



Association for Reinventing  
School Education

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**The Collective Voice of  
School Education**

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Policy • Leadership • Innovation • Impact



# ARISE Mission

To transform India's school education ecosystem by championing student first policies, representing the collective voice of schools, fostering collaboration and leadership development, conducting research and making knowledge accessible, promoting ethical and effective governance, and enabling innovative practices that enhance teaching, learning, and student well-being.



# Message from President, Governing Body

## Dr. Arunabh Singh

**President, ARISE (2026-27)**

**Co-Founder & Director, Healthy Planet Schools & Nehru World School**

School education stands at a defining moment globally. Rapid technological change, evolving societal expectations, and increasing regulatory complexity are reshaping how institutions prepare young people for the future.

India's K-12 education system — one of the largest and most diverse in the world — faces both immense opportunities and significant challenges. Strengthening its quality, resilience, and inclusiveness requires collective leadership, sustained dialogue, and institutional platforms that enable schools to collaborate and engage constructively with policymakers.

The Association for Reinventing School Education (ARISE) was founded on this premise. As a national collective of founders and leaders of progressive schools, ARISE brings together institutional decision-makers committed to advancing excellence, innovation, and responsible autonomy, guided by the principle of Student First.

Over time, ARISE has evolved into a credible platform for collaboration among school leaders, government, regulators, industry, and civil society, contributing evidence-based perspectives to policy and practice.

As an autonomous body, ARISE remains focused on strengthening the collective voice of progressive schools and enabling sustainable change that benefits learners across the country. This compendium reflects that journey and our continuing commitment to advancing school education through collaboration, leadership, and reform.



## ARISE: An Overview

The Association for Reinventing School Education (**ARISE**) is a national collective of founders, promoters, and leaders of progressive schools dedicated to advancing excellence, innovation, and systemic reform in the K–12 education sector.

ARISE is currently one of the only national chamber bodies exclusively focused on the K–12 school education sector, as the K–12 education arm backed by FICCI.

Established as a **Section 8 not-for-profit organisation**, ARISE operates entirely in the public interest and is registered under Sections 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, underscoring its commitment to transparency, accountability, and long-term institutional credibility.

ARISE serves as a collaborative platform bringing together key stakeholders across the education ecosystem including school leaders, policymakers, regulators, industry partners, academic experts, and civil society to address structural challenges and opportunities through coordinated action.

### Its work focuses on:

Evidence-based policy engagement

Alignment with national and state priorities

Knowledge creation and dissemination

Leadership development and capacity building

Global engagement and partnerships

Guided by the principle of Student First, ARISE recognises that meaningful transformation in education requires responsible leadership, collaborative problem-solving, and sustained engagement across stakeholders.

# Journey of ARISE

## Origins within ARISE

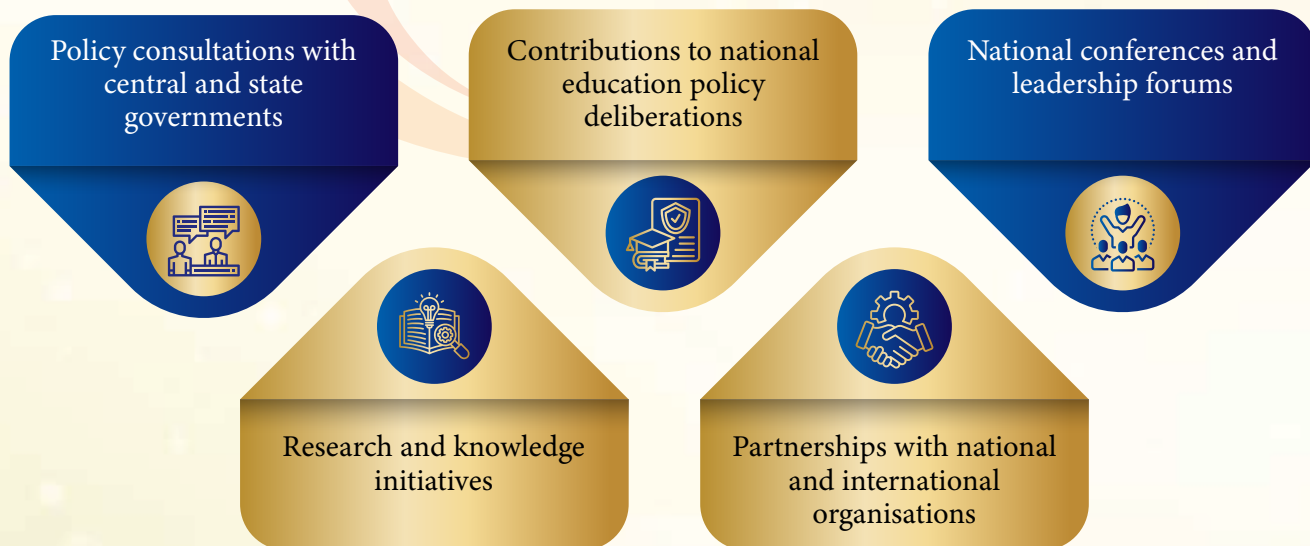
ARISE was incubated within the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**) in 2016 as a forum bringing together founders of leading schools to engage in structured dialogue on policy, innovation, and institutional development.

