

Action for School Admission Reforms

Are schools asking for unaccounted and exorbitant funds as donations?

Are their admission procedures unfair and inexplicable?

Are parents and children being harassed during school admission?

Are schools not following all the legal guidelines in their admission processes?

If the answer to any/ many/ all of the above mentioned questions is 'yes', then you must join us in taking action to make the admission process transparent, fair and in compliance with the guidelines of the government. The [School Choice Campaign \(SCC\)](#) and www.nurseryadmissions.com launched a new initiative, Action for School Admission Reforms (ASAR) in 2008 in Delhi to help parents and collaborate with other stake holders to bring about policy level changes to establish a fair, equitable and hassle free school admission process in the state.

ASAR 2008: Say Yes to Transparency

In 2008, the Government of Delhi issued a circular to the schools, giving guidelines for their admissions processes. Unfortunately however, most schools were flouting these guidelines which prompted School Choice Campaign to initiate ASAR and file a PIL in the Honourable High Court of Delhi seeking the Court's intervention to ensure compliance by schools of the government regulations for nursery admissions. The Hon'ble High Court passed an order on the 19 December 2008 agreeing with our contentions directing the DoE to ensure fairness and transparency. As a result, the DoE incorporated a complaint mechanism in their website which allows aggrieved parents to file their complaints against erring schools.

ASAR 2009: Launching ASAR helpline today

But our task remains far from being fulfilled without a proper tracking mechanism for the complaints and without a proper policy level reform to ensure equal admission opportunity to every child of the city. So, School Choice Campaign and nurseryadmissions.com have come together once again to press for the school admission reforms. As part of our collaboration with the Directorate of Education (DoE), ASAR runs a helpdesk for parents to lodge complaints, even anonymously, against unscrupulous schools. All complaints will be sent to the Directorate of Education (DoE) for them to act on and pressurize such establishments to bring about necessary changes. The help desk can be reached at 099530 59097 between 9:30 am and 6:00 pm (Monday-Friday) and at delhiasar@gmail.com. Parents can also send their complaints or reform ideas through www.schoolchoice.in or www.nurseryadmissions.com

If you are not from Delhi and parents in your city too are suffering, please bring it to our notice. We will help build pressure on the concerned players to reform. Write to Renu at delhiasar@gmail.com

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