

Daily reading to ensure 'every child can read' by Nov 14

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi government's 'Chunauti 2018', a major school education reform programme, has entered a new phase with the Directorate of Education (DoE) launching a strategy to meet the November 14 deadline to achieve the 'Every Child Can Read' target.

The plan, which was launched after assessment conducted as part of the Delhi government's education reforms showed that 74 per cent students in Class VI could not read their textbooks, has set aside one hour each day for reading-based activities. It calls for a special teacher to be assigned for every 30 students to provide them with extra support.

DoE to monitor progress

The DoE, meanwhile, has said that it wants to be in a position to monitor the progress of children through such activities. Every Saturday, the teachers will be expected to conduct a review of the reading level using assessment tools designed by the State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT).

The strategy also calls for Regional Directors of Educa-



New strategy calls for a special teacher to be assigned for every 30 students in government schools. FILE PHOTO

tion to hold weekly review meetings with the Deputy Directors of Education, heads of schools and mentor teachers to monitor the progress of the campaign.

'Reading melas'

Also, School Management Committees (SMCs) of some schools will organise 'Reading Melas' where local children will come with their parents and participate in fun reading activities.

It was on Teachers' Day that Education Minister Manish Sisodia administered a pledge to teachers that all children studying in classes VI to VIII would be able to read by November 14 - Children's Day.