CM LAUNCHES E-LECTURE FOR **POLYTECHNIC** COLLEGES

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BHOPAL: With a view to address the shortage of teaching staff at technical institutions and to make classroom learning more interactive, the technical education department has launched e-vaani, an e-lecture programme for polytechnic colleges in the state. The programme would be extended to engineering colleges from September 15.

Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated e-vaani at Yuva Sammelan at Lal Parade ground in Bhopal on Monday.

e-vaani, a multi-modal and multimedia e-learning platform developed by Amrita World University, would broadcast lectures on civil and mechanical branches from SV polytechnic in Bhopal and on electronics branch from the women's polytechnic. The lectures would be broadcast to students in polytechnics in seven towns -- Betul, Khandwa, Sagar, Rewa, Satna, Harda and Dewas. A total of 15 more polytechnics would be added soon.

"Besides addressing the issue of staff shortage through e-vaani, we also plan to supplement classroom learning by bringing in guest lecturers and on the job experts. It is an interactive classroom where students can ask questions as well. Moreover, the best faculty can be utilised to benefit students all over the state," said additional chief secretary, technical education, Ajita Bajpai Pande.

The e-vaani will be launched at engineering colleges as well on September 15, World Engineers Day. Under this, the lectures would be broadcast from the General Engineering College, Jabalpur and would be beamed to students at GECs in Rewa, Naugaon, Ujjain and Sagar. Lectures would cover the civil, mechanical, electronics and electrical branches.