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Online resource for academicians soon

They can connect with experts, access books and journals in their fields of study

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University and college teachers across the country will soon be able to connect with experts in their fields of study and also pose queries on academic questions that they wish resolved through suggestions offered by these experts or other teachers of their discipline.

A National Resource Centre, envisaged as a one-stop point for Indian academicians to enhance their research and teaching skills, will make such cooperation across universities possible with the launch of a portal

within months from now.

The National Institute of Educational Research and Planning (NIEPA) is in the process of rolling out the centre, an initiative that is part of the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Training (PMMMNMTT), an ambitious scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi.

Detailed database

The centre will enable college and university teachers to access a detailed database of academic resources, including lists of books, top

journals and subject experts in their area of interest. It will also suggest a mechanism to higher education institutions to assess students' satisfaction with teaching and research in the institutions, so that the faculty are able to figure out what students think about their college/university and make improvements.

NIEPA will hold a series of intensive workshops with experts in various disciplines in the next two months to put together an effective resource centre, said an official who did not want to be named.

The PMMMNMTT calls for a National Resource Centre to be "set up with the vision of developing teachers who are able to enhance their potential and push the frontiers of knowledge through research, networking and sharing of existing resources in the competitive knowledge world". The portal will be launched with detailed information on resources in some key subjects: History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Education and Management will also feature among the chosen disciplines.