

# REPORT ON LOCALIZATION EVENT

## **Synopsis:**

Participating in the process of localization on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava and to spread awareness among various sector of people about the importance of localization was the main aim of Kannada Rajyotsava Localization Sprint 2k17.

## **Events:** 1. GLUG activity

2. ANUVADOTSAVA 2K17

3.School level event

## **Description:**

On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, several activities were planned under the guidance of localization experts from FSMK.

Members of GEON along with volunteers from GLUE GLUG and RIT GLUG, constituted a team which was aimed at translating GNU articles,Wikipedia articles and engaging younger generation in these processes.

Localization Sprint took place in 3 phases.

### **1.GLUG activity: (date)**

Hardware sessions are constantly conducted in GEON sessions during every thusrday. As a part of localization, participants were given with GNU related articles pertaining to techical and social significance of open source culture.

The event resulted in some useful amount of work from the participants and translated articles were sent to higher levels in the organisation for further scrutinization.

## **2.ANUVADOTSAVA 2K17: 01-11-2017**

On the day of Kannada Rajyotsava, the main event of Anuvadotsava-the core theme of localization- was conducted in the Government Engineering College,Hassan by Free Software Movement Karnataka.

Volunteers from GEON,GLUE GLUG and RIT GLUG were participated in this event. Community awareness programmes about localization of technical data into vernacular languages, prime difference between localization and translation, tools that can be used for this process like Zanata, possible strategies to include people from all sectors of society in this process were among the topics that were discussed during the course of the event.

## **3. School level event: 7-11-2017**

With the aim of creating awareness about significance of localization in the young budddig minds, our localization team conducted a school level event at Hassan Public School on 7th November 2017.

Initially students were introduced about our purpose, our work and importance of their participation at this initial stage.

A warmup activity was conducted where students were given with an English word and they were supposed to tell equivalent Kannada word.

After warmup activity, students were grouped into a team of 5 members each and they were provided with some Wikipedia articles

which were yet to be translated to Kannada.

The participation of students was overwhelming and their active participation motivated the volunteers further.

All translations were sorted on spot by the volunteers and best translations were awarded appropriately.

## **Conclusion:**

The event has subtly motivated the volunteers and participants to achieve some considerable results in this path of knowledge sharing. Measures to be taken to amass large scale support from technical arena and to further strengthen the public participation in this process is worth to give over a thought.

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