

## **‘Master Trainer Program’ organised by RMSA, Assam**

in association with **Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay**

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016 | 9:30 am-5:30 pm | Assam Don Bosco University

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### **Overview**

A ‘**Spoken Tutorials-Master Trainer Program**’ was organised for high school and senior secondary school teachers of Kamrup (Rural) district in Assam by Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) at Assam Don Bosco University. The program was a 5-day event and aimed to cover around 300 schools in the district, inviting one teacher from each school. The objective was to introduce the participants to IT skills training through Spoken Tutorials-Master Trainer Program on **EduEasy package** and make them familiar with the training methodology, such that they can further train faculty members in their respective schools. RMSA plans to extend the program to rest of the districts, after completion of training for the first batch of teachers from Kamrup (Rural) district.



*“The Master Trainer Program is designed for those learners who in turn will become master trainers/organisers. They are trained on EduEasy package, which is a structured package of FOSS(free and open source software)-based Spoken Tutorials designed for school teachers and students to develop their basic IT skills. After completion of the program, they would conduct “Train the Teachers” program in their institutions.”*

### **Flow for the one-day programme:**

- Orientation
  - Pre-workshop survey
  - Online Registration
  - Live workshop–LO Writer & hands-on session
  - Post-workshop survey
  - Feedback and interactive session with the teachers
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## Major Highlights

- *Each day, the program began with a talk by the RMSA team, followed up with a presentation on introduction to Spoken Tutorials for various FOSS, its significance and advantages.*
- *Participants were detailed about the training process, the roles and responsibilities of being an organiser for further conducting training in their schools.*
- *During the workshop, participants listened to Spoken Tutorials on LibreOffice Writer following side-by-side method and practiced hands-on simultaneously on the software. They followed the 3 Ps, i.e., PLAY, PAUSE and PRACTICE.*
- *Most of the teachers preferred to listen to the tutorials in Assamese language.*
- *One of the teachers turned up next day to be a volunteer, as a part of our team, and performed well as a trainer.*



## Experiences and Feedbacks

Participants were quite enthusiastic to acquire IT skills through the tutorials and take the program forward to their schools. They shared with us their overall feedback on the program. Some of their responses have been highlighted below:

*“This course is really good for the student-teacher society. I liked the side-by-side method of learning. In future, we will go to schools and collaborate to conduct ‘Train the Teachers’ program.”- Mr Heramba Goswami, Lukapriya Bordoloi High School*

*“Spoken Tutorials are very beneficial and the method is helpful for learners, but implementing it in rural government schools is a challenge, as of now, due to inadequate computer facility; but if implemented properly, these tutorials can be very useful for the students”- Ms Kamala Kalita, Kampitha H. S. School*

*“The availability of tutorials in Assamese language is really good. This process will pave the way and help to learn IT skills easily”- Mr Nayanmuni Kumar, Milan Mandir High School*

The program was organised by RMSA Assam, and coordinated by Mousumi Medhi, Sakina Sidhwa and Devendra Kairwan of Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay. Venue: Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati, Assam . [The Spoken Tutorial Project is an initiative of the ‘Talk to a Teacher’ activity of NMEICT, funded by MHRD, Government of India]. For more details, please visit: <http://spoken-tutorial.org/>