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Soon, 9 lakh students will log on to computers

NIIT will impart information & communication technology training in 1,870 govt schools



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The students of state-run schools will not have to visit private institutions to chisel their computer skills any more. The state government has sealed a deal with NIIT Limited to introduce computer-aided learning in its 1,870 institutions.

NIIT's Global Talent Development Corporation has signed a five-year contract with the state government to impart information and communication technology training in government schools. The IT firm will get Rs 84 crore in lieu of their service, which will benefit around 9 lakh students.

NIIT is involved in imparting information and communication technology training in government schools of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Bihar.

L Balasubramanian, the president of School Learning Solutions, NIIT Ltd, said: "Each government school will provide us with computer rooms having around 400 sq ft space, while we will develop technical infrastructure. Each computer lab will have 11 computers, an LCD TV, a dish antennae and computer networking facilities."

Balasubramanian said: "A school coordinator will supervise training under a cluster comprising five schools. NIIT will impart training to school teachers once a year."

Balasubramanian added, "The computer-aided education programmes will provide effective learning environment to children in subjects like mathematics, science, English and social studies. Special tools will promote critical thinking and analytical skills of the students, leading to student-centric learning." AM tried to speak to the state government officials regarding the deal, but most of them expressed ignorance on the issue.