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To,
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Happy to collaborate with Spoken Tutorial Project- IIT Bombay to provide skill based IT training's in our Government District Libraries and all additional libraries associated with it in Uttar Pradesh.

About Libraries: Libraries in Uttar Pradesh are the repositories of huge knowledge base and present the users with a world of intriguing facts, historical scenarios, socio-cultural aspects and other enriching stuffs. Many rare manuscripts, unique collection of books and other significant artifacts of Indian history have been carefully preserved in libraries of Uttar Pradesh.

For the growth and development of 'Public Libraries', 'Library Cell' was established in the year 1980, in Uttar Pradesh. As the momentum of the 'Library Cell' picked up, the 'Public Libraries' gained significant recognition in the region. As a result of this effort, apart from 'State Central Library' at Allahabad, currently there are 75 recognized 'Government District Libraries' in various districts of the state. For the regulation and administration of these libraries in Uttar Pradesh, 'Public Libraries Act' came into existence in the year 2006. Consequently, Public Libraries in every district are being run by professionally qualified District Librarians and supervised at state level by highly qualified OSD Libraries under the jurisdiction of Madhyamik Siksha Department.

Vision & Mission: Latest challenge to traditional concept of library is the IT revolution, which has taken place in last few decades. There is a pressing need to rejuvenate the 'Public Libraries' in Uttar Pradesh which are marred by the various short comings and incorporate the traditional libraries with these features.

Therefore, the rejuvenation of the 'Public Libraries' must give them a contemporary look and feel, matching with the contemporary libraries of the World. Thus, together in a combined effort we must aim to significantly contribute to this initiative for uplifting the Public Library system and make this turn into reality.

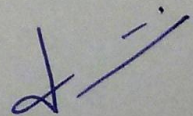
Purpose of Collaboration with Spoken Tutorial Project- IIT Bombay: Spoken Tutorial Project is an NMEICT, MHRD, Govt. Of India funded national project under which skill based software training's are been given through various audio video modules developed by IIT Bombay team. All these training's are been given on self-learning and distance learning mode. The main purpose of this project is to make India IT Literate. Till date more than 24 Lakh students have been trained all over India.

As UP libraries are turning digital and it is the need of hour to provide skill based software training's to students to enhance their academic performance and make them employable, we are collaborating with Spoken Tutorials- IIT Bombay to provide such skill based training's in our Government District Libraries and all additional Libraries associated with it.

These trainings' will be offered charging a very minimal amount of Rupees One Hundred per student per course. After the successful completion of the training's and passing an online test the student will get a certificate from IIT Bombay. In addition to it Free E- Resource will be provided on various Free and Open Source Software's on our website.

Process of Implementation:

As per the recommendation of our funding partner Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, the content provided by Spoken Tutorial will be hosted on NIC servers. The interface will be given on the official portal of UP Public Libraries (www.updpl.org). In the first phase three prominent libraries of UP (Lucknow, Unnao and Raebareli) will act as the nodal centres to run the certification courses of Spoken Tutorials. Dr. Deepak Singh , who is our IT consultant will be the overall coordinator of this project.



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