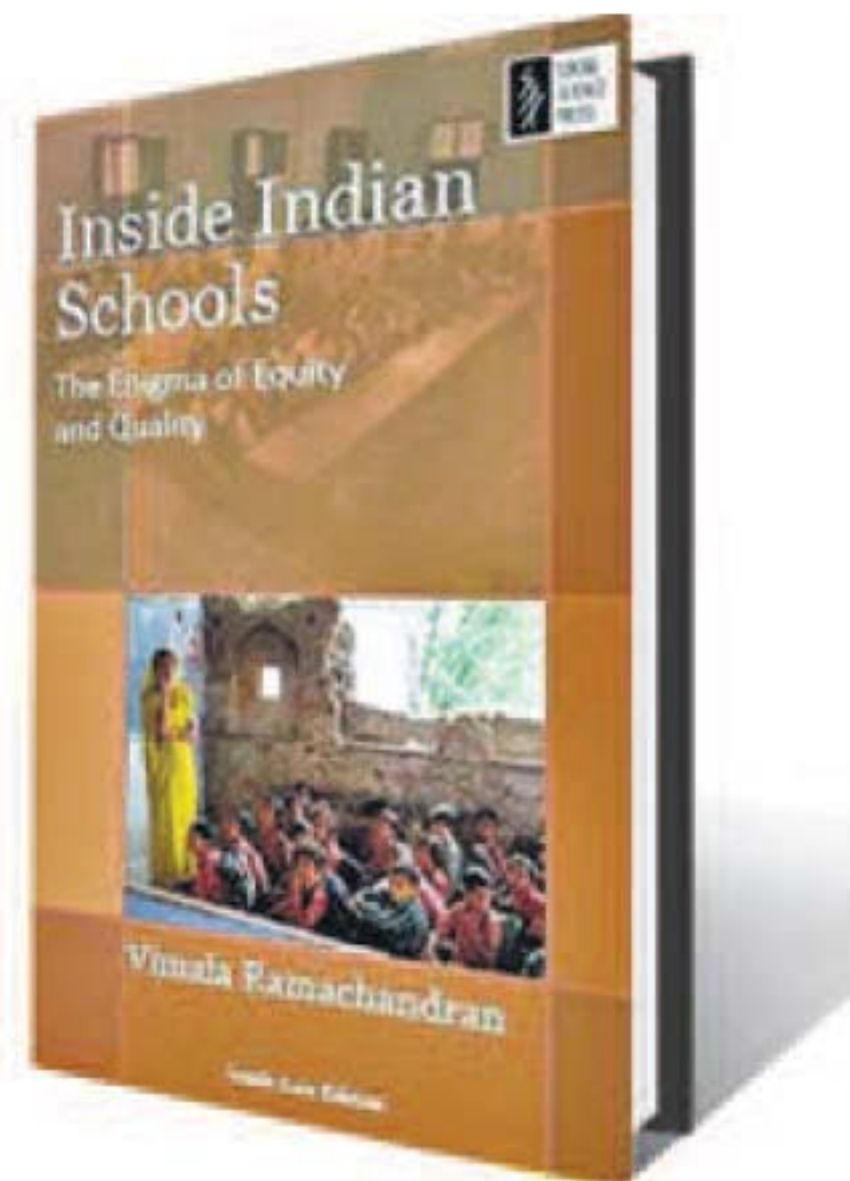


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UNDERSTANDING INDIA'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

On July 29, the Union Cabinet cleared the National Education Policy 2020. The blueprint is ambitious: It aims to ensure universal access to school education from pre-school to secondary, focusing on early childhood care and education, foundational literacy and numeracy; reintegrating dropouts, among other things.

This week, we recommend educationist Vimala Ramachandran's *Inside Indian Schools: The Enigma of Equity and Quality*. In this book, the author explores the contours of the existing school system, which faces serious legitimacy issues since schools have been leaving students with limited knowledge or skill. It also argues that the struggle for equality in education is also a struggle for quality, and so the book focuses appreciably on the exclusion of marginalised communities, and explores a key question: What it means to be a Dalit or tribal in schools. The book helps understand the existing school system, and how the new policy is critical to overcome its shortcomings.



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