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1.1 lakh degree students to get free laptops soon

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Bengaluru: The state government will distribute free laptops to over 1.1 lakh undergraduate students from this academic year.

The cabinet meeting here on Friday approved the scheme. This year, first- and second-year degree students will get them, and from next year, only first-year students will be eligible. "It's to ensure that a student uses the laptop for three years," rural development and panchayat raj minister Krishna Byregowda said after the cabinet meeting.

The Siddaramaiah government in 2015 had implemented the scheme for students belonging to Scheduled Castes but extended it to students of all categories two years later. The decision, however, had not been implemented. The scheme would cost the state exchequer around Rs 220 crore.

The cabinet also decided to spend Rs 7,182 crore over the next five years on 24,246km of rural main roads under the new CM Rural Sumarga scheme.

OTHER CABINET DECISIONS

- To modernise Tumakuru branch canal from Hemavathy reservoir in Gorur at a cost of Rs 475 crore to ensure drinking water for Tumakuru town
- To provide Hemavathy river water to Kunigal town at a cost of Rs 614 crore
- Increase salaries of 3,500 staff in muzrai temples on a par with Grade C and D government employees. The salary burden should not cross 35 per cent of temple's revenue

Work on RGUHS campus

The cabinet gave its approval to construct hospitals, medical, dental and nursing colleges, hostels and quarters for teaching and non-teaching staff at the new campus of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences near Ramanagara.

Barring construction of the administrative block, which the high court has stayed, work on other facilities will begin soon, Gowda said, adding that the government is spending Rs 483 crore for it.