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Varsities-Raj Bhawan video link soon

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A BLUEPRINT for use of information technology (IT) in universities will be ready by August 25, Officer on Special Duty at Raj Bhawan R Krishna Kumar said on Saturday. He said once this was okayed, all state universities would be linked to Raj Bhawan in a phased manner through video-conferencing. The universities would be required to establish similar computer links with colleges to improve the administration and develop the virtual classroom concept, he added.

Kumar was inaugurating a one-day conference on Chanakya (Examination Process Automation Software) and e-Granthalay (Automation and Networking of Libraries) for universities of Bihar, organised by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). Many university officers, including registrar, examination controllers and librarians, attended the conference.

Kumar said the Chancellor wanted to use the advantages of information technology to help campuses in fast dissemination of information and build a better academic environment.

He said examination departments and libraries of the

OSD to Chancellor R Krishna Kumar inaugurating a conference on information technology organised by the National Informatics Centre, in Patna on Saturday.

Gavai to meet V-Cs tomorrow

GOVERNOR-CUM-Chancellor R. S. Gavai has convened a meeting of the vice-chancellors (V-C) and registrars of all universities on August 13. The main agenda for the meeting included rationalisation of teachers and employees in colleges to ensure proper conduct of classes. Chancellor's OSD R Krishna Kumar said automation in universities, development of websites and arrangement of video-conferencing would also be discussed. HTC, Patna

universities would be computerised in the next phase and rare manuscripts and books in libraries would be digitised in the interest of students,

teachers and researchers. Speaking on the occasion, NIC State Informatics Officer Saurabh Gupta said the Chanakya software developed

by NIC had helped VKS University, Ara, to streamline the examination process. He said it would cost around Rs 7 lakh for each university to set up video-conferencing with Raj Bhawan. NIC Deputy Director General M Mani addressed the conference through video-conferencing.