

State govt to grade schools on education quality

To Rank Granted And Govt Schools

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Ahmedabad: The Gujarat government will revive its very own school accreditation council to grade schools by gauging their education quality.

Now parents, students and other stakeholders will have credible body to rank schools of preference. To begin with, the government will begin grading granted and government schools across the state and in a few years, extend the grading system to private schools as well.

The council will set benchmarks and evaluate schools based on teaching-learning process, evaluation, training of faculty, learning resources, organisation, governance, financial wellbeing and student services, among others. To

begin with, the state education department government will evaluate 32,500 primary schools in the upcoming Gunotsav,

WHAT WILL BE INSPECTED

- Quality and standard of education
- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching and learning
- Teachers and other staff have consistently high expectations of what each pupil can achieve, including disadvantaged pupils and the most able
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for students



AIMS OF GRADING PROCESS

- In case of language, EVS and mathematics, students develop understanding and skills considering their different starting points
- Students are typically able to articulate their knowledge and understanding clearly in an age-appropriate way
- Students read widely and often across subjects to a high standard, with fluency and comprehension appropriate to their age
- Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education, training or employment and have attained relevant qualifications

using the new standards for ranking and grading schools.

The state government has signed an MoU with a UK-based NGO called Reach to Teach, which will help Gujarat link with UK government's statutory Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)

MoU SIGNED

NGO is currently active in Morbi, Kutch and Bharuch.

"Government schools are grappling with the teaching-learning process," says a senior education department official. He adds, "We will revive the Gujarat Council for School Accreditation, a body formed in 2010. We are signing an MoU with a UK-based NGO for this purpose and they will spend close to Rs 150 crore for improving learning outcomes of our schools."

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Education secretary Vinod Rao says, "The UK statutory body has one of the best evaluation processes and we plan to adopt that. What is unique in the evaluation is that there is an element of surprise in the inspections and separate evaluation parameters are followed for primary secondary and higher secondary standards."

Rao added, "We are currently mulling over introducing the evaluation system for private schools as well."

for helping in grading of schools and to focus on improving learning outcomes of students and improving teaching across more than 35,000 primary schools in the state.

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