Hughes Communications India Provides Managed Tele-Education Network for Medical Students

Delhi Academy of Medical Sciences is first to offer satellite-based, online coaching service

New Delhi, India, September 9, 2013—Hughes Communications India Limited (HCIL), a subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it will provide a managed tele-education network to the Delhi Academy of Medical Sciences for post-graduation medical coaching. The satellite-based, online service will assist medical students in attaining success in NEET/AIIMS/PGI and other post-graduate medical exams.

With a network of over one million schools and 18,000 higher educational institutions, India has one of the largest educational systems in the world, and the online education market is forecasted to grow to $40 billion by 2017. As the leading satellite communications provider in the country, HCIL is helping such institutions expand their reach and accessibility across India, and plans to offer its tele-education solutions to other renowned medical institutes.

Dr. Sumer Sethi, director, Delhi Academy of Medical Sciences, said, “This technology is bound to help medical students, particularly those based in tier II-III cities. We have the largest face-to-face classroom network in India with 30 classrooms. We are looking to leverage the advantages of satellite technology from Hughes, pioneers in tele-education and e-learning software to reach out to more students. So far, medical students who have participated have really loved the concept.”

Shivaji Chatterjee, vice president, HCIL commented, “India has the highest number of medical institutes in the world, yet many students around the country are not able to access quality education because of geographical limitations. This initiative represents a paradigm shift in medical education, as it will dramatically increase the accessibility of knowledge to every corner of the country—employing our latest, most cost-effective and user-friendly technology platforms.”

Hughes advanced tele-education networks provide a virtual face-to-face experience with high-quality, high-clarity and direct eye contact, including two-way voice interaction and chat-based queries. Now students from the most remote areas of the country will have access to the same faculty as students in Delhi and other metro cities.

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