## UPHILL BATTLE, DOWNHILL OUTCOME

The right to education, or RTE, law was introduced as part of the entitlement regime authored by the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance to provide access with quality. However, the Annual Status of Education Report 2012, published by educational non-profit Pratham, says the desired objectives continue to be elusive. The survey it conducted across 567 districts in rural India underlined that despite improving infrastructure and increased private school enrolment, teacher and student attendance has inexplicably declined. The survey reveals that the country's knowledge deficit has only worsened.


## BAD NEWS

O Reading levels show a decline in many states

- Mathematics ability decreases
- Govt school enrolment falls
- Student and teacher attendance decreases
- Number of children not in schools increases

Meeting RTE norms: Mixed tidings


BOTTOM 5 states (2012)

| Orissa |  | $28 \%$ |
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| Uttarakhand |  | $23.2 \%$ |
| Uttar Pradesh |  | $15.6 \%$ |
| Jharkhand |  | 15\% |
| Bihar |  | $\mathbf{8 . 5 \%}$ |

## GOODNEWS <br> - Enrolment is high at 96\% <br> - Increase in private school enrolment <br> - Teacher-student ratio improves <br> - Toilet and drinking water facility improves slightly



Toilet useable



## Despite improving infrastructure...

## \% of rural children enrolling in private schools increases



TOP 5 states (2012)

\% of 11-14 year-old girl students not enrolled in schools increases

Attendance goes down
Students
Teachers


## Knowledge deficit worsens



