

Jigawa Earmarks N800m for Teacher Training

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The Jigawa State government has earmarked N400m to train teachers of all public schools.

The state's commissioner for education and information technology, Professor Rukayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, stated this in an interview with Daily Trust in Dutse.

The training, which according to the commissioner is expected to boost the teachers' productivity, would be conducted by the National Teachers' Institute (NTI) for a period of one year.

She said the state government was worried over the quality of teachers in schools, especially in view of the changing times with the advent of new ideas bordering information and communications technologies.

She said the exercise would also affect over 700 new teachers that are about to be recruited before the end of the year by the government.

It has become necessary, she said, for NTI to re-examine the qualities of bona fide teachers to group them into the seven categories of training they planned to expose them to.

Equally, students' feeding rate has been increased by the state government from the ten naira per meal for every student to thirty naira per student, she added.

This she said is in line with the current realities of the time where it is no longer realistic for ten naira to feed any individual in the country.

According to Professor Rukayyatu, government has ordered thirteen 32-seater buses for all the girls' boarding schools in the state.