

BSNL to take up demand for local language mobile apps



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With the emphasis shifting towards a digital economy heavily dependant on mobile applications, the BSNL will be concentrating on meeting a public demand for making such popular apps available in local languages. "If the mobile apps are available in local languages, it will serve its purpose more. The BSNL will definitely pursue it," Chief General Manager of BSNL, Assam circle, M K Seth has said. Participating in a talk show on All India Radio here last evening, Seth elaborated on BSNL plans to improve and expand its network in the state, especially as the growing focus is on transforming to a digital economy. He said, BSNL will connect 1,518 gram panchayats with optical fibre cables within this year under Digital India program and 5,200 kilometers optical fibres will be laid this year. He further said, BSNL will provide 3,000 hotspots at important places and high speed network will be installed in Guwahati by March this year. Seth informed that BSNL has taken step for automatic hook up point through wireless network. He added that stress has been given to provide better and affordable connection at rural areas.

Participating in the same programme, joint secretary of Assam IT department Fakaruddin Ahmed said target has been set to make 1 lakh people digitally literate by March this year and 65,000 people have already been trained in this direction. He said the target is to have 25 lakh digitally literate in the state by 2022. Ahmed further said the Assam government has set a target to provide television, internet and telephone connection through a single connection. UNI SG AKM 1644