

Sambalpur open university launches internet radio

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Bhubaneswar: The Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur on Friday launched internet radio Pragynavani for imparting internet-based teaching to its students. They can log onto www.pragynavani.com and listen to lessons of their subjects, vice-chancellor Srikanth Mohapatra said here on Friday.

Set up on June 10, 2015, the university celebrated its first foundation day on Friday. Mohapatra said audio-teaching material of journalism and mass communi-

cation course has been uploaded on the site and the varsity will gradually add audios of all its courses.

He added, "The university will introduce new diploma courses on entrepreneurship development, disaster management, accounting, nursing care, functional Hindi and translation studies, Odia language and communication this year. It will also add certificate programmes in geriatric care and translation (English-Odia)."

The varsity had started with diploma courses in journalism and mass communication, rural develop-

ment, cyber security, management and computer application last year apart from a six-month certificate programme in communication skills in English. Altogether 225 students had taken admission in the first academic year, Mohapatra said.

The Odisha open university currently has 32 study centres across the state. These will go up to more than 50 this year, he said.

The university has adopted the complete online admission process. The last date for admission for this academic year is July 15, while classes will commence from August 1.

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