

Working group to develop entrepreneurship skills in CBSE students

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In order to encourage entrepreneurship qualities among the students, officials of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and faculties Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad will form a working group which would come out with recommendations on entrepreneurship training for the secondary students within two months.

Talking to *The Pioneer*, CBSE chairman RK Chaturvedi said two senior officials from CBSE and couple of faculties from EDI would jointly dis-



cussed on the future roadmap on the vocational training and development of entrepreneurship qualities among students in lines with the Central Government's Start-Up initiative.

"Of the 90,000 odd CBSE schools across the country, mere 512 schools are equipped to impart vocational training to

students. The idea is to introduce courses related to vocations for class 11th and 12th initially. Later on such courses would be introduced right from class 6th," said Chaturvedi on the side-lines of a function at EDII campus on the outskirts of the state capital Gandhinagar.

The members of the work-

ing group from CBSE as well as EDII would discuss of courses, course materials and train the trainers programs for teachers entrepreneurship and vocational education, said EDII director Sunil Shukla. According to Shukla, the idea is to come out with the long term strategies on entrepreneurship education and how to apply recommendations of working group effectively in curriculums for secondary students.

Meanwhile Chaturvedi who interacted with the school principals from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on the subject at a function at EDII said that the

education department was in the process to form National Testing Agency to conduct competitive examinations like JEE, NEET and others.

On the issue of higher fees by the CBSE affiliated schools, he clarified that the schools were obliged to follow the norms laid by the state government, including rulings of the Fee Regulatory Committee (FRC) with regard to fee structure. He made it clear that the norms of the state government were applicable to CBSE schools (where ever the CBSE schools are functioning) along with that of State board schools.