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University of Mysore launches Online Distance Education Programs

The University of Mysore today announced the launch of its Online Distance Education Programs, with the Department of Outreach and Online Programs being inaugurated by Shri R V Despande, Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Govt of Karnataka, in the presence of Shri V Sreenivas Prasad, Minister for Revenue and Mysore Dist Incharge, and Smt. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Wife of Late Shri Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. The function was presided over by Prof K S Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore.

The University has collaborated with Online Education Platform provider U18 for the delivery of the Programs.

The U18 online education platform already has over 14,000 students from across the world studying various degree, diploma and certificate courses being offered by several Indian Universities.

The platform is designed to allow students to apply for, and study in, any of the offered courses online from any corner of the world. Classes and lectures may be attended via an internet connection, on a laptop or even a mobile or tablet. E-books available similarly are accessible to students

Students can discuss their doubts and queries with subject matter experts, as well as fellow students, using available discussion forums. Assessment and evaluation can similarly be done online itself, in a controlled and regulated fashion.

Programs launched for the Academic Year 2014-15 are the MBA, MCom, MCA, MIFM and MSc IT Degrees at the Post Graduate Level, and the BBM/BBA, BCA, BSc IT and BCom Degrees at the Undergraduate Level, along with several Diploma Programs.

The programs are priced economically, in order to make them affordable to all sections of the society. The B.Com program for instance, has a fee of Rs.6,000 per year, while the BBM has a fee of Rs. 10,000 per year. The MBA comes at a fee of Rs. 20,000 per year, and the MCA at a fee of Rs.12,000 per year.

The programs can be accessed at www.uni-mysore.in

Over the next few years, the University intends to significantly expand the number of Programs being offered online, introducing courses in arts, languages as well as culture, amongst other disciplines.

The University, established in 1916 by Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV, the Maharaja of Mysore, was the first university outside the domain of English administration in India, and the 6th as a whole. In 1969, it was the fifth University in India to introduce Correspondence Courses, at the suggestion of the Central Board of Education.

The University celebrates its centenary year in 2016, and its foray into online education is one important way in which it intends to mark this historic milestone.