



General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. How does enthusiasm for learning impact your own education?
2. Aside from an elite system that serves about 10 percent of India's 140 million schoolchildren, Chavan says education, largely the domain of central and state governments, is in deep crisis. What impact could inequity in access to quality education have on society?
3. How could communities in India go from the "pre-accountability" stage to a system in which public officials and public education is more accountable to the people they serve?
4. One goal is to encourage communities to take responsibility for their schools instead of relying on distant government bureaucracy. Should the burden of responsibility for schools fall on the communities, the government or both?