# FOSS FOR YOU

FOSFEM - Chennai Institute of Technology

NAMMAHARI

Building FOSS Ecosystems in Tamil Nadu

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Before We Start

## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

to the all present & future FOSS Leaders

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### Free Software

Free software is computer software that gives users the freedom to use, study, share, and modify it. The word "free" refers to the freedom users have, not the price

### Open Source

Open source software is software that is publicly accessible and can be modified and distributed by anyone. It's developed collaboratively and in a decentralized way.

"Free and open source software" (FOSS) refers to software where the source code is publicly available, allowing anyone to use, modify, and distribute it freely, with "Free" emphasizing the user's freedom to access and modify the software, while "open source" highlights the collaborative development aspect by making the code accessible to everyone; while most open source software is considered free, the terms are not exactly synonymous, as "free software" focuses more on the ethical and philosophical aspects of user freedom, while "open source" emphasizes the practical benefits of collaborative development



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## CAREERS IN FOSS

Contributions & Communities



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### Open Source Contributions

Companies find the Open Source contributions is the solid proof of your skill which sets apart from a potential hire

### FOSS Communities

Communities gives you the freedom curiosity, collaboration, and the freedom to use free and open source software/ hardware.

The FOSS Communities help you contribute to the good also support the ecosystem in the right , as OSS contribution gives you wings to be independent and fly high - communities also plays a vital role is your personal and professional growth.



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## F/OSS

F ( Free ) here denotes the freedom & OSS denotes Open Source Software.



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## FOSS ALTERNATIVES

www.opensourcealternatives.to/



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## TAMIL FOSS COMMUNITIES

https://forums.tamilinuxcommunity.org/



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## STRENGTHENING INDIA'S FOSS ECOSYSTEM

FOSS United Journey



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### Since 2020, FOSS United is promoting & strengthening the Free and Open-Source Software ecosystem in India

**20000+**
**Participants** across all events and discussions around FOSS

**3 Cr+**
**Grants** to FOSS projects, organizations and event organizers

**100+**
**Projects** featured in talks,podcasts, newsletter and events.

**30+**
**Company** partnerships

**200+**
**Events** and Sessions across India

**200+**
**Volunteers**



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