

## Door to Door Campaign on Financing Education

National Coalition for Education (NCE), India, organized door to door campaign during the budget session of Parliament from 2nd Jan to 4th Jan 2018 in New Delhi. The objective of the campaign was to lobby with the Members of Parliament to raise the issues of allocation of inadequate education budget in the Indian parliament. NCE representatives met the MPs listed under Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance and presented their demands. Three MPs showed interest in putting up the questions in the Budget session.



## National Meeting on 'No Detention Policy' and Launching of SDG 4 Booklet and Poster

A National Meeting on No Detention Policy was organized by NCE India on 27th Feb 2018 at Vishva Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi. The meeting was organized to discuss the challenges faced in the implementation of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) and to strategize interventions for stopping the removal of No Detention Policy. The eminent speakers for the event were Prof. Nalini Juneja (NUEPA), Dr. Pradeep Chaudhury (JNU), Mr. Satyendra Kumar (CSEI), Ms. Seema Rajput (CARE India). The meeting was participated by Teacher's Union representatives from 15 states, CSO representatives and Academicians. The report on 'Regulatory framework for Private Schools in India', a research conducted by NCE, was also shared during the first session of the meeting. The meeting concluded with a plan of action. It was agreed that NCE will prepare a Charter



of Demand making a collective request to consider continuing the 'No-Detention Policy' and reinstate CCE as per the National Curriculum Framework of NCERT.

NCE also released the SDG 4 booklet which was translated in 9 regional languages – Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Malayalam, Tamil, Marathi, Assamese, Odia and Punjabi.

## Campaign against removal of No Detention Policy

National Coalition for Education (NCE) India, in collaboration with Teacher's Unions organized door to door campaign in 12 states during the month of March. The campaign aimed to lobby with the Members of Parliament and members of Legislative Assemblies to stop removal of No Detention Policy and work towards effective implementation of CCE. The campaign was undertaken in Assam, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. During the campaign, state unions met the Parliamentarians at their offices and residences. The demands were also submitted to the Mr. Narendra Modi, Honourable Prime Minister of India.



## Social Media Campaign

Two social media campaigns were undertaken on No Detention Policy and Fund Public Education through Facebook and Twitter to create awareness among stakeholders and seek their support by signing the charter of demands and submitting to the Chief Ministers of different states. SDG 4 posters were developed in Hindi and English and was shared on social media to create awareness about the targets and means of implementation among the stakeholders. In reaction to the amendment of RTE Act on No Detention Policy, NCE initiated a campaign through social media and further requested stakeholders to sign the Charter of demand which was submitted to the Chief Ministers of states and Prime Minister of India.



## Celebrating Global Action Week for Education in 21 States

The Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) is a worldwide annual campaign led by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) to raise awareness on the importance of education in all its member countries. It is one of the major focal points for the education movement. NCE

India, with the support from UNESCO, CBM and World Vision India, celebrated GAWE from 22nd to 28th April 2018 at the district, state and national level. This year's theme for GAWE was Vote for Education: Citizen Action for Accountable Governments. The theme called for increased citizen



participation in holding governments and the international community accountable for the commitments made for the SDG4 and the Education 2030 agenda. The GAWE was celebrated in 21 states of India in collaboration

with various teachers' organizations, NGOs and INGOs. State and district level events and meetings were organized to raise the issue of quality education (with specific reference to teachers education).



The GAWE culmination event was

organized on 2nd May, 2018 at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi. Dignitaries like Dr. Rajesh Tandon (PRIA), Ms. Kiran Bhatta (Center for Policy Research), Prof. Poonam Batra (University of Delhi) Mr. Abadulla (CBGA), Mr. Ambarish Rai (RTE forum), Ms. Shruti Arora (YP foundation), Mr. Karandeep Bhagat (CSEI) Mr. Satyam Shrivastava, Mr. Kumar Ratan CBM India attended the event.