Within this platform, ARISE facilitated constructive engagement between school leaders and government bodies, helping articulate sector perspectives and enabling collaborative approaches to reform.

## Growth & Expansion

Over time, ARISE expanded significantly in membership, influence, and scope.

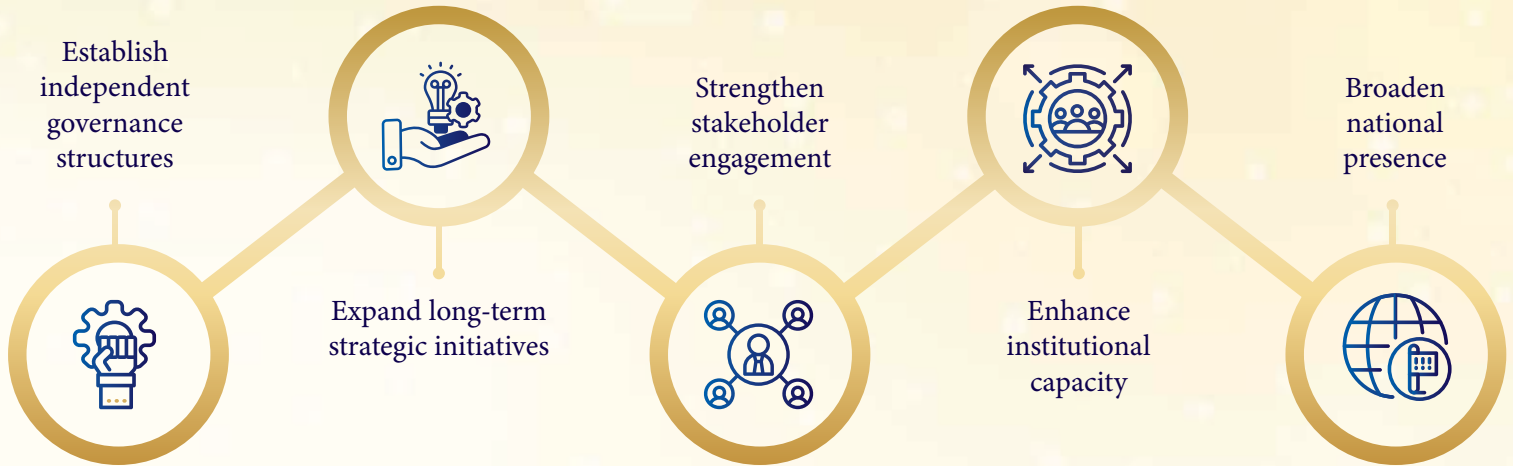
Key Areas of Engagement Includes:



## ARISE: A New Chapter

Recognising the need for a dedicated organisation focused exclusively on school education, ARISE transitioned into an independent body in 2024.

This transition enabled the organisation to:



Today, ARISE represents a growing network of more than 1,800 schools serving over 1.6 million students across India. Through state chapters and council, the organisation reflects regional diversity while contributing to a shared national vision for education.

While it is functioning as an autonomous entity, ARISE continues to maintain a strong institutional association with FICCI through a formal Memorandum of Understanding reaffirming a shared commitment to advancing reforms, research, knowledge initiatives and global engagement in India's K-12 education sector.

# Relevance & Impact

India's school education ecosystem is vast, complex, and undergoing rapid transformation. Schools must navigate evolving regulatory frameworks, technological disruption, demographic shifts, and rising expectations for quality, accountability, and safety. Systemic challenges of this magnitude cannot be addressed by individual institutions acting in isolation. ARISE plays a distinctive role as a founder-led collective of institutional leaders, enabling collaboration among schools while fostering constructive engagement with government, industry, and civil society. By convening stakeholders, disseminating best practices, and supporting evidence-based reforms, ARISE contributes to building a transparent, resilient, and future-ready education ecosystem.

## Core Strategic Areas

### Knowledge & Research

Enabling access to high-quality insights, research, and sectoral intelligence to support informed decision-making and institutional growth.



### Policy Advocacy & Reform

Engaging with governments and regulatory bodies to shape a progressive, enabling policy environment for school education.



### Leadership & Capacity Building

Strengthening leadership and institutional capabilities through continuous learning, peer exchange, and professional development.



### Innovation & Future Readiness

Driving adoption of emerging ideas, practices, and frameworks to prepare schools for a rapidly evolving educational landscape.



### Community & Collaboration

Building a strong, trusted network of progressive schools to enable collaboration, shared learning, and collective impact.



