to the 2023 Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), nearly one in three eighth-grade students cannot read at the level expected of a secondgrader, and more than half cannot perform basic division.
- Educational inequality in India refers to disparities in access to quality education, resources, and learning outcomes among different groups of students. It is a concern because it perpetuates social and economic disparities and hinders the development of a just and equitable society.



- Recognizing social injustices is crucial, but it is only the beginning. Dealing with and promoting solutions for these challenges demands a multi-faceted approach. This involves improving opportunities in remote areas, offering financial incentives to families, community involvement, technology, partnerships, skill enhancement and promoting awareness initiatives.
- The Indian government and non-governmental organizations are making efforts to increase access to education to underprivileged children, and progress has been made in recent years. However, there is still a long way to go to ensure that every child in India can receive a quality education and realize their full potential.



- One of the initiatives to bridge the literacy gap is offered by Pehchaan The Street School. With the vision of "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime" we are an over 9-year-old organization with the primary objective to provide free education to underprivileged children across various slum areas of Delhi-NCR. As the name suggests, "Pehchaan" means 'Identity' and our organization aims to provide underprivileged children with their own identity through conventional education in unconventional circumstances through fixed centers, classes, curriculum and consistency.



- Our unique approach to education combines interactive methods to make learning fun and engaging for underprivileged children, ensuring multidirectional growth. Education being a fundamental right but still often a privilege, our entirely volunteer-driven organization works to make quality education accessible to every child with the desire to learn while also prioritizing health and hygiene education and regular health check-ups to ensure the children's overall well-being.
- Our initiatives equip underprivileged children with essential resources, providing them with life skills and access to quality education and knowledge especially about pressing issues such as child labor or child abuse to ensure that the children are well aware of their rights and know how to enforce them, promoting community involvement and overall well-being.



- The organization values fixed centers, classes, curriculum and consistent teaching to make a formative impact in the lives of its students. Along with that, the organization focuses on actual social impact instead of social media impact, meaning the benefit of the children always comes first.
- Through inclusive educational programs, Pehchaan The Street School aims to bridge divides, promote tolerance and understanding, and build a more just and equitable world where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Our commitment to investing in education for all reflects the belief of education not only being a fundamental human right but also a catalyst for lasting social change and bringing families out of the seemingly never-ending cycle of poverty.



- Raising awareness about education inequalities in India is just the beginning. Decisive actions taken by NGOs like Pehchaan-The Street School need to be supported through collective efforts turning awareness into action, challenges into opportunities, and dreams into reality; striving for a future where every child has the chance to learn, grow, thrive, and reach their full potential, regardless of where they come from.



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