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To,

All theVice-Chancellors
State Universities, Uttar Pradesh

Dear Sir,

As many of you are already aware, Spoken Tutorial, IIT Bombay (MHRD-Govt.of India) – is working since 2011 in the state of Uttar Pradesh, effectively and quickly introducing IT/Software skills in all the Institutes, Universities, Polytechnics in the state. The Spoken Tutorial UP Program team of Ms. Neha Srivastava, Mr. Aashraya Seth and Ms. Varsha Dand is working from Mumbai with dedicated and committed Teachers and Staff on the ground here and steady growth of IT empowerment is seen everywhere. Govt. Of India through this MHRD led mission National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT), is funding this initiative so as to make it free of cost to all. Using technology to train students is the need of the hour, especially since Faculty shortages are seen everywhere. There is a history of success as the project is also accepted by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University and various other State/Private Universities. Till date over 5.5 lakh learners have been trained on various Open Source Software. The Spoken Tutorial training method shows the way to learn and master not just Linux but several more Open Source Software. These efforts resulting in large savings for government bodies and institutes.

Most major universities, several prominent colleges and Polytechnics are working well. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to ensure that each and every college student in the state is getting the Skills as well as Certificates to improve his/her employability and exam performance. The e-governance initiatives taken by many state departments, in each sector are also speeding ahead and many trained professionals will be needed at all levels to support this. The Spoken Tutorial IT training program can fulfil this need well, with ease and effectiveness.

On December 7th, 2017, the State Program officers from Spoken Tutorial met with Ms. Juthika Pathankar, Principal Secretary to Governor- Uttar Pradesh and who in turn sought my support to further endorse and promote this project. In my capacity of the Vice Chancellor, AKTU, I urge the other Vice-Chancellors of various State Universities to take this program seriously in terms of introduction and implementation in the university departments and affiliated colleges. Steps will need to be taken to establish a structure within the university comprising Deans, Heads of Depts., and Computer Science Faculty. I request your personal intervention and support to ensure this necessary step is taken in this quarter in fact the actions are expedited and a robust mechanism set up. This so as to make the youth of the state less to none in the country in IT competence. I believe that all the required guidance and support will be provided ably by the Spoken Tutorial, IIT Bombay team.

For the same you can coordinate with the three Program Managers,

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Sincerely Yours

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