# Key Initiatives

## Policy Consultations and Dialogues

Structured engagements with government, regulatory bodies, and sector stakeholders to deliberate on emerging policy issues, share institutional perspectives, and contribute to informed decision-making particularly in areas such as:



National Education Policy 2020



Fee regulation



School safety and child protection



Liberalisation of the K-12 sector



Digital Personal Data Protection framework



## Strategic Knowledge and Research Initiatives

Development of analytical reports, position papers, and thematic studies on critical and emerging issues shaping school education.



## ARISE Principal Forum

A dedicated platform for school principals to exchange best practices, strengthen instructional leadership, and address operational and pedagogical challenges through peer learning.

Strategic School Leadership  
for the 21st Century

Developing Second-Level  
Leadership in Schools

School Policy, Governance &  
Regulatory Compliance

Mastering School  
Accreditation & Quality  
Standards

Student Well-being &  
Inclusive Education

Leadership in Indian Schools:  
Balancing Vision, Values &  
Compliance

Digital & AI Leadership in  
Schools

## ARISE Intelligence Unit

A knowledge and insights hub providing members with policy updates, regulatory analysis, sector trends, and strategic intelligence to support informed institutional decision-making.

## ARISE Excellence Awards

A national recognition platform honouring outstanding practices, leadership, and innovation in school education in collaboration with FICCI launched in 2022 with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals, the ARISE Excellence Awards have grown steadily in scale and national reach. In 2023, the awards were expanded to include broader categories, and the third edition in 2025 recorded 800+ registrations from 20+ States and UTs. A significant step in this edition was the introduction of dedicated recognition for Government Schools, reflecting ARISE's commitment to equitable and inclusive excellence across all school categories. The Awards recognise excellence across nine categories — Future-Ready Skills, Experiential Learning, Sports, Continuous Professional Development for Teachers, Digital Transformation & Compliance, Visual & Performing Arts, Global Impact Leadership, Reviving India's Knowledge Systems, and Executing Sustainable Development Goals.



## International Study Tours and Delegations

Curated global engagements enabling exposure to international best practices, policy frameworks, and institutional models through structured visits and partnerships.



## Flagship Conference

ARISE's premier annual convening bringing together school leaders, policymakers, regulators, industry experts, and global thought leaders to deliberate on emerging trends, policy priorities, and future directions in school education.



## Strategic Partnerships

Collaborations with leading national and international organisations to advance innovation, capacity building, and global alignment in school education. Illustrative partners include organisations such as OpenAI, ISTE+ASCD, COBIS, and other global education bodies.



# Why ARISE Is Unique



## Founder-Led Network

Members are institutional decision-makers responsible for strategy, governance, and long-term vision.



## Policy Interface

Structured engagement with regulatory and government bodies.



## Collaborative Ethos

Emphasis on peer learning and shared progress rather than competition.



## National Representation

Presence across diverse regions and school contexts.



## Institutional Development Orientation

Focus on strengthening organisations, not just individuals.



## Global Outlook

Active engagement with international education ecosystems.

# Membership Benefits



## Policy Access

Closed-door engagements with senior policymakers and regulators shaping the future of school education.



## Peer-to-Peer Exchange & Community

Access to a trusted network of school promoters and leaders through curated interactions, enabling open dialogue, shared problem-solving, and cross-institutional collaboration.



## Strategic Insights

Early access to policy signals, regulatory shifts, and sector intelligence through ARISE Intelligence Unit to support faster, more informed decision-making.



## ARISE Principal Forum

A dedicated leadership circle for principals to engage on academic strategy, execution challenges, and institutional excellence.



## Global Immersions

Curated international delegations offering direct access to world-leading institutions, education systems, and global forums.



## Visibility & Voice

Platform to shape national discourse and position your institution among India's most forward-looking education leaders.



## Leadership & Capacity building

Opportunities to participate in curated expert-led sessions, webinars, and leadership development programmes designed to strengthen institutional leadership and build future-ready capabilities.

# ARISE Footprint



20  
States



1800+  
Schools



95000+  
Teachers



1.6 M  
Students

# ARISE Members





.....and many more.

# Leadership

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## Join Us

ARISE welcomes progressive schools and education leaders who share a commitment to innovation, collaboration, and excellence. By joining ARISE, schools become part of a credible and forward-looking network working collectively to shape the future of school education in India. The network enables members to engage with peers and sector leaders, contribute to policy dialogue, and stay informed on key regulatory and educational developments. It provides access to curated knowledge resources, collaborative platforms, and opportunities for participation in forums, consultations, and initiatives of national relevance. Through this network, member schools strengthen their voice, expand their perspectives, and contribute to a more cohesive and impactful education ecosystem.

## Membership Fee

### Annual Membership

Stand-Alone School/Group of Schools

Joining Fee: 1 Lakh

Annual/Renewal Membership: 1 Lakh/Year

\*18% GST applicable

**Let's Lead. Let's Inspire Change Together!**







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