Localisation as a Political process:

A case study on swathanthra malayalam computing

We are ...

An informal developer collective

We are working on ...

- Localisation
- Standardisation
- Development, Mentoring and
- Free Software advocacy

... of Malayalam support in Free Software desktops

- Debian GNU/Linux is now installable in Malayalam
- Added Malayalam support to Dhvani Indian Language text to speech system
- Participated in Google summer of code programme
 2007 (SMC is the only Indian project qualified for this)
- Added Malayalam support to GNU Aspell spellchecker

- Developed a phonetic input scheme called swanalekha based on SCIM
- Added bolnagiri based phonetic X keyboard Lalitha
- Added Pango support to Tuxtype typing tuitor. Now tuxtype is usable in all indic languages.
- SMC artwork team is released Matrix Digital rain screensaver with malayalam glyphs and GDM themes

- Malayalam accepted as a official language in Gnome 2.20 with more than 80% translation
- Developed Meera: an even width traditional lipi unicode font
- KDE 4.0 came with a press release in malayalam for its release along with 21 other languages



- Developed Dyuthi: The first traditional lipi ornamental unicode font in malayalam
- Dhvani & indic support in tuxtype won FOSS India Awards 2008

The Political Process

Enabling element in Knowledge society

- Focus on enabling user
- Removing one more barrier
- Redefining notion of Knowledge in googled world
- Free Knowledge movement

ICTs for Disabled

- Dhvani Indian Langauge Text to Speech System
- Sharika Speech Recogonised (Under development)

Towards free Information Infrastructures

- The need
- Focus
- Technology frameworks for language infrastructure

Distributed Development

- Smartcities are not needed for Technological Development
- Knowledge Globalization can be possible from Localised distributed development
- Democratic Development & Decision making

Peer 2 Peer Politics

- Decision making in online collective
- Peer evaluations and collaborations of whole work
- Wiki votings

User to Producer: A success story

- 3 Developers -> 35+ Developers
- The Free Software Model
- SMC is the Biggest Free Software Community in Kerala

Weaving a Language market with technology on peoples hands

- The technology is available to commons
- Enterprenureship possibilities are high
- Secratariet
- Khadi board
- Zyxware

Wallwriting Traditions

- Visual diversity in the age of Fluxboards
- Reclaiming the diverse traditions



Towards Free Standards in Indic Computing

For Community standards in Digital era

Ongoing Projects

- Malayalam Natural Language Processing (NLP Project)
- Sulekha IME
- KDE-Malayalam
- Gnome-Malayalam
- Debian-malayalam
- SMC-artwork

- Swathanthra Malayalam Corpos
- Sarika
- Malayalam OCR
- Various Font projects
- Distro Repositories
- Documentations
- Bug monitoring

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