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**FREE ENGLISH TUITION FOR SC/ST STUDENTS OF IITS**

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Some students who have had schooling in local language sometimes face difficulty in adjusting to higher conceptual learning in IITs transacted in English language. In order to alleviate this problem, it has been decided to operationalise a Peer-group Assisted Learning (PAL) Programme for socially and educationally disadvantaged students. Under this, senior students mentor fresh students especially from socially and educationally disadvantaged sections and help to cope with the academic pressures of IIT.

Apart from this, many IITs have taken steps such as:

- a) Operationalising a basic English language course to improve English competency,
- b) Offering two-non-graded courses in language and writing skills using professional software for English language instruction,
- c) Conducting formal and informal English language remedial sessions by Student Mentors,
- d) Holding special English classes on weekends or evening tutorials and
- e) Provision of additional help through Teaching Assistants.

The above support is provided by IITs without charging any fee.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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