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## **GVMC grind for better SSC result begins**

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With about 35 per cent of students lagging behind and under pressure to improve the SSC result, the GVMC is planning to introduce intensive residential coaching to students of civic schools.

After the inclusion of Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam in the corporation, GVMC has 29 schools from which 1,935 students will take the SSC examination in March. With an SMS system in place for informing attendance, time of leaving the school and performance in weekly and other tests, parents are in regular touch with headmasters and teachers. Headmasters assess that a certain percentage of students either being poor in studies or being chronic absentees are unlikely to get through the examination.

There are also problems like teachers post being vacant in the schools. Of the 715 posts, 38 secondary grade and 60 school

assistant posts are vacant. Some headmasters have asked for SGTs being posted there to tide over the difficulty and nine SGTs have been posted, says Additional Commissioner P. Poornachandra Rao who is in charge of education.

To help students face the examinations better, GVMC has been giving them answer books covering all the questions. “Besides, separate books on each of the subjects are also being provided this year to help them do better,” said.

The students have been categorised into A, B, C and D depending upon their performance.

In the 2012-13 the SSC pass percentage was 70, about 2 per cent less than that of the previous year. It, however, fell much below the district average of 82 per cent.

To help students in C and D categories special classes are conducted in the morning for one-and-a-half hours and in the evening for three hours. During the evening classes, snacks are also provided to them.

The classes have already begun and will continue till March 20.