

Assam colleges opt for Open Source Software, get trained



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In an effort in the region to acquire skills in the use of Free / Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS) Assam [state](#) has set the [trend](#) by sending representatives from colleges in all 27 districts for a [training workshop](#) organized by the first private university in the [state](#).

“After promoting FLOSS right from the [start](#) of the university since 2008, today it is a dream come true for us to host faculty from colleges representing all 27 districts of the [state](#),” says Pro Vice-Chancellor of Assam [Don Bosco](#) University ([ADBU](#)) Fr Joseph Nellanattu, a FLOSS apostle.

“This is the first of its kind program in the [state](#) and we can be role model for other states,” said Deputy Director of Higher [Education](#), Government of Assam Mrs. Chinmoyee Talukdar addressing the gathering of some 70 academicians from 53 colleges of Assam.

[ADBU](#) Vice-Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavely had words of praise for the Department of [Computer](#) Science & Engineering (CSE) and Information [Technology](#), School of [Technology](#), for organizing the one-day Training in FLOSS, [2](#) December 2015 at its Azara campus.

Dr Mavely thanked IIT Bombay Spoken Tutorial Team for their active collaboration [over](#) the past five years in promoting FLOSS.

Among resource persons are [National](#) Coordinator-Training, IIT Bombay Ms. Shyama Iyer, and Executive Officer & Training Coordinator, IIT Bombay Ms. Akanksha Saini.

“This [ADBU](#) initiative with CSE&IT department hopes to create greater and promote FLOSS and Spoken [Tutorials](#),” said Workshop Coordinator Assistant Professor Mr Vijay Prasad.

Sessions include lectures on Spoken Tutorial project, Linux Operating [System](#) basics and installation, and hands on session in Libre Office.

At the end of the [workshop](#), besides certificates of participation for all participants, all 27 knowledge centers will receive a book on FLOSS [as](#) well [as](#) DVDs with Spoken [Tutorials](#).

The Spoken Tutorial Project is about teaching and learning a particular FLOSS like Linux, Scilab, LaTeX, PHP & MySQL, Java, C/C++, Libre Office etc. via an easy video tool - Spoken [Tutorials](#).



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