

INDIAN UNIVERSITY PROMOTES VIRTUAL LEARNING

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Mumbai University has launched a new **Multipurpose Virtual Classroom (MVC)** in a bid to overcome the constraints of limited qualified teachers and provide interactive and distance learning to students in the Indian state of **Maharashtra**.

The **MVC** will be used to livestream lectures by distinguished speakers, workshops and conferences. Other academic activities such as online courses are expected to be added in the future. Videos of certain events will also be made available for later viewing on the **University's website**.

The **MVC** is fully automated and designed by the **University's in-house team**. The facility is stated to be the first of its kind in an Indian public academic institution.

So far, up to 420 of the 700 colleges affiliated to the **University** have enrolled for the digital system called **A-VIEW**.

Inaugurating the **MVC**, **Governor of the State of Maharashtra, K. Sankaranarayanan**, encouraged the **University** to project itself to the top-ranked universities in the world.

Maharashtra Chief Minister, Prithviraj Chauhan, placed emphasis on the need for developing human resource to support the use of **IT** in education. "Unless we get the highest quality of faculty who are ready to adapt to new technology, our universities will not be able to get world-class ranking", he said.

The **Minister** expressed hope that the **MVC** will also be used for training and developing skills of teachers, and to provide education to employed individuals after work hours.