

Odisha CM launched Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World

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Report by Pravuprasad Routray, Bhubaneswar: Amrita University's e-learning platform, A-VIEW (Amrita Virtual Interactive E-Learning World) was launched for the higher educational institutions in Odisha on Monday, 21st January 2013 as part of Mata Amritanandamayi's Bharata Yatra 2013.

In the presence of Mata Amritanandamayi, Odisha Chief Minister Mr. Naveen Patnaik, Puri Gajapati Maharaja Diyasingh Deb, Chief Information Commissioner Satyanand Mishra, Ravenshaw University Vice Chancellor Baishnab C Tripathy and Centurion University Pro-VC Ardhendu M Mohanty attended the function held at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar.

Ravenshaw VC Baishnab Tripathy said, "There is a huge shortage of good teachers in our higher education sector. Quality of students ultimately depends on the quality of teachers. A-VIEW can play a vital role in enhancing the knowledge and skill levels of teachers. A-VIEW also enables a teacher to reach out to hundreds of teachers and students across the country. Higher educational institutions should work together to enhance the quality of education in India. Ravenshaw University will extend all support to Amrita University to promote A-VIEW in Odisha".

A-VIEW has so far been installed in more than 2000 higher educational institutions across the country and is gradually getting extended to schools and Vocational centers. However, not many institutions in the eastern states are currently using A-VIEW. The A-VIEW launch in Bhubaneswar will help to promote A-VIEW in the state.

Prof. Kamal Bijlani, Director, Amrita E-Learning Research Lab said, " This launch will help to promote A-VIEW in Odisha. A-VIEW addresses one of the most critical issues of India's higher education system today: Millions of students wanting to learn, but not fortunate enough to have well-qualified teachers to train them. With A-VIEW thousands of teachers can be trained and one good teacher can instruct tens of thousands of students simultaneously at different locations all over India, as though in person."

A-VIEW is provided free of cost to all institutes of higher education. It is majorly supported by NME-ICT, MHRD, Government of India.