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### Paradigm shift needed to bring changes in education, says Sisodia

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**New Delhi:** "When humanity starts looking at solutions in institutions, all our problems will be solved," said deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia. Addressing school principals at the annual Times NIE Principals' Seminar 2016-17 on Friday, the minister urged them to build a society that seeks all its solutions in classrooms.

Highlighting the urgent need for a paradigm shift in



the education system, Sisodia said that our society is confused regarding education. "We know the input, which is a three or four-year-old child, and we keep him/



**MAKING A POINT:** Over 300 principals participated in the seminar

her in a box for 20 years. But our output seems to be a confused one. Sometimes we look for toppers, at other times we look for a person with

values," he said.

Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio in the Delhi cabinet, said that India is among the few nations that

"glorify education by numbers. Ultimately we translate classrooms into war rooms."

The chief guest called upon turning "human resource development" to "humane education" and not treat human beings as "resource for development." The minister also urged schools to shift their focus from teaching to learning. "There is a big difference between teaching and learning. This is the reason we are able to develop a highly educated society, but not a learned one," he added.

Over 300 principals participated in the four-hour seminar. A panel discussion was moderated by stand-up comedian Amit Tandon where the minister took questions from the principals and representatives of different schools. Replying to the issue of no detention policy Sisodia said that he is personally in its favour, but as it has not been implemented in a holistic manner the state passed a Bill to do away with the provision.