Karnataka begins imparting education to students virtually

411 Govt First Grade Colleges Across State Stand To Benefit

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Bengaluru: Karnataka became the first state to go the Western way of virtual classes. On Friday, higher education minister RV Deshpande and K Kasturirangan, chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, inaugurated the programme through which students from 411 government first-grade colleges can study through their smartphones.

It's already being done in the Government Science College, Bengaluru where students download lectures in Science and Arts subjects. They connect to the wi-fi network of their college, scan a code and download the app on their phones. They can view lectures and download files. The lectures are also available in Kannada.

BG Nanda Kumar, commissioner, collegiate education, said, "Already 500 hours of video content has been recorded and about 1,000 hours of video contents downloaded. In smart classes, teachers deliver lectures using projectors and internet connection and stream live videos, etc in class."

K Kasturirangan, also chairman of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission, said the state is interested in setting up a knowledge network which will enable every institution to connect with the best knowledge resources within the state and outside. He added, "The Knowledge Commission is working to innovate in education. The state government has a

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