

# National Urban Conference - Education

## November 11-12-13, 2008

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### Background

*Pratham's work since its inception in Mumbai in 1994 has largely been in urban areas helping children to come to school and learn well. During these years the urban communities have not only been the context of our work but also a resource to achieve the goal of Universalisation of primary education. Over the years, Pratham has grown from being a Mumbai-based urban organization, to an organization with a nationwide presence. Pratham has also grown from being a 'service provider' organization to an organization that impacts policy by using its practical ground level experiences. On the basis of the experiences of dealing with children from various sections of urban areas across country, Pratham need to take step ahead to advocate and help Government to formulate the proper policy for Urban Schooling.*

In the month of April 2008, Pratham Urban Programme teams from all states met in Mumbai and discussed in detail about the current status of the programmes in their respective state & cities. It was also discussed in the meeting that we need to re-visit our urban programme approach and systematically discuss strategies for our subsequent approach based on our various experiences & learnings. It was decided to organise a national level conference to understand our learnings so far, current approaches and thoughts for future. So this conference is scheduled in the month of Nov 2008.

**[For more details on Issues of Urban Education...please read...link to word file Attached]**

### PREPARATION

#### A. City and State level Consultations

All cities and states where urban programmes are being implemented are conducting review of their city programme to summarize their experiences, outcomes and learning. Mainly all teams are trying to put down their experiences through -

- **Conducting City Reviews and Writing Paper on the journey of Pratham in your city so far:** All cities have been asked to write a paper on their journey (Pratham's Journey) so far. The idea is to publish a booklet on city-by-city history of Pratham.
- **PowerPoint Presentation** to be prepared on the City Programme based on the discussions and guidelines
- **GPS Educational Mapping and Survey of the City:** We have conducted GPS based educational mapping of more than 20 cities across India till now. This shall be presented in the conference.

## **B. Research Paper and Case Studies**

A team of Pratham people is working on various research papers to share with all participants of the National Urban Education Conference. This team is basically working on various themes and issues of education at Urban India based on their working experiences in these areas. The themes for research papers and case-studies are as follows:

- Out-of-School children
- Issues of Displacement
- Children at Construction Sites
- Rag Pickers
- Child Labour
- Issues of Governance - Growing Cities, Secondary Education & Vocational Skill
- Private Schools
- English Medium Schools
- Role of Municipal Corporations & 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- Role of SSA in Urban Education
- Working with the Government (Learnings, Merits and Demerits)

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE –  
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**PROGRAM**

DAY	Date	Theme	Details on Session	Timing	Expected Outcomes
<b>10th Nov 2008</b>					
<b>Arrival of all participants by evening</b>					
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>11th Nov 2008</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	10.30 to 11.30	
			Opening Session (Objectives of Conference)		Clarity on Objectives of Conference
			<b>Session 1</b>	11.30 to 1.30	Understand our Current Status of Pratham Programmes
			GPS Maps of Indian Cities		
			City Presentations (Selected by Screening Group)		
			Lunch	1.30 to 2.30	
		<b>Access</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	2.30 to 4.30	Increase awareness on the issues and convergence with the Education Programmes
			Out-of-School		
			Displacement		
			Children at Construction Sites		
			Rag Pickers		
			Child Labour		
			<b>Open Discussion (Question &amp; Answers)</b>	4.30 to 5.30	
			<b>Tea Break</b>	5.30 to 6.30	
		<b>Evening Session</b>	6.30 to 8.30		
		<b>Dinner</b>	8.30 to 9.30		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>12th Nov 2008</b>		<b>Re-cap</b>	9.30 to 10.00	Recap of the Day 1

		<b>Quality Learning</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	10.00 to 12.00	Increase understanding on beyond primary schooling and internal capacity building
			Issues and Challenges in Urban Education		
			- Demographic Trends		
			Issues in growing cities, Secondary Education, SSC board, Vocational Education and related topics		
			Private Schools		
			English Medium Schools		
			Innovations: CAL, Scholarship etc etc		
			<b>Open Discussion (Question &amp; Answers)</b>	12.00 to 1.30	
			Lunch	1.30 to 2.30	
		<b>Governance</b>	<b>Session 4</b>	2.30 to 4.30	Inputs on the clarity of the schemes and thereby action to be taken to access SSA funds
			Role of SSA in Urban Education		
			Role of Municipal Corporation & 74th Amendment		
			Working with Government (Learnings, Merits and Demerits)		
			<b>Small Group Discussions</b>	4.30 to 5.30	
			(Guidelines for organising this session to be decided)		
			Break	5.30 to 6.30	
		<b>Evening Session</b>	6.30 to 8.30		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>13th Nov 2008</b>	<b>Future Perspective</b>	<b>Group Presentations to be done by cities</b>	9.30 to 10.30	Finalise Our Future Approach
			<b>What will be our Urban Approach for next five years?</b>	10.30 to 12.30	

		<b>Concluding Session</b>	12.30 to 2.00	Pledge to be taken
		<b>Lunch</b>	2.00 to 3.00	
		<b>Sight Seeing and Winding UP</b>	3.00 onwards	

**VENUE**

**National Urban Conference 2008** will be held in **JAIPUR** on November 11-12-13, 2008 at -

**“HCM Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration – HCM RIPA”**  
**(Well known as **OTS** – Officer’s Training School)**  
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