

## **Notification**

In view of the concerns regarding quality of education raised in 11<sup>th</sup> Plan, CBSE is going to introduce a holistic **School Quality Assessment and Accreditation** scheme. It will cover all aspects of a school functioning, namely its Scholastic and Co-scholastic Domains, Infrastructural Areas, Human Resources, Management and Administration, Leadership and Beneficiary Satisfaction. The major objectives of the scheme are as follows:

- a. Assessment and accreditation will provide an incentive for self-study and self improvement by the institutions and help them in capacity building
- b. It will reassure external stakeholders such as employers, professional bodies and the general public, about the legitimate quality of the assessed and accredited CBSE school as well as the relative quality status in comparison to other similar institutions
- c. Assessment and accreditation will enhance the responsiveness of communities of learners and shift the quality benchmark from examination result to comprehensive and valid parameters of holistic quality
- d. Accreditation will ensure that institutions prepare the students for citizenship responsibilities, successful careers, acquisition of life skills and life- long learning.

The CBSE now intends to accredit the schools initially on pilot basis. In this reference CBSE has prepared detailed criterion including a manual and instruments for schools regarding **School Quality Assessment and Accreditation**. The schools desirous of getting accredited may apply to CBSE within the next four weeks. The CBSE **School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Manual** and instruments will be uploaded on the CBSE website soon.

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