

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
2, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREET VIHAR, DELHI**

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Circular No. 49

**All the Heads of CBSE
Affiliated Independent Schools**

**Subject : 16th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes
2009 to be held from 9th – 11th December, 2009 at Gurgaon, Haryana.**

Dear Principal,

The Central Board of Secondary School has launched a networking concept among its schools called “**SAHODAYA**” in the year 1986. Sahodaya, the concept is imbued with the spirit of ‘**caring & sharing**’ and is meant to facilitate closer networking and collaboration among the schools of the CBSE family aimed at excellence in education.

The Sahodaya School Complexes is a group of neighborhood schools who voluntarily come together to share best practices and innovative strategies in various aspects of school education including curriculum design, evaluation and pedagogy and also in providing support to teachers by regular capacity building exercises. Some Sahodaya clusters also engage with parents and leaders in the community to build partnerships and network for a larger cause.

At present there are around 250 active Sahodaya School Cluster across the country with the networking of 4500 schools. In order to bring Sahodaya members on a common platform the Board conducts **National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes** every year on an identified theme of current educational relevance. Besides facilitating broad interactions among practitioners, it also serves as an effective channel of interaction between schools and the CBSE and thereby helps the Board in formulating its policies in a progressive and pragmatic manner. The deliberations on the issues arising out of the conference theme trigger meaningful thought processes which are then encapsulated in the form of Recommendations and disseminated to the other members of the Sahodaya.

The Board proposes to conduct the 16th National Annual Sahodaya Conference at Gurgaon, Haryana from 9th – 11th December 2009. The theme of the conference is “**Re-thinking School Reforms – Opportunities and Challenges**”. The sub-themes for the conference may be the following:

1. CCE - Paradigm shift from ‘*Teaching to the Test*’ to ‘*Holistic Education*’
2. Examination reforms and Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)
3. Assessment *for* learning
4. Objective assessment *of* learners for CCE
5. Holistic Assessment
6. Changing classroom assessment

7. Building capacity *for* enhancing classroom assessment
8. Contextualizing pedagogy to CCE
9. CCE and Societal Change
10. Engaging parents and community for CCE
11. Embedding technology in Assessment

The last date of submission of articles for the proposed Souvenir is 25th November 2009.

You are requested to kindly depute two or three principals from your Sahodaya School Complex to attend the proposed conference. In the event of more Principals from your Sahodaya School Complexes intending to attend, you may send the list to the undersigned marking a copy to the host Sahodaya before 15th November, 2009. The delegate would be required to report at the venue by 5.00 pm on the evening of 9th December, 2009 for registration so that they can attend the formal inauguration at 6.00 pm to be followed by pre conference dinner and leave only after the conclusion of the conference on 11th December, 2009.

The contact person for the conference is: Dr. Indu Khetarpal, Chairperson, Sahodaya School Complex/Principal, Salwan Public School, Sector-15-II, Gurgaon. Tel. No.2333956, 2311421 and Ms. Nirmal Yadav, Secretary, Sahodaya School Complex/Principal, CCA School, Sector-4, Gurgaon. Tel. No.2330098, 2331264 and Mobile No.: 09810543840. Please note that the travel expenditure and the boarding and lodging expenses have to be borne by the individual participant and the Board will not reimburse any expenditure.

The SSC Gurgaon will be sending you complete details of the conference in due course. A separate website is also being created so that you can make online registration. Details of the same will be communicated to you by SSC Gurgaon. The details will also be available on CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in shortly.

The Board looks forward to your active participation in the conference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

**(VINEET JOSHI)
CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY**

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.

3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh-160 017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737 101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar-791111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
8. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
9. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
10. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
11. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
12. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
13. E.O. to Chairman, CBSE
14. DO / PA to Secretary, CBSE
15. PA to CE, CBSE
16. PA to Director (Acad.)
17. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
18. PA to HOD (Edusat)
19. PRO, CBSE



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