

HT celebrates city's top 50 schools

THE REAL HEROES The felicitation ceremony was preceded by an animated panel discussion on the RTE Act – its vision, shortcomings and implementation



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MUMBAI: A room full of principals confronting three panellists on one of the most controversial education initiatives in the country, the Right To Education Act (RTE) — the dialogue was bound to be interesting.

In the line of fire were Dr Vinod Raina, a key architect of the Act, Vijaysheela Sardesai who is advising the government on its implementation in the state, and Dr Bindu Rana, head of research and development at Educomp Solutions, India's largest education consultancy.

The panel discussion was a part of the Hindustan Times Top Schools Conclave 2012 held at the Hilton International Airport Hotel in Andheri on Friday.

The conclave was a culmination of the HT's Top Schools Survey 2012 — a unique and exhaustive exercise of rating the top 50 schools in the city, including Navi Mumbai and Thane.

And on Friday, the efforts of principals of these top schools were recognised.

Sourya Bhattacharya, editor of Hindustan Times, Mumbai, welcomed the principals and highlighted HT's consistent and constructive engagement with



• The panellists who spoke on 'Right to Education, the road ahead'. (From left) Vijaysheela Sardesai, Bindu Rana, moderator Smruti Koppikar and Vinod Raina. HT PHOTOS: ANSHUMAN POYREKAR, PRODIP GUHA, SAROJ KUMAR DORA



TOP SCHOOLS OF 2012

1. The Cathedral & John Connon School
1. Dhiraaj Kumbhani International School
3. Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School
4. Bombay Scottish School, Mahim
5. Jamnabai Narsee School
6. Delhi Public School, Nerul
7. Hiranandani Foundation School, Thane
8. Champion School
9. JB Petit High School for Girls
10. Oberoi International School

TOP SCHOOLS IN THE CITY

(On alphabetical order)

NORTH

- Billabong High International School, Thane
- Children's Academy, Malad
- Gundecha Education Academy
- Hiranandani Foundation School, Thane
- NL Dalmia High School
- Ryan International School, Kandivli
- Sacred Heart School, Kalyan
- Singapore International School
- Smt Sulochanadevi Singhania School
- Thakur International School

SOUTH

- Bombay International School
- Champion School
- GD Semani Memorial School
- JB Petit High School For Girls
- Navy Children School
- Queen Mary School
- St Mary's School (ICSE)
- St Xavier's Boys Academy
- The Cathedral & John Connon School
- Villa Theresa School

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