



# Educational Empowerment Initiative for Children

## Why in News?

Recently, REC Limited, a **Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power**, has partnered with the **Unit of Science and Educational Development (UNISED)** to support the education of approximately 75,500 children in Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh.

## Key Points

- **Financial Commitment:** REC Foundation, the CSR arm of REC Limited, has committed a financial assistance of Rs. 9.91 crores towards this initiative, demonstrating its dedication to social responsibility.
- **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA):** A formal agreement between REC Foundation and UNISED has been signed in New Delhi, solidifying their commitment to improving educational opportunities for underprivileged children in Siddharthnagar district.
- **Objectives:** The collaboration aims to **enhance educational infrastructure** and resources in **government schools** through the implementation of solar energy-operated smart classes and joyful learning resource labs.
  - This initiative is designed to empower students with modern educational tools and foster academic and creative excellence.
- **REC Foundation's Previous Initiatives:** REC Foundation has previously shown support for the education of 12,500 children of ex-servicemen by contributing Rs. 15 crores to the [Armed Forces Flag Day Fund](#), further emphasizing its commitment to education and social welfare.

## REC Limited

- **About:**
  - REC Limited is a **Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise** registered with **RBI** as a [Non-Banking Finance Company \(NBFC\)](#) and **Infrastructure Financing Company (IFC)**. It plays a crucial role in financing the power infrastructure sector and has diversified into non-power infrastructure sectors as well.
- **Strategic Role:**
  - REC Limited plays a key strategic role in various flagship schemes of the government for the **power sector**, including [Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana \(SAUBHAGAYA\)](#), [Deen Dayal Upadhaya Gram Jyoti Yojana \(DDUGJY\)](#), and [National Electricity Fund \(NEF\) Scheme](#), contributing to strengthening the country's electricity distribution system and achieving 100% village electrification.

