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**Union HRD Minister graces the 90th CBSE Foundation Day and 25th anniversary of Sahodaya School Complexes celebrations in New Delhi**

**1st November 2019,**

The 90th foundation year of CBSE and 25th anniversary of Sahodaya School Complexes was celebrated at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Minister of State for HRD Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Secretary School Education and Literacy, Shri Amit Khare, Chairperson CBSE Ms. Anita Karwal graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the HRD Minister complimented CBSE on bringing so many school leaders under one roof. It appeared that the entire nation had come together to celebrate education. The celebration of 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, 90 years of CBSE and 25 years of Sahodaya is bound to bring good outcomes for the nation.

The Minister appreciated CBSE for its commendable work not only in India but across the world. He recalled how earlier during the day when he was with the German delegates on their Indian visit, they were highly impressed by the works and accomplishments of Mahatma Gandhi and claimed that today's world needed a charismatic personality like Gandhi to deal with current challenges.

He told the attendees that all the Principals present had an affectionate vision for their schools. He applauded the efforts put in by each one present. A child, he said is like a blank paper, and called upon the leaders to ensure that what is written on that pure, blank piece of paper is well written and helps build a strong foundation for the child and the nation.

Speaking on Nai Talim the Minister said that Gandhian values are a guiding force and will be the harbinger of change. He stressed on the inclusion of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' in the education system, which should be imbibed in the value system of children, parents, schools and managements.

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal also complimented CBSE for being among the first education systems in the world to introduce the subject of Artificial Intelligence at school level, even though at a pilot stage.

Minister of State Shri Sanjay Dhotre, in his address, complimented CBSE for the overall development of students' physical, mental, academic and spiritual development through its programmes and initiatives. He said that Nai Taleem rested on the ideology of uplifting the weak and inclusive growth for all and that moral development and character building is integral to good education.

To commemorate 90th Year of CBSE, a Memoir on the Journey of CBSE was released by the dignitaries. The Board also released 3 more Books for teachers and students to provide information about different activities in CBSE. CBSE and Sahodaya School Complexes of Delhi NCR is also organizing a two day Conference on the theme Nai Taleem- For a Sustainable Future on November 1st and 2nd. Union Minister Shri Pokhriyal released a coffee table book 'CBSE@90'. The Minister declared open the

creativity challenge, a digital art challenge designed by CBSE and Adobe. Shri Pokhriyal also released a Book of expressions titled 'Transformation and Engagement' which is a compilation of essays, presented by Principal Springdales School Ms. Amita Wattal. Ebook version of the same was also launched.

The conference brought together eminent speakers from different stakeholder groups. This diversity of perspectives also led to interesting debates and discussions during the proceedings

Different renowned speakers like Prof. Govinda, Prof. Poonam Batra, Dr. Swaroop Rawal, Sister Shivani, Sh. Rajiv Mehrotra, Dr. Achal Bhagat, Major D P Singh, Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan and many others shared their thoughts with more than 1400 principals of CBSE schools who came to attend program from India as well as CBSE schools located in different parts of the world.

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