

Agnel Institute of Technology and Design, in association with IIT Bombay held a seminar regarding "Spoken Tutorial" on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The Seminar was presided over by **Prof. J. M. Noronha**, CEO of ATEC, Chairman of GSPCB and **Dr. V. Mariappan**, Principal of AITD. Heads of the various departments along with their faculties and students also participated in the event.

Spoken Tutorial is a "**Self - Explanatory and Self - Study Tutorial**". The purpose of spoken tutorials is to popularize Free Open Source Software (FOSS) development. Spoken tutorial in simple terms, are instructional videos developed to help and guide faculties as well as students. These can either consist of students who are attempting to learn software or faculty who simply wish to use it. Spoken tutorial IITB is an initiative taken by MHRD to popularize and propagate open source software and the project is developed by IITB for MHRD.

The key note speakers were Training Coordinators: Ms. Trupti More and Mrs. Prerana Mhatre. With this seminar AITD joins the "Digital India Week" movement declared by the Government of India. The seminar began with CEO Prof. J. M. Noronha delivering the presidential address, in which he highlighted the importance of Punctuality and Discipline. He concluded that India suffers due to the shortage of these two qualities in the

industry. However, if we work at a young age and inculcate these qualities, we can help to correct these deficiencies. Principal, Dr. V. Mariappan, then introduced the key note speakers and welcomed them to begin their session. Ms. Trupti More started by giving the audience a brief introduction about "Spoken Tutorial". The Spoken Tutorial project is the initiative of the **'Talk to a Teacher'** activity of the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT). It was launched by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India.

The seminar was concluded with a few example videos which were shown to the audience. This was done in order to give the audience a firsthand experience of the concepts. The feedback session, doubts or queries held by the audience were all addressed at the end of the session.

