



The adoption of open source software in e-governance domains, and the rise in the use of open source software in India are transforming the country into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. Under the all-embracing vision of Digital India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India (GoI), has launched [Spoken Tutorial Project for Free and Open Source Software](#), developed by Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay. The leading objectives of the project are to (a) **improve the employment potential of students by teaching them IT skills**, (b) promote the use of free and open source software, (c) **enhance accessibility of IT education**, and (d) increase penetration of computer literacy.

It is a matter of immense proud that in association with IIT-Bombay these tutorials have been made available to the students of our university. The students are encouraged to learn free and open source software using these tutorials. The tutorials can be studied by students at home, hostel rooms, etc. These tutorials will be very useful for the students in improving their IT skills, and improve their employment potential. The students are given certificates, issued by MHRD and IIT-Bombay, upon successful completion of the tutorials.

Audio-visual tutorials, of 10-15 min duration each, have been created to educate the use of free and open source software like Libre Office Suite, GIMP, Inkscape, Scilab, Oscad, OpenFoam, QCad, Cell Designer, etc. They have been developed in **English and twenty-two other Indian languages**. They are **for all branches of science, engineering, management, law, commerce, etc.**

In order to create awareness about the project amongst students, and smooth conduct of the activities related to project at the university, a team of faculty members has been constituted as follows:

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| (i) Prof (Dr) Mahesh Kumar Basantani (IBST) | Coordinator |
| (ii) Dr Bineet Kumar Gupta (IOT) | Asst Coordinator |
| (iii) Ms.Noopur Srivastava (IOT) | Member |

In addition, faculty coordinators have been appointed in each faculty for the distribution of tutorials in the respective faculties.

In case of any queries and problems, the students may contact the team or the faculty coordinators.

