

Aakash 2.0 Powered by Amrita Varsity's Tech Marvel

New Delhi: In a further affirmation of the country's exalted status as a global IT powerhouse, the advanced version of the Aakash tablet computer, which was unveiled by President Pranab Mukherjee at an impressive function here, is based on the latest version of Amrita University's E-Learning platform, A-VIEW 3.0 (Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World).

Besides the President, the tablet's launch at the Vigyan Bhavan on Sunday was attended by Union HRD Minister M M Pallam Raju; India's representative to the UNESCO, Karan Singh; MoS for HRD, Shashi Tharoor and Jitin Prasada and UNESCO chief Irina Bokova.

And any institution in the higher education sector can now use A-VIEW free of charge (www.aview.in) using the A-VIEW server.

A-VIEW is a collaborative project developed under "Talk to a Teacher" by IIT-Bombay and Amrita University which is supported by National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT). Actually, A-VIEW had been used by IIT-Bombay to provide online training to

some 10,000 teachers based at different geographical locations and it was the biggest online program of its kind undertaken in the country, and probably across the globe.

Presently, A-VIEW is being used by over 350 universities and over 1,000 colleges and is provided free of charge for higher education. An E-Learning platform, A-VIEW has been the product of sustained research carried out over the last couple of years. However, for holding huge online workshops, the methodology and coordination are provided by IIT-Mumbai.

Earlier, over 14,000 teachers and students across 240 remote centres in the country attended the Akash 2.0 launch through a live feed.

According to Kamal Bijlani, director, Amrita E-Learning Research Lab, A-VIEW 3.0-- the latest version--allows users to share multimedia content like 2D and 3D.

A-VIEW comes loaded with several unique knowledge sharing modules, high performance and better reliability to handle huge classes easily.



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