

## ಮುಕ್ತ ಸಾಫ್ಟ್‌ವೇರ್ ಚಳವಳಿ ಕರ ನಾಟಕ: ಪ್ರಭಾವ ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಣೆ

FREE SOFTWARE MOVEMENT KARNATAKA: IMPACT ANALYSIS  
ಮುಕ್ತ ಸಾಫ್ಟ್‌ವೇರ್ ದರ್ಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ವಿಕಾಸ ನಿರ್ದೇಶ

**Executive Summary:** Free Software Movement Karnataka (FSMK) is a non-profit organization working for spreading free software and its ideals. The movement is inspired by software freedom visionaries like Richard Stallman and Eben Moglen. Since its formal announcement in April 2009, FSMK has become a cornerstone of the free software movement in South India.

The organization's mission extends beyond technical education to encompass broader social and economic transformation. FSMK has presence in six different districts across Karnataka, namely Bangalore, Mandya, Mysore, Hassan, Mangalore and Tumkur. Through its network of GNU/Linux User Groups (GLUGs), FSMK has reached thousands of students and professionals.

**Philosophical Foundations:** The free software philosophy rests on four essential freedoms: the freedom

to run software for any purpose, to study and modify the source code, to redistribute copies, and to distribute modified versions. The opposite of Free Software is what is called Proprietary Software. Proprietary Software does not come with the same freedoms granted to the user by the developers of Free Software.

This philosophy has profound implications for digital sovereignty, educational freedom, and economic independence. In the context of Karnataka's growing technology sector, free software represents not just an alternative to proprietary solutions, but a pathway to technological self-reliance and innovation.

**Community Impact:** FSMK works closely with college students and encourages them to use, and help develop, Free Software. To make this student interaction, we set up college-level units called GNU/Linux User Groups (GLUGs). These groups serve as incubators for the next generation of free software advocates and developers.

### FSMK ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು KEY METRICS

✓ ಸಕ್ರಿಯ GLUGs: 24+  
✓ Active GLUGs: 24+  
✓ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳು: 6  
✓ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆವರಿಸಿ: 6  
✓ 2009-2024 ಸಕ್ರಿಯ: 16+  
✓ Years Active: 16+  
✓ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಸೇವಕರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 500+  
✓ Volunteer Network: 500+

### ಮುಖ್ಯ ತಂಡ:

**CORE TEAM:**  
• Regional Coordinators  
• GLUG Leaders  
• Technical Evangelists  
• ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸೇವಕರು  
• Policy Advocates

### ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳು:

• ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು  
• Education & Training  
• Policy Advocacy  
• Community Building  
• SME Support

ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ವಿಧ	ಕ್ರಿಯಾತ್ಮಕತೆ/ವರ್ಷ	ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ	ಪರಿಣಾಮದ ಮಟ್ಟ
GLUG ಸಭೆಗಳು	200+	5000+	6	High
ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರಗಳು	25	1500+	4	High
ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನಗಳು	3	800+	6	Very High
SME ಸಹಾಯ	50+	200+	3	Medium

**ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ**  
EDUCATION  
GLUG ಸಭೆಗಳು  
GLUG Network  
Timeline: 2009-Present  
Status: Active  
Impact: 24+ colleges

**ಪ್ರಚಾರ**  
ADVOCACY  
24+ GLUGs  
Policy Campaigns  
Timeline: 2012-Present  
Status: Ongoing  
Impact: Regional influence

**SME ಸಹಾಯ**  
SME SUPPORT  
ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಸೇವೆಗಳು  
Business Migration  
Timeline: 2012-Present  
Status: Expanding  
Impact: 200+ businesses

**ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳು | Key Achievements:** FSMK ನೆರವು ನೀಡಿದ 3ನೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ಸಾಫ್ಟ್‌ವೇರ್ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನವು ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 2010 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಸೇವಕರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು, ಸಂಶೋಧಕರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಸೇರಿದರು. ಇದು ಮುಕ್ತ ಸಾಫ್ಟ್‌ವೇರ್ ಚಳವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಟಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿತ್ತು. The organization has also been active in policy advocacy, conducting protests against internet censorship, supporting net neutrality campaigns, and raising awareness about electronic surveillance and privacy rights.



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