



### The Partner

In 2007 The Open University was awarded funding from the British Council administered UKIERI scheme (UK-India Education and Research Initiative [www.ukieri.org](http://www.ukieri.org)) to support a major project between The Open University and University of Delhi.

The University of Delhi is one of India's leading universities and was established in 1922. It is the largest Central University of India having around 120,000 students in class-room teaching and more than 180,000 students following correspondence courses.

To support this partnership, contracts have been signed between all three parties.

### The Project

The project is aimed at assisting the University of Delhi to develop its course content, curriculum and pedagogy in order to upgrade the quality of its current correspondence courses offered through its Campus of Open Learning. Some blended learning will also be introduced to its campus-based teaching in order to help the University to meet government objectives for vastly increasing participation from those groups within Indian society which have traditionally been excluded from Higher Education. There are seven identified pilot projects strands and these are:

- BCom (Hons)
- Commerce Assignments
- English conferencing
- Science Labs
- Science Theory
- Institute of Life Long Learning
- In-Service Teacher Education

Implementation and content creation by the University of Delhi for the various pilot projects, with guidance from the Open University will continue until 2010.

### The Aim

By 2008, there will be two blended learning courses introduced through the University of Delhi.  
By 2010, over 12,000 students will have completed this material as part of their existing studies.  
By 2010, e-assessment will have been introduced to over 14,000 students.  
By 2010, at least 2,000 students taking Science degrees, currently face to face, will have followed the blended learning courses with e-assisted Science practicals.

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