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IIT-B, Amrita Univ partner to empower engineering teachers

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Mumbai, Dec 21 (PTI) The Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay has partnered with Amrita University to design a national online empowerment programme to improve the technology and teaching methodology used by the faculty of engineering colleges across the country.

"Over 1,000 college teachers are participating in the two-week online workshop on "Database Management Systems" being conducted from IIT, Bombay. This is a unique programme in which technology and methodology is jointly developed by IIT Bombay and Amrita University," Professor D B Pathak, the brains behind the programme, said.

"It is gratifying to see that my dream to empower thousands of college teachers in core engineering courses has been realised," he said.

These workshops are being held as part of the "Talk to a Teacher" project headed by IIT-Bombay Professor Kannan Moudgalya, who said, "We are also pioneering the "Ask a Question" series that allows any student to post their conceptual questions online and get live answers from experts."

IIT-Bombay Director Prof Devang Khakhar said the institute is committed to making a difference in the areas of education and research in the Indian academia through several outreach programmes.

"Over 1,000 college teachers who are participating in the current programme belong to around 500 institutions and have come together at 32 nodal centers across the country. These 32 remote centres are using the A-VIEW (Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World) system developed by Amrita University," Vice-Chancellor Venkat Rangan said.

"A-VIEW is the result of several years of R&D at Amrita and we are pleased that it is being used in India's educational system," he said. .

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