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## HDFC Bank trains half a million UP govt teachers

**Under the programme, teachers have evolved 2,00,000 ideas, which could foster path-breaking changes in education for 20 million students**

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HDFC Bank has trained over half a million government school teachers in Uttar Pradesh in partnership with Sri Aurobindo Society, for innovation in classroom teaching.

Under the Zero Investment Innovation in Education Initiative (ZII EI), the training familiarised the school teachers with innovation as a concept, while also giving them a platform to showcase their new solutions for making the classroom teaching more interesting and meaningful.

In this regard, the UP government had last year signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for introducing the best of these ideas in the curriculum of the government schools from the current academic session, HDFC Bank head, corporate social responsibility, Nusrat Pathan said here today.

Under the programme that started in January 2016, the teachers have come up with about 2,00,000 ideas, which have the potential to bring about path breaking changes in education for over 20 million students in the state. About 1,75,000 government schools in UP are projected to benefit.

Now, a jury comprising experts, including representatives from the UP education department, would evaluate these ideas based on parameters such as improved education delivery in classrooms, reduced drop-out rate, creation of conducive learning environment, especially for girls and children with special needs, greater involvement of teachers and parents in improving quality of education etc.

The teachers, whose ideas are finally selected would receive training and monetary support to refine their idea for scalability.

Some of the ideas, include creating snake & ladder in the playground to teach math, dividing students in groups for peer learning, creating comics to teach subjects and concepts, start a bank for students in

schools to teach financial concepts and felicitating students and parents to increase enrolment and attendance.