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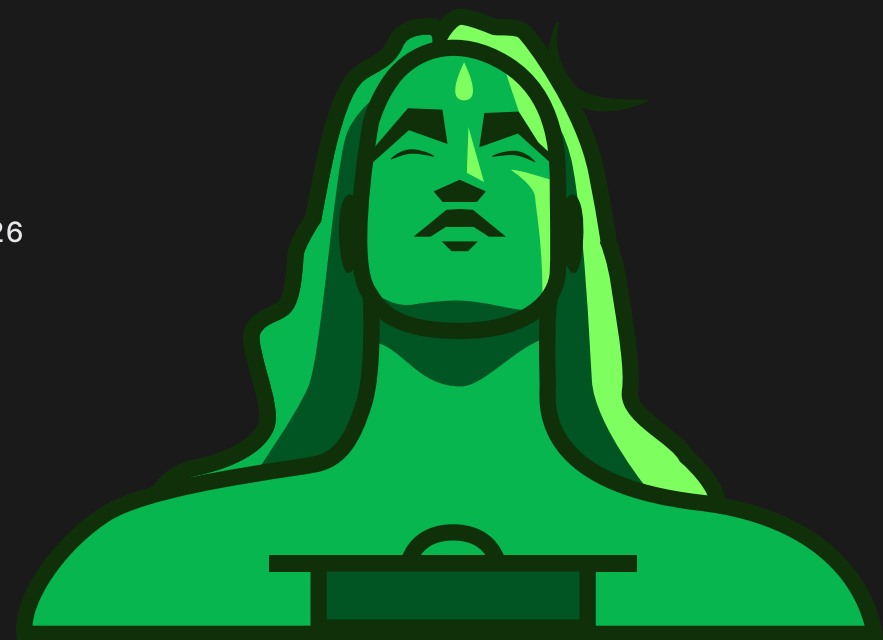
Growing India's FOSS Ecosystem

FOSS UNITED MEETUP COIMBATORE JANUARY 2026



FOSS United Foundation

A non-profit foundation that aims at promoting & strengthening the Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) ecosystem in India.

🎯 Goal 1

To promote the spirit of hacking and tinkering

🔧 Goal 2

To build quality FOSS for public good

📣 Goal 3

To evangelise the use of FOSS in different sectors

Our Programs

Fostering FOSS across India

City Communities

We conduct various events across the country to promote and learn about FOSS, network, and discover new opportunities.

Event Types

- **Monthly FOSS Meetups** - Regular community gatherings
- **IndiaFOSS Conference** - Annual flagship conference
- **CityFOSS Conferences** - Local FOSS events
- **FOSS Hack** - Flagship hackathon

Active Communities

- Bengaluru
- Chennai
- Coimbatore
- Delhi/NCR
- Hyderabad
- Kolkata
- Mangaluru
- Mumbai
- Pune
- And many more...

> **NOTE**
> Join your local community at fossunited.org/city-communities

FOSS Clubs

An initiative to promote FOSS culture and collaboration among students through events, workshops, and networking on college campuses.

What FOSS Clubs Offer

- Campus-based FOSS events and workshops
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Networking with fellow students
- Building open-source projects together
- Connection to the wider FOSS community

> **TIP**
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> Applications are open! Start or revive a FOSS Club on your campus at fossunited.org/clubs

Grants Program

Funding and grants for FOSS events and developers looking to build high quality FOSS projects in India.

Project Grants

Financial support for FOSS projects and maintainers

Over ₹2.5 crores disbursed to date

Event Grants

Support for organizing FOSS events across India

Helping communities grow nationwide

Recent Grantees (2025)

- **Zasper** - A 4X Better IDE than JupyterLab (₹9,00,000)
- **VGLUG Foundation** - FOSS Training Program (₹5,00,000)
- **Malhar** - Fast fuzzy text search engine (₹3,00,000)
- **CircuitVerse** - Digital logic circuits platform
- And 20+ more projects

FLOSS Fund from Zerodha

A groundbreaking global initiative funding Free and Open Source Software

Key Highlights

- **$1M per year** for free and open source projects globally
- **30 projects funded** in the first year (2024-2025)
- **Open directory model** - Projects publish funding.json manifests
- **Global reach** - Supports projects worldwide including Blender, FFmpeg, KDE, OpenStreetMap

> **NOTE**
> FOSS United is an ecosystem partner of FLOSS Fund

Learn more: floss.fund

OASIS Network

OASIS is a network of organizations united by the vision that Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) can empower citizen sector organizations and communities to create positive impact at scale.

FOSS for Social Good

Promoting the usage of FOSS in the social sector to drive meaningful change

- Connecting social organizations with FOSS solutions
- Building capacity for FOSS adoption
- Creating sustainable social impact through technology

Explore more at oasishq.org

Public Policy Initiative

Partnership and advocacy for FOSS-friendly policies in India

End Software Patents

A coalition of organizations in India dedicated to protecting the freedom to write software and innovate freely without encumbrances

Policy Work

Active engagement in tech policy discussions and advocacy for open-source friendly regulations

> **TIP**
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> Learn more at fossunited.org/public-policy and endsoftwarepatents.in

Flagship Events

Where the community comes together

IndiaFOSS

India’s premier annual FOSS conference organized with passion and commitment by the FOSS United community.

- **Dates:** 26, 27 September 2026

What to Expect

- Insightful talks from FOSS leaders
- Technical workshops
- Maintainers Summit
- Birds of Feather (BoF) sessions
- Networking opportunities

FOSS Hack

Our flagship hackathon bringing enthusiasts together to build or extend FOSS projects.

- **Dates:** 1st March 2026 - 31st March 2026

FOSS Hack 2025 Highlights

- **5,000+ applicants**
- **756 project submissions**
- **10 local hosts** across India
- Online and offline participation

> **NOTE**
> Both online and in-person participation welcome!

Upcoming Events

January 2026

- **Bengaluru** - FOSS Meetup (Jan 24) @ Samagata Foundation
- **Pune** - FOSS Meetup (Jan 24)
- **Coimbatore** - FOSS Meetup (Jan 31)

February 2026

- **Chennai** - ChennaiFOSS 2026 (Feb 28) - Must Attend!

> **TIP**
> View all events at fossunited.org/events/timeline

Industry Partners

The foundation was started as a collaboration between Frappe and Zerodha. We now have multiple partners supporting the movement.

Zerodha	Frappe	Samagata Foundation
Founding Partner	Founding Partner	Supporting Partner

> **NOTE**
>
> We invite more organizations to join the movement! Visit fossunited.org/industry-partners

Additional Resources

📰 Newsletter

Monthly digest of the latest news and updates about FOSS grants, events, and projects

fossunited.org/newsletter

💼 Job Portal

A job board for developers to find jobs at tech companies. Free job posting for organizations.

fossunited.org/jobs

📚 Forklore

An archive of the coolest maintainers and their lives behind the forks

forklore.in

💬 Community Forum

Join discussions, share ideas, and connect with the community

forum.fossunited.org

Get Involved

Join the Movement

- **Contribute** to FOSS projects
- **Volunteer** for events and initiatives
- **Start or join** a FOSS Club
- **Apply for grants** for your FOSS project
- **Attend** meetups and conferences
- **Subscribe** to our newsletter

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