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## 25 teaching posts to be filled up

Twenty-five teaching posts at Avvaiyar Government College for Women here will be filled up by inducting incumbents on hourly-wage basis, it was decided at a meeting held at the college here with R.. Kamalakannan, Minister for Education, on the chair.

The Minister who was surprised to hear that a large number of teaching posts remained vacant for a prolonged period, immediately directed the Directorate of Higher Education at Puducherry to call for applications for recruiting teachers on hourly-basis as an immediate arrangement so that the academic schedule would not come to a standstill.

The Minister also said the Puducherry government would provide additional infrastructure to the college in course of time. New courses in both undergraduate and postgraduate branches would be started from the next academic year.

A new block would be constructed at an estimate of Rs. 1.40 crore under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shikska Abhiyan scheme, he said. He also said that efforts would be taken to obtain autonomous status for the college. Colletor P. Parthiban was present.

Loans distributed

The Minister inaugurated training in making ready-made garments organised by Indian Bank Self-Employment Training Institute and also distributed loans to 52 individuals and institutions totalling Rs. 1.57 crore.

Revathy, Block Development Officer, Karaikal, said the loans had been sanctioned under the Prime Minister's programme, 'Stand Up India.' P. Anbu Kamaraj, Lead District Manager, P. Akilan, Director of the Institute, said the bank would sanction more loans to genuine borrowers.