

Learn Russian via Edusat

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VI GAVAREET pa-rooskiy? Nyet? Then this one's for you.

For the first time in the state, a foreign language is going to be taught via the Edusat. The Russian Cultural Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, is joining hands with the IT@School Project to give classes in Russian across the state through Edusat centres and the ViCTERS channel this summer.

The interactive session via Edusat will be held from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There will also be half-an-hour classes on the ViCTERS channel starting April 21 for two months. The time is yet to be fixed.

"The instructor will be at the Edusat Uplinking Centre at the Russian Cultural Centre," Russian Cultural Centre director Ratheesh C.Nair said.

"Students can attend the classes at the Edusat centres in all the districts, they can clear their doubts, ask questions and all of it can be seen and heard by the students at the other centres."

And that's not all. The centre will 'introduce' situations to keep the classes lively. Recordings of actual situations - like visiting a market in

Moscow or conversations between members of a Russian family - will be used to give the students a feel of the actual Russian experience.

The syllabus is designed so as to equip the student with the basics of the language, so that he can take up serious study of the language subsequently.

There is no age bar for the classes, which are also free. The classes will benefit students who have taken up Russian as a second language and those who wish to study the language to spice up their resumes.

"We also have plans to train tourist guides in Russian," Ratheesh C.Nair said.

Classes will be coordinated by Dr Vladimir Patopov, director, Russian Language Institute, Culture Department of the Russian Consulate, Chennai. Dr K Govindan Nair, former head of the Russian Languages Department of the

Kerala University and current head of the Pushkin Language Institute of the Russian Cultural Centre and Dr S.Anil Kumar will conduct the classes. After the fall of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, interest in Russian had waned, but the language is once again picking up, thanks to the increased in-flow of Russian tourists.

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