

## MP to be first in country to start STEAM in govt schools



BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh is set to be the country's first state to teach students using the STEAM curriculum - in which arts and mathematics are mixed together - in government schools. If implemented in its true spirit, lakhs of students' studying in 1.21 lakh government schools of the state would benefit.

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) model of education is a step forward after STEM - a curriculum based on teaching students in four specific disciplines (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) - in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

To make teachers and head of schools learn about the model, educationists working in the STEAM model of education from USA, South Korea and other countries, apart from Karnataka and Delhi, would come for a two-day conference in Bhopal on October 30 and 31.

Apart from government school authorities, private schools too would be invited to the conference. Over 300 people, mostly teachers of the state, would attend the conference, including school teachers and principals who were sent to study the South Korean model of education a few months back. The conference, which aims to create awareness about STEAM, will be held at Minto Hall of the state capital.

School education department, principal secretary, Rashmi Arun Shami, said the government is trying to make teachers understand the model.

STEAM curriculum is the need of the hour to prepare students for competition in present times. MP would probably be the country's first state to introduce it in government schools, she added.

The school education minister and heads of the department would be present at the meet. The department is also trying to get the chief minister to attend the seminar, but it is yet to be confirmed.

Officials said after the conference, a strategy would be finalized on ways to implement the education model in government schools of the state.