

Aakash 2: India's low-cost tablet launched

India's low cost tablet Aakash 2 was officially launched here on Sunday at a subsidised rate of Rs 1132 for Indian students.

The new version of the tablet PC features one Ghz processor, four-hour battery time, capacitive screen and Android 4.0 operating system.

The tablet will also feature a better quality display resolution and many applications which will be helpful for the children

The new and improved Aakash 2 tablet was unveiled by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Thousands of teachers are attending the event to virtually participate in the launch event through online video conferencing.

The President will also launch the latest version of Amrita University's e-Learning platform A-VIEW - Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World today.

The Amrita University has developed the mobile version of A-VIEW for the new version of Aakash tablet.

Meanwhile, Suneet Singh Tuli, Indian-origin CEO of Datawind, the maker of India's low-cost tablet Aakash, has been named by Forbes magazine among the 15 "classroom revolutionaries" who are using innovative technologies to reinvent education for students and teachers globally.

Datawind had won the tender in 2010 to supply one lakh Aakash tablets for a price of around 49 dollars per unit.

