

Minister orders promotion of English app for students

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JAIPUR: State higher education minister Kiran Maheshwari on Monday directed officials to execute and publicise 'Hello English Premium' application in order to improve English knowledge of students in Rajasthan.

"The application will not only improve students' knowledge about English language, but remove phobia related to the language," she said.

Maheshwari asked officials to publicise the application at colleges and universities of Rajasthan.

Maheshwari said the application was launched by chief minister Vasundhara Raje during the Festival of Education held recently (August 5-6) and today all institutional heads have been asked to download it.

"Rajasthan is the first state across the country where such premium application is being provided free-of-cost," she added.

After downloading the application lesson related to English

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language, grammar and pronunciation could be taken. Link to download the application can be received by giving a missed call on 1800 200 7767. "To ensure improvement in application user it will be monitored at college, district and state level. Besides students, the application can also be used by common people," she said.

Maheshwari said, "The department intends to develop overall personality of the students, where language plays an important role. Today most of the things are online, even interview. Our 70-80% students are from rural background; they are

intelligent, but sometimes fail to compete (due to lack of English language skill)."

The minister said that apart from the application, there were other plans to improve the students personality. "Soon agencies will be visiting colleges to groom students for interview. These agencies will work under corporate social responsibility," she said.

"In addition, we have also spoken to officials of IGNOU to hold vocational courses at our colleges. Now, at every college at least five courses will be conducted, which will be free for SC and ST students," said Maheshwari.

Minister orders to digitise Hindi Academy libraries

State higher education minister Kiran Maheshwari on Monday also held a meeting of the Hindi Academy and directed its officials to digitalise the academy library, felicitate authors, organise state-level Pustak Parv (book fest) and encourage Hindi. The meeting of the academy executive was held after around 10 years.