

Launch of Umang on www (June 4, 2010)

CIET transmits its educational video programmes known as **Tarang** through DD (since 1984) as well as Gyan Darshan (since 2000) channels. It also broadcasts its Audio programmes known as **Umang** through 14 Gyan Vani centres. In addition to these CIET has also started broadcasting its radio programmes through Internet. The name is 'Umang on www'. This Internet based Radio was launched on 4 June, 2010. Chief Guest of the Launch programme was Prof. G Ravindra, Director, NCERT. Dr. Sreedher, Director, CEMCA was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Abdurrahman Umar, Education Specialist (Teacher Education), COL, Canada and Heads of the Departments from NCERT and Mr. R K Singh, Secretary, NCERT graced the occasion. Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Joint Director welcomed all the guests and CIET staff at this occasion.

Before launching **Umang on www** a five day workshop was organized (from May 31 to June 4) to understand the technology and use it. Mr. Mazlan Bin Zulkifly and Mr. Suhaimi Kasim, Open University Malaysia were the Resource Persons. Dr. Kamini Bhatnagar Head, Audio Production Division was the Chief Coordinator and Mr. Ajit Horo, Senior Radio Producer and Mr. A N Saxena, Assistant Engineer, TPOM were Coordinators of this workshop. Mr. Mathur Superintending Engineer provided overall technical guidance. Ms Vandana Arimardan, Ms Ramesh Rani Sharma, and Mr. Dau Dayal Chaturvedi from the audio production division and Mr. Hemraj Singh, Mr. Sunilkumar, Ms. Amita Batti from TPOM participated in the workshop.

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