

HRD Ministry will now help teachers learn

They can take courses, look for jobs on national platform

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To help teachers access an array of resources that will aid in their classroom preparation and help augment professional development, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, on Saturday, released a strategy document to build a national teacher platform.

The platform will also work as national teacher education registry. It can be used by teachers to showcase their resume to prospective employers. People looking to clear the teacher eligibility test can take courses on the platform.

Santosh Mathew, Chairperson of the National Council for Teacher Education, said the platform would be a space where teachers can curate plans from the vast digital resources, prepare for classes and test their students.

No expansion

Union Human Resource Minister Prakash Javadekar said the government had



Hand in hand: Prakash Javadekar with Karnataka Minister Tanveer Sait, left, in Bengaluru on Saturday. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR

decided that no B.Ed or D.Ed college would be granted permission to start institutions. The government would first take stock of the existing teacher training institutes before taking a call on expansion. "We do not want teaching shops," he said, pointing to the poor quality of teacher training

institutes in the country.

The Ministry will crowd-source suggestions for changes to be made in NCERT textbooks.

A Bill to amend the no-detention clause in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Act would be placed before Parliament, he said.