German, French courses in Vanijya Mahavidyalay

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PATNA: From the next academic session, students of Vanijya Mahavidylaya would introduce themselves in German or French!

And they will only have their principal Umesh Mishra to thank for it.

For, after pioneering many academic 'firsts', Mishra is now set to introduce the two languages as certificate, add-on courses, which would be taught via a soon-to-be-developed language laboratory in the college from the next academic session. The move is aimed at brightening the career prospects for students, said Mishra, while talking to HT. "The government of Bihar selected our college as one of the institutions where it would develop a language laboratory. But, it was only aimed at teaching English at first," said Mishra. That was when he thought of introducing German and French languages as short-term courses for students. "Beingmulti-lingual is important in this globally-shrinking world. Since there are a lot of job opportunities for commerce students in India and abroad, knowing more than one language will only help them. That prompted me to take the move," he said.