

Regional English Language Office (RELO)

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In news— After **Delhi** government's initiative, the **Punjab education department** organised a one-day training workshop for English teachers from government schools in association with experts from Regional English Language Office (RELO).

About RELO-

- **The U.S. Mission to India established the RELO in 2005 as part of the Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy.**
- The project aims to strengthen India-US ties by supporting English learning.
- **Headquartered at the US Embassy office in New Delhi, RELO's mission is to "support the effective teaching and learning of English in Afghanistan, Bhutan and India,** while enhancing mutual understanding between the US and these countries".
- RELO **collaborates with state government and educational institutions** to support them in teacher training, curriculum development and other English language training projects.
- It supports effective pre- and in-service training opportunities for English language teachers throughout the region.
- **In India, RELO is headed by Ruth Goode,** who is responsible for designing, managing and advising on English learning programmes for India, Afghanistan and Bhutan.
- The Delhi government has now acted as a facilitator in the Punjab government's recent association with the US Embassy wing.
- Since 2017, several batches of English teachers in Delhi

have undergone '**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**' (TESOL) Core Certificate Programme offered by the US Embassy.

- The Delhi government had also launched an online professional development programme for English teachers in government schools in partnership with RELO.