NIIT in Bhutan for IT literacy project

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IT major, NIIT, will be undertaking a huge IT literacy project and education program in Bhutan, its Prime Minister, said.

"We had talks with NIIT to provide support on IT literacy in Bhutan. The proposed project aims at creating a knowledge-based Bhutanese society by harnessing information and communications technology," Bhutan's Prime Minister, Lyonchhoen Jigmi Y Thinley, told PTI here.

Apart from NIIT, the Bhutanese Prime Minister also had talks with IT majors, Infosys and Infinity, for developing an IT infrastructure in Bhutan.

The project will provide access to information technology and IT solutions to a significant proportion of Bhutan's population, including Government officials, teachers, entrepreneurs and rural children, by training and establishing ICT-enabled schools, computer labs and computer stations in rural Bhutan over the next five years.

"The project is funded by the Government of India. The concepts, goals and expectations from the project were tabled and discussed," Thinley said.

A very clear understanding (of the project) has been reached between the Bhutanese Government and NIIT, which is executing the project, Thinley added.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is indispensable, as an instrument (a tool and an enabler) and as an industry, for sustainable socio-economic development, he said.