

Amrita's Educational Platform A-VIEW launched

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on National Knowledge Network at IEEE T4E International Conference

Amrita University's Educational Platform A-VIEW has been launched on the National Knowledge Network (NKN) by Dr. S. V. Raghavan, Scientific Secretary, Government of India.

Dr. Raghavan, who is widely considered a national authority on computer networks, was the Chief Guest at the 6th International IEEE Conference on Technology for Education (T4E) at the Amrita University, Kollam Campus- the first time this prestigious event is held in Kerala.

Dr. Raghavan also launched Amrita O-Labs on the NKN network; Online Labs for Science Practical in schools - a software technology where experiments can be taught using simulations and rich animations, more efficiently and less expensively.

A-VIEW is the preferred distance education video conferencing software package used in India. It is currently deployed in over 6,000 colleges across India. A-VIEW is also being used in CBSE schools and in Skill Development centres.

A key roadblock in the spread of educational technology is the lack of adequate internet speed or network, especially in rural areas. This roadblock is being solved by projects like the NKN and NOFN (National Optical Fiber Network). With this launch of applications such as AView and O Labs, lakhs of students, teachers and administrators in Kerala and across the country will benefit greatly.

Amrita is pushing the frontiers by developing the next-generation totally immersive e-learning classroom that fully utilizes the rich bandwidth provided by the NKN.

While inaugurating the event, Dr. Raghavan said: "The tagline of NKN is Encourage, Enable, Enrich, Empower and No Control. So, NKN provides a very powerful infrastructure where users are free to do actions in the best possible manner without much interference." Today over 1,350 institutes are already associated with NKN. Dr. Raghavan mentioned that great projects are done at Amrita University with a lot of passion.

Prof. Kamal Bijlani, Chief Architect of A-VIEW noted that "E-Learning is now reaching the city level, town level and the most remote rural level with the advent of NKN and launch of A-VIEW on NKN networks."