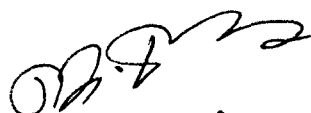


Press Note

The School Education Department organized a workshop on Right of Child to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 on 15.02.2011 at Anna Institute of Management, Greenways Road, Chennai. Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of various Departments of the State Government and Collectors from the six nearby Districts attended the workshop. Mrs. Sheela Balakrishnan, IAS, Director of Anna Institute of Management welcomed the participants, Mrs. S. Malathi, IAS, Chief Secretary of the State inaugurated the workshop and delivered the Presidential address. She highlighted the importance of RTE for the children and the collective responsibility of all the stakeholders to help all school aged children get compulsory and free quality Elementary Education.

Mrs. Anita Kaul, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education and literacy dwelt on the salient features of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. Ms. Aruna Rathnam, Educational Specialist, UNICEF, Chennai spoke on pedagogical reforms in Tamil Nadu in the light of RTE Act, 2009. The participants had a brief interaction with the experts. Thiru D. Jothi Jagarajan, IAS, Secretary, School Education Department proposed the vote of thanks and then the workshop came to an end.

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