ICT Learning in Hindi: An MOU Signed between Ranchi University and STP, IIT Bombay

It was a historic event when 700 students (boys and girls) of different colleges (Constituent and Affiliated) of the Ranchi University, Ranchi came to Aryabhatt Auditorium, Basic Science Campus of Ranchi University at Morabadi campus on December 15, 2014 to participate in the "ICT workshop in Hindi". The workshop was jointly organized by the Ranchi University and Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) L N Bhagat, in his inaugural address to the participant students said that the medium of instruction is important and learning ICT through Hindi will be a boon to the rural students living in remote areas of Jharkhand. He has (VC) a strong feeling that the Spoken Tutorial Project (STP) will roll out successfully in the Ranchi University and will benefit the masses while developing skills among the rural students of the Ranchi University who are deprived of ICT and there is wide digital gap due to language barrier. Honble Vice Chancellor announced on this occasion that the colleges under Ranchi University, Ranchi will get financial support for computers and other required infrastructure support to get the STP rolled out.

On this occasion Ms Shyama Iyer, National Coordinator, Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay and Ms Sharda Sharma, Regional Coordinator (Bihar and Jharkhand) were present. While speaking in Hindi, Ms Shayama Iyer informed the students that the Spoken Tutorial (ST) is a project started at IIT Bombay in 2009 with funding from the National Mission on Education through ICT, MHRD Government of India. ST is an audio video tutorial developed using the screen-cast methodology and it is typically of about ten minutes duration. It is a collaborative and scalable Education Technology. ST has been developed in 14 Indian Languages catering to the needs of the diverse language needs of the country. During technical Session Ms Sharda Sharma, through PPT, make the students understand how and how

Vice Chancellor Prof L N Bhagat being felicitated by the National Coordinator STP, IIT Bombay

much the ST is useful for them. The diverse queries of students during the interaction session were answered and explained by Ms Sharma.

There was signing of the MOU between the Ranchi University and STP, IIT Bombay to roll out the ST in the different PG Departments, Constituent and Affiliated Colleges of Ranchi University during the Valedictory Session. Dr Amar Kumar Choudhary, Registrar, Ranchi University and Ms Shayama Iyer, National Coordinator, STP IIT Bombay Signed the MOU document and exchanged the documents. The success and popularity of the workshop reflected from the attendance of the students in the valedictory session when more than 60 per cent students – boys and girls along with their faculty members were present.

It was decided that at least two faculty members from colleges under the Ranchi University be registered for the STP and in the follow-up programme on 16th December there will be registration programme of the faculty in the MCA Department of the Ranchi College, Ranchi from Different colleges at 11.30 am.

For details of STP visit to http://spoken-tutorial.org or email to sharda30@gmail.com