

DU students can now access lectures online

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As the Delhi University moves into the semester mode, students of the university will be able to access lectures and course materials of various disciplines through a new web portal, Virtual Learning Environment, www.vle.du.ac.

The portal is expected to be launched in the last week of July.

The programme, being designed by the Institute of Life Long Learning (ILLL), will provide study materials, including video lectures by eminent professors of the University. The material for both the under-graduate and post-graduate courses will be available on the website. All the

content on this website will be available free of cost.

The content on this portal will not only be available to those associated with the Delhi University, but anybody who is interested in reading the lectures by university professors.

"The website will be of great use to candidates who enroll in the univer-

sity through the School of Open Learning.

Students from other universities will also be able to access the information and use it for reference," said

Professor MM Chaturvedi, Director, ILLL.

A team of professors of different streams from various colleges has been created to design the course. The ILLL is also fine-tuning the process of short-listing professors for

video lectures which will be recorded and uploaded on the Virtual Learning Environment portal.

The ILLL had launched a similar project last year. Then, the North and South campuses had separate portals designed and maintained by an outside vendor. However, this procedure could not be sustained as it proved too costly; hence, the practice of having two separate portals is being done away with. The Computer Science Department and College of Vocational Studies of Delhi University will jointly create and maintain the website. "This is going to be an in-house project. Our own faculty will design the online content and it will be maintained by our own department. We will be coming out with a high quality project and it will also be cost effective," Professor Chaturvedi said.

