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An Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Don Bosco University, represented by Fr. Stephen Mavelly, Vice Chancellor, and University18, represented by Raunak Singh Ahluwalia, Director, at a ceremony in New Delhi. Also present at the occasion was Prof Ashoke Dutta, Director, IIM Shillong.

"We hope to target thousands of working-class young people across the globe," says the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Stephen Mavelly SDB, explaining how the classes and study will take place on the Web, enabling students to have access to the best professors from around the country. Raunak Singh Ahluwalia, Director, University18 added - "Millions of people across India have spent their formative years in a Don Bosco School or Institution, and the Don Bosco Society represents conscientious quality in education like no other brand in the Nation. We're proud to be partnering with the Don Bosco Society in this endeavor, and are sure that students and working professionals across the Nation, indeed across the World, would benefit from the equitable and affordable access to quality education that the Don Bosco Global Platform shall provide."

Using the state-of-the-art Virtual Classroom Technology, the Don Bosco Global Platform will run the programmes designed for working executives and professionals looking to further their professional qualifications, with a program that complements their work and their need to juggle a career, a family and an education.

These programmes give an option for anyone anywhere to be part of Don Bosco University (DBU) backed by its worldwide network in education and other developmental works. Details of the program to be launched in 2010 have already been made available at the portal [www.dbuglobal.com](http://www.dbuglobal.com).

## **About Don Bosco University**

Don Bosco University, Guwahati, India, is a State Private University set up by the Don Bosco Society under the Assam Don Bosco University Act of the Government of Assam.

The Don Bosco Society is India's largest private provider of Technical Education, and has impressive presence in India's education sector, with hundreds of Schools, Colleges, Technical Training Centers, across the country, and now its very own University in Assam. This University is one of several around the World managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco, Italy.

Currently, DBU conducts regular degree courses in Management, Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Applications from its existing campuses at Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology at Azara and Don Bosco Institute of Management at Kharguli, Guwahati, while preparing to move into a brand new mega campus. Construction work on the 272-acre main campus at Tapesia Gardens, 16 km from state capital Dispur, is to commence shortly. Within three to five years, the DBU main campus residential complex is expected to house some six thousand students and staff. Besides the academic and administrative complex, the campus will also have a tea plantation, orange grove, sports complex, chapel, convention centre, hospital facilities, bio-diversity park as well as a free high school for one thousand poor students.

Currently the Don Bosco Society operates in 132 countries.

## **About University18**

University18 (<http://www.university18.edu.in>) is India's leading mainstream eEducation Provider.

Working in partnership with State Universities and Institutions across the Nation, University18 provides online virtual classroom based degree programs to thousands of students, based both in India, and Abroad. With presence across 5 continents and thousands of students, University18 is the world's largest Internet Based Virtual Classroom Platform in the University education space.

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