

HARYANA EDUCATION FORUM

Conclave of School Management Committees

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Haryana Education Forum, a joint initiative of Sehgal Foundation and Lady Bamford Charitable Trust, and a CSR initiative of J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited (JCB), has been formed with the objective to provide a platform for learning and sharing of best practices for school education in Haryana. This year the forum is organizing a School Management Committee (SMC) conclave to provide a voice to SMC members and strengthen their spirit and functioning in schools.

Under the Right to Education Act 2009, every child, age six to fourteen, is to be provided with eight free and compulsory years of age-appropriate elementary education. Under the Act, SMCs are constituted to oversee school operations, ensure transparency in funds management and overall functioning, and seek active participation of parents, students, and socially responsible individuals in the education process.

Many organizations including civil society, corporates, and universities in Haryana and education department of Government of Haryana are working on the theme of better education in schools. The department works closely with civil society to strengthen the infrastructure in schools, engage communities through SMCs, and improve the quality of education. However, SMC members rarely get an opportunity to share their successes or voice their concerns. This is especially true of women, who constitute 50 percent of the executive members of the SMCs.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the forum:

- Provide a platform for interaction and experience sharing of SMC members and collectively solve their issues and problems.
- Create synergies between SMC members and the district and state officials of education department.
- Motivate SMC members and increase awareness about their roles and responsibilities that can help them in taking their issues forward in larger forums.

METHODOLOGY

The Haryana Education Forum will be held at the training center of Sehgal Foundation in village Ghaghas in Nuh district of Haryana where SMCs will share their experiences, interact with district officials from the education department, and learn from each other. The forum will also provide a platform for interaction and creating synergies among stakeholders.

The day-long workshop will include participation from SMC members, NGOs, corporates, and government officials.

Agenda

Time	Activity
11.00-11.15 AM	Welcome remarks
11.15-11.25 PM	An overview of RTE and need for SMCs
11.25-12.30 PM	Sharing of experiences by SMC members
12.30-12.45	Keynote address
12.45-1.30 PM	Short play on the functioning of SMCs, followed by a discussion on issues and challenges faced by SMCs.
1.30 PM	Wrap up