## Training of Trainers for School Management Committee

A ToT on Inclusive Education was organized on 3rd May, 2018 at New Delhi. Four trainers each from 3 states – Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh participated in the training. Various activities were undertaken to understand inclusion and exclusion in the context of schools. Sessions were taken up to elaborate on the roles and responsibilities of SMC and preparation of SDP. A plan of action was developed by the participants where in they discussed about the

process of training to be followed to train the SMC members on inclusion in education.

## Capacity Building Training of SMC Members on Inclusive Education

Twenty four SMC trainings were organised to raise awareness about inclusion in schools and capacitate SMC members to develop SDP such that it includes planning related to inclusive education. The trainings were conducted in 3 states of India – Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Total 714 members were trained covering 240



schools. The training was organized from 19th May to 30th May



in Bhojpur and Buxar district of Bihar in collaboration with MADAD (Mobilizing Action for Dalit and Advocacy), from 25th June to 3rd July in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with SEEDS and from 20th May 5th June in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with En Bloc.

## Regional Consultation on Regulatory Framework for Private School in the Human Rights Perspective

A regional consultation was organised on 6th April, 2018, by National Coalition for Education, India, on regulatory framework for private school at Bengaluru. This consultation was organised in collaboration with Karnataka State Primary Teachers Association (KSPTA). The objective was to come up with a position on No Detention Policy



and Human Rights Guiding Principles in consultation with CSOs and Teachers Union. The consultation was organised in continuation with the regional consultation held in Delhi on 12th December, 2017. The Consultation also reviewed the current status of elementary education, its challenges and deliberated on the way forward. It was attended by 86 participants from 12 states of India. Participants included representatives from Teachers Union – AIPTE, AISTF and AIFTO and CSO representatives like World Vision, CBM, ONDEDE, HRF



and others. It was also attended by Academicians and NCE Board Members.

## Capacity Building Workshop on Human Rights Education and Inclusive Education with Reference to Gender

NCE India in collaboration with Amnesty International India organized three days capacity building workshop on Human Right Education and Inclusive Education from 8-10th June 2018 in Sarvodaya Capacity Building Centre, Mumbai. The major objectives



of the workshop was to build the understanding of teachers and NGO representatives on Human Rights Education and to sensitize the participants on concept of gender and enable them to initiate systematic integration of gender equality, sensitivity, awareness and analysis into their area of work. The workshop was attended by 36 participants from 15 states of India. Participants includes NCE staffs, NCE partner organizations and representatives from Teachers Union. As a followup of the workshop, Human Rights Club were formed in more than 15 schools of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and further formation are still under process.

## Regulatory Frameworks and Accountability Mechanism for Private Schools in India

A research on 'Regulatory Framework and Accountability Mechanism for Private Schools in India' was conducted by NCE India. The objective of the research was to study the existing framework and accountability mechanism for governing private schools in state of Delhi and Andhra Pradesh. The study also looks into the adherence of norms regarding teachers, infrastructure, reservation for EWS children and child rights by private schools. Study brought out that much needs to be achieved in the front of regulations and accountability of private schools. Various loopholes and loosely defined rules give private scope to cloak their unlawful activities and therefore more stringent laws are need of the hour.

### NCE Corner



### Celebrating Teachers

Ms. Asha, a member of the All India Primary Teachers Federation, was recently awarded as the best teacher by the zonal as well as at the district level education departments. In 2008-09, she was chosen as the best teacher (Sarvotam Shikshak) from the 89 schools of Najafgarh block. She was felicitated by the Najafagarh Nagar Nigam. Subsequently, in 2013-14, she was again facilitated by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation as the best teacher in District.

In an interview, Ms. Asha shared about her belief for schools as the best institution for a child to grow up. Ms. Asha believes in activity based learning, she shared that teaching children using activities encourages children to participate in the learning process. Coming from an SC community, as mentioned by her, she takes good care of children coming from marginalised background as she understands that they need special support. She believes that only education can stop the prevailing discrimination in the society based on caste, gender, religion etc.

**Many congratulations to her from NCE family!**