



HCL Comnet sets up Wireless LAN network for VTU
- First University in Karnataka to deploy W-LAN technology

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HCL Comnet, a 100% subsidiary of HCL Technologies and a leading IT infrastructure management company, has bagged a Rs. 10 million order from Visveswaraiah Technological University (VTU), Belagum to set up a state-of-the-art Campus wide Wireless Local Area Network (W-LAN). The technology, which has deployed 802.11b, based WLAN offering 11 Mbps throughputs will offer **secure access** using high-end 128bit encryption and the benefit of complete mobility to its users. This would allow users to have network and Internet access from anywhere in their building and also enable to quickly induct new employee/ staff to the network.

The first phase of the project will involve establishing a 1000 node campus LAN, connecting 5 PG Departmental buildings, 2 Regional Offices, the Administration Block, Library, Auditorium, Hostels, Guest House and Residential Quarters. Besides setting up of the complex network, HCL Comnet will also remotely monitor the entire IT, Network and Security Infrastructure of VTU from its Operations and Management Centre (OMC) in Noida. In the second phase of the project, VTU plans to extend its connectivity program to a state wide WAN to facilitate online examination.

Commenting on the project, K. Balveera Reddy, Vice Chancellor, VTU said, "This project is the stepping stone towards enhancing e learning in the country. With 125 colleges under VTU, we are confident that the technology deployment at this level will change the way education will take place."

VTU envisages this network to become the backbone of all its services to its students, as they will be able to conduct research activities, scientific work, administration work, etc through this network. In addition to this, electronic classroom, virtual classrooms and Internet based learning; online examinations are in the pipeline. In the offing is an online Digital Library which will have digital books, magazines and journals, which could be simultaneously accessed by a large group of students, staff and community.

According to Arup Chakraborty, General Manager, Networking Services, HCL Comnet, "Implementation of network connectivity at VTU is a reinforcement of our networking capabilities, specifically for the education segment. The successful implementation of this project substantiates our innovation with technology and our endeavor to provide the best value propositions to our customers."

HCL Comnet has undertaken unique initiatives in the education segment. Such as IIT Mumbai where it set up SpaceTeach; a VSAT based interactive, two-way distance education application; IIT Kharagpur - setting up India's first multi-service IP network for student campus. The other successful implementations in education include BIT Mesra, IIT Chennai, etc.



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