

Dec 05 - New Delhi: The Central Board of School Education (CBSE) will be introducing Chinese language in schools affiliated to it



from April 2011 onwards.

In an official letter to principals of CBSE affiliated schools, MrVineet Joshi, IAS, Chairman of CBSE wrote "In view of China emerging as one of the major global economies and Mandarin being spoken by a large population of the world, the Board is set to launch Chinese in class VI from April 2011."

Recently, KapilSibal, Union Human Resource Development Minister had indicated that Mandarin would be introduced in India schools. "The best way to introduce China in India would be by first introducing its language, Mandarin, at the primary level in schools so that children in India can develop an interest and knowledge regarding China," he had said.

According to sources, the curriculum and textbooks are being developed by eminent practicing scholars in this field.

The CBSE would be conducting the training programme for teachers to make them understand the fundamentals of the pedagogy and contents very soon.

The methodology is based on a multi-skill, activity based and learner centered approach. Care would be taken to fulfil the functional (communicative), literary (aesthetic) and cultural (sociological) needs of the learner.