

Sahodaya School Complexes la

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In news

Recently, the Union Minister of Education addressed the 26th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes(organized by CBSE) as the Chief Guest via video conferencing. On the occasion, the Minister released a Conference Souvenir titled SAMARTHAN – which is a compilation of the best teaching practices in the country.

The concept of Sahodaya School Complexes

In the year 1987, **CBSE brought out a publication titled, “Freedom to learn and freedom to grow through Sahodaya School Complexes” (SSCs) which characterized “SSCs” as a voluntary association of schools in a given area,** who through mutual choices, have agreed to come together for a systematic and system-wide renewal of the total educational process. In other words as “Sahodaya” signifies rising together, **it identified six areas, to begin with, for collaboration amongst schools of its complex:**

1. Educative Management
2. Evaluation
3. Human Resource Mobilization
4. Professional Growth of Teachers
5. Value-Oriented School Climate
6. Vocationalisation of Education

History of Sahodaya School Complexes

- The idea of Sahodaya Schools complexes was first mooted by the Education Commission,1966.
- It was the National policy on Education, 1966 which reiterated in strong words the need for promoting school complexes for meeting the quality of education.

- This set the tone for bringing the schools together and networking them for healthy interaction among themselves.
- **The first national conference of Principals of CBSE affiliated schools organized by CBSE in collaboration with APSC Madras in 1985 emphasized collaboration among schools** and establishing linkages in academic and other co-curricular and cultural activities.
- **The idea of Sahodaya School Complexes was further concretized when CBSE, jointly with NPSC,** organized a two day conference of school principals and teachers in Delhi in October 1986.
- The resolution number 5 stated "Accepting the necessity for establishing school complexes which may be named SS complexes so that isolation that exists between the school will give way to partnership among schools within the complexes and they will work and rise together".
- The year 1987 saw a further boost to the idea of setting up of SS complexes when **CBSE in pursuance of the National Policy of Education, 1986 used a booklet titled "Implementation of National policy on Education in CBSE affiliated Schools-Programme of Action for three years"** which reiterated school complexes and resolved to encourage the process of setting of Sahodaya School Complexes.