

Spoken tutorial for teachers



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- In a major venture to train 300 teachers from rural areas of Assam's Kamrup district Assam [Don Bosco](#) University ([ADBU](#)) Guwahati teamed up with Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan (RMSA), Assam in conducting one-day [training](#) for five batches of teachers.

"I am particularly grateful to [ADBU](#) for extending its support in organizing the Information and Communications [Technology](#) (ICT) based [training](#) for the teachers of secondary schools of Assam," said Mr. R. C. Jain IAS, Mission Director, RMSA, Assam.

The one-day [training](#) programme started on 27th May for the teachers of Kamrup (Rural) District which has about 300 schools.

Each batch has some 60 teachers attend one day hands on computer based [training](#) from 27th May to 31st May. It is expected that these teachers will in turn become trainers for the rest of the faculty in their own schools.

During the one-day Master Trainer Program, the participants are taught how to use the freely available eResource called the Spoken [Tutorials](#) developed at IIT Bombay.

The Spoken Tutorial project is the initiative of the "Talk to a Teacher" project of the [National](#) Mission on [Education](#) through Information and Communication [Technology](#), [launched](#) by MHRD, Govt of [India](#), on the 26th of January, 2010.

The philosophy behind this project is that learning is more effective when animation and narration are presented simultaneously through a video.

The objective of Spoken Tutorial says [ADBU](#) Pro Vice-Chancellor and

FOSS promoter Fr Joseph Nellanatt “is to assist a lonely boy or girl [student](#) in a remote village in the middle of the night to learn to a computer related topic by merely watching and listening to a video on the topic s/he chooses, without the need of any other person.”

The target [group](#) says Fr Nellanatt, “is the [community](#) at large, including school children, college students, working professionals, retired professionals, housewives, teachers, trainers, research scholars, software users and developers.”

The students can also test their knowledge by appearing for a free online test in a centre that is approved by the Spoken Tutorial Team. They will receive a certificate for their performance from the project team at IIT Bombay.

The Master Trainer Program will be continued for the rest of the districts after the [training](#) for the present batch is completed.

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