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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Free Software Foundation Tamil Nadu (FSFTN) .

FSFTN, part of Free Software Movement of India, comprises volunteers including Software Professionals, Entrepreneurs, Academicians, Journalists and Students working to take Free Software Technologies to as many people as possible through seminars and workshops all over Tamil Nadu. Over the last seven years, we have held workshops in major institutions in Chennai and across the State such as IIT-Madras, College of Engineering, Guindy, SSN, Kalasalingam University, CIT Coimbatore among others.

FSFTN organises a variety of workshops according to the needs of the colleges. The workshops are entirely hands-on, very industry-oriented and are conducted by resource persons both from within and outside the State. We also organise faculty development programmes on relevant topics and help colleges migrate labs to free software, especially GNU/Linux operating systems.

The programme schedule of our events comprises 2 parts –

- a) 1 or 2- part guest lecture and
- b) 2 or 3-day workshop.(Details attached)

The highlight of FSFTN's events is the assured follow-up through the process of GNU/Linux Users' Groups in Colleges where the learning experience for students continues and they get a chance to work with Free Software experts across the community . A GNU/Linux Users' Group (GLUG) is set up in every college. The GLUG will be affiliated to and certified by FSFTN. Among the activities of the GLUG are spreading awareness of free software to other students in the college, organising installation fests and self-learning sessions for students in the latest fields of technology. GLUG members will also have an opportunity to participate in and organise a variety of activities conducted under the banner of FSFTN around the State and also participate in workshops in other States. Creating an environment of self-learning, and promoting cooperation and coordination to take the level of understanding in technology to the next level is the minimum expected from every GLUG.

Thanking you,
Executive Committee,
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