What is U-DISE?
A government-led education management information system on key school-level indicators. It generates report cards on each school every year, and also publishes district and state-level data.

Why was U-DISE created?
It was created to improve learning outcomes and to enhance the capacity of stakeholders to use information as a tool for demanding accountability.

Features of U-DISE
- Survey is conducted across government, government-aided and private schools in India
- It covers schools in rural and urban areas,
- It provides a grade-specific learning assessment survey.

Impact on transparency and accountability
"All the activities under Sarva Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) – the primary vehicle for delivering public elementary education in India – under which per-student or per-teacher grants are proposed are on the basis of DISE data. Again, all infrastructure requirement as part of Right to Education is also on the basis of DISE data." (Representative from the Ministry of Human Resources)

Key recommendations
1. Build inter-operable, real time data bases to enable ease of decision-making,
2. Strengthen on-line and off-line mechanisms for sharing data with the public,
3. Strengthen the link between U-DISE data and school level planning,
4. Consolidate grievance redressal mechanisms.

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