

Amrita E-Learning Research Lab wins excellence award

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Kollam: Amrita E-Learning Research Lab, a division of Amrita University, won the award for Educational Excellence in the field of Educational Technology at the Indo-Global Educational Summit and Expo 2012 held at Hyderabad on September 09, 2012. The summit was organised by The Indus Foundation Inc, USA and was supported by Ministry of HRD, Government of India and Government of Andhra Pradesh. The summit had representatives of educational institutes from over 40 countries.



The award was given in recognition of Amrita's effort in developing A-VIEW, an e-learning platform aimed at addressing the challenge of shortage of experienced teachers in the higher education sector in India. A-VIEW is deployed at more than 350 universities and 600 colleges across India. It is planned to get A-VIEW deployed at all universities and colleges by the end of next year.

The lab has won a couple of awards earlier too. In 2011, it won the jury award for the best innovation in open and distance learning under higher education category in the world education summit held at New Delhi. In June 2012, the Computer World Magazine (USA) recognized Amrita E-Learning Research Lab with Computer World Honors Laureate 2012 for developing A-VIEW under the Training and Education category.

A-VIEW is the result of years of intensive research in e-learning and multimedia conducted by a team of research scholars and software engineers under the guidance of Prof. Kamal Bijlani at Amrita University since 2004. A-VIEW R&D had been done in association with International Universities such as SUNY Buffalo, New York and Indian institutions including ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) and TIFAC (Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council). A-VIEW enables teachers to reach out to students at different geographical locations online and provide them with an e-learning experience which is comparable to a real classroom environment.

The Indo-Global Educational summit had a total of 18 panel discussions in addition to several one-on-one meeting sessions between representatives from international universities and Indian institutions. In the next few days, foreign delegates will be visiting several reputed Indian institutions, including Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore.