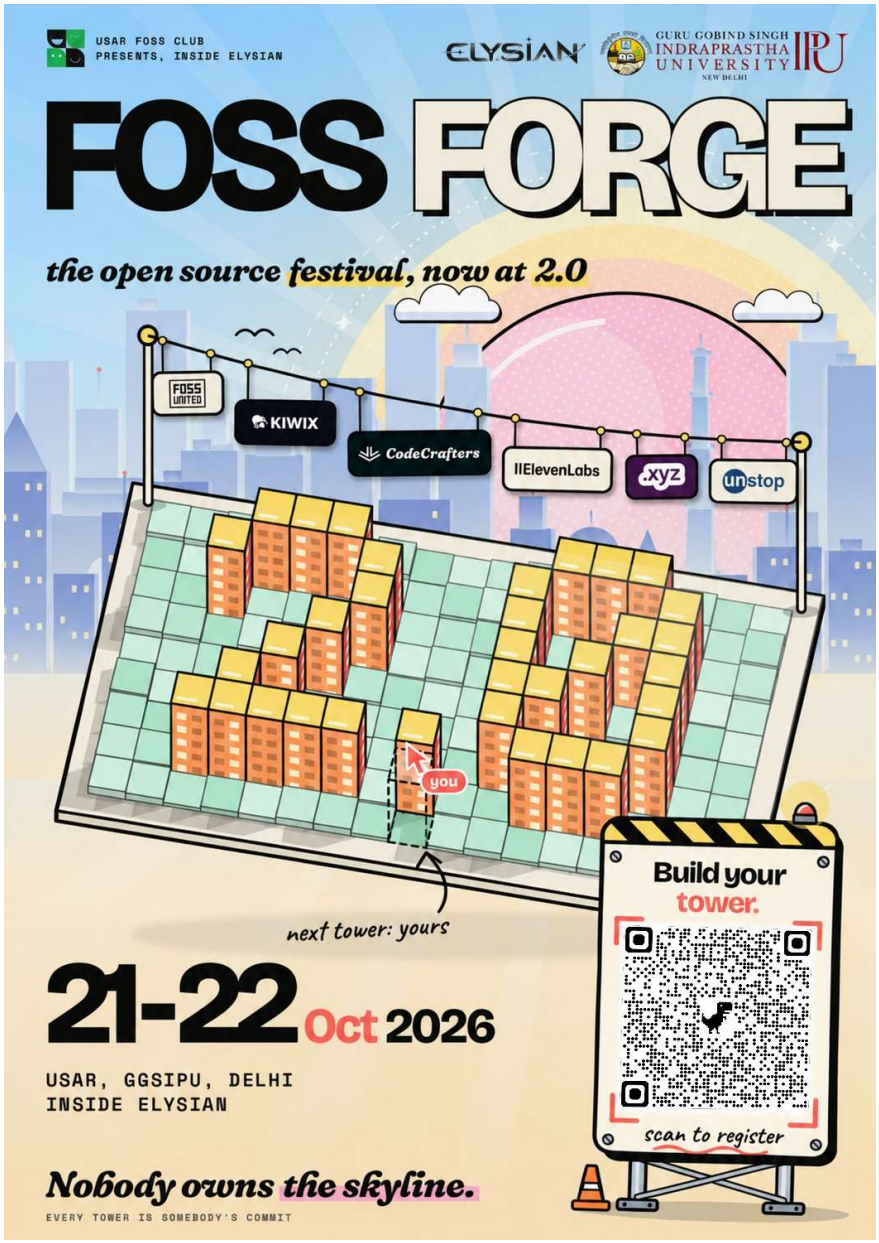
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USAR FOSS REPORT - Academic Year 2026-27

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UFC Orientation

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Event Details

The orientation session by USAR FOSS Club introduced new students to the philosophy and ecosystem of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS). Delivered as part of a joint induction, it concisely explained UFC's mission, the principles of open collaboration, and how global open-source communities function. The session emphasized accessibility-encouraging participation regardless of experience-and positioned UFC as a gateway for students to engage in projects, events, and contributions.

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UFC Orientation

Event Report

Organized by USAR FOSS Club (UFC)

Academic Year 2026–27

Introduction

The UFC Orientation was the club's inaugural session for the academic year, delivered as part of a joint induction event at USAR. The session introduced new students to the philosophy and ecosystem of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS), UFC's mission, and the principles of open collaboration. It positioned UFC as a gateway for students to engage in projects, events, and community contributions regardless of prior experience.

Event Details

Organized By	USAR FOSS Club (UFC)
Format	In-person, joint induction session
Venue	USAR, GGSIPU
Club Hours Requested	5 hours

Key Highlights

- Introduced FOSS philosophy, UFC mission, and open-source contribution pathways
- “Why Open Source?” presentation covering learning-by-building, community, and technical discovery
- Core team introduced to new members on stage with faculty mentors

Event Photos







USAR FