



# Now, getting a certificate from IIT-B to be easy!

## RU signs MOU with IIT Bombay

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Getting a certificate of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay will be no more a hassle for Ranchi University (RU) students. The State university signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IIT, Bombay at Aryabhata Auditorium on Monday for imparting the spoken tutorial courses under Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Spoken Tutorial includes



Shyama Iyer from IIT Bombay addresses the gathering during ICT Workshop in Hindi programme organised by Ranchi University and Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay at Aryabhata hall in Ranchi on Monday  
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Information and Communications Technology (ICT) courses. Students of the interested universities can pursue the certificate courses through distance learning method at any point of time. As of now, three RU colleges namely Ranchi College, Ranchi Women's College and Nirmala College have given their consent for running the ICT studies.

500 students of Ranchi College and Ranchi Women's College have already completed the certificate course in the last one year when it was started as a pilot project.

Ranchi University is the 60th Indian university to run such an ICT programme.

"Experts of IIT Bombay will be teaching the students. They can watch the teachings by downloading it from the spoken tutorial website. It is a free-of-cost course available in around eight to ten regional dialects like Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi and Gujarati. In Jharkhand, it is being taught in Hindi language," Shyama Iyer, national coordinator from IIT Bombay said.

Kolhan University is also in talks with IIT Bombay for launching the course in its colleges. Iyer said there is a need of active response from the state universities of Jharkhand.

"700 Institutions of Tamil Nadu, 500 Institutions of Gujarat and 350 Institutions of

Maharashtra have registered. We expect a similar kind of approach from Jharkhand," IIT Bombay's Bihar-Jharkhand coordinator Sharda Sharma said.

Asked about the benefits, the specialists pointed MHRD's aim to "Make India IT literate and bridge the digital divide". "The purpose of Ministry is to provide education on latest softwares to youngsters of small towns specially those residing in villages since they cannot acquire knowledge like students at IITs and metropolitans," Iyer said.

RU Department of English associate professor Poonam Sahay stressed on the relevance of Spoken Tutorial at grassroot level. "Students can

learn about their preferred software on computer, laptop, tablet or mobile. The wide reach of education will help our students in becoming technologically advanced," Sahay said.

Courses under the Spoken Tutorial include JAVA, C++ and Linus. Faculty members of RU were explained the process of Spoken Tutorial in a workshop organised after the MOU was signed.

IIT Bombay experts had first visited RU with the proposal in May last year. "We are happy that RU vice chancellor LN Bhagat has given a serious thought to Spoken Tutorial and has signed the agreement," Iyer said.