

Project Review Meeting : Project entitled “Development of APP for speaking English into Assamese and vice-versa” held at Assam down town University.

The Review Meeting of the project “Development of APP for speaking English into Assamese and vice-versa” was held on 21st January, 2019 in the Auditorium, Assam down town University at 12.30 P.M. in order to review the progress of the Project so far. **Dr. N.N Dutta** (Chancellor), **Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury** (Vice Chancellor), **Dr. H.K. Das** (Pro-Vice Chancellor), **Prof. Bandana Dutta** (Dean of Studies), **Dr. B G Unni** (Director Research), **Mr. Arup Goswami** (President, Assam Association of North America, USA), **Ms. Abhishruti D. Boruah** (Representative, Assam Association of North America), **Ms. Dil Deka** (Representative, Assam Association of North America), **Dr. Girindra K. Datta Mazumdar** (Representative, Assam Association of North America), **Dr. H. Goswami** (Chairperson, Faculty of Commerce, Management, Humanities & Social Sciences), **Dr. L.P. Saikia** (Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology), **Mr. Mriganka Sarmah** (Principal Investigator), **Mr. Gautam Borah** (Co - Principal Investigator), and **Mr. Nishan Kakati** (Office Coordinator, Research Directorate) were present in the meeting.



Vice Chancellor during interaction with the team members of AANA, USA

Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, Vice Chancellor welcomed Mr. Arup Goswami, President, Assam Association of North America, (AANA) USA and all delegates representing AANA and appreciated the steps taken by Assam Association of North America (AANA) for providing financial support to develop a project entitled “Development of APP for speaking English into Assamese and vice-versa”.



Interaction with the project team members at the review meeting

Dr. B G Unni, Director Research briefed the progress of the project from the date and defined a more detailed planning for the next course of action. The Director Research mentioned that the entire progress of the project is being divided into two phases namely online and mobile versions. People can use the app to search for meanings of new lexical items, translate across multiple languages, access tons of contextualized examples of language use and many more. Both the versions have started to work properly and are under constant improvement. **Mr. MrigankaSarma**, Principal Investigator gave a detail presentation by using visual aids. He mentioned about various goals and sub-goals associated with the project work i.e. the conceived idea of the project that has been submitted to **National Research Development Corporation**, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India for filing patent and, it is now under progress for copyright registration. Both the version such as desktop and mobile was demonstrated at the meeting. He also mentioned that the app supports voice translation in both English and Assamese languages. Its transcript feature allows exporting, copy or sharing any voice conversation. **Mr. Sarma** also demonstrated the Online **Desktop Version** (English to Assamese - Text-to-Text, Text-to-Speech, speech-to-Text and Speech-to-Speech) and **Mobile App Version** (English to Assamese - Text-to-Text, Text-to-Speech, speech-to-Text and Speech-to-Speech).

Mr. Arup Goswami, President, AANA, USA in his remarks appreciated the progress of the project so far and applauded the enormous efforts with hard work and dedication of the project team, and also thanked Assam down town University for taking keen interest for taking such challenging task which will be very much useful to the Assamese community. He mentioned that the app will support translation between the two languages and it can help the Assamese people staying across the world to strengthen their grasp of language and enhance their linguistic communication.

Ms. Abhishruti D. Boruah, Representative, Assam Association of North America was impressed with the results delivered by translation app and the developments in the progress of work done till date and suggested to have made the app more accurate and effective, and promised to help/ guide for any technical expertise on behalf of Assam Association of North America towards a successful translation app.

Chancellor Dr. N N Dutta in his remarks thanked the President, AANA and other members for their continuous and valuable supports and suggestions at the meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks delivered by **Director Research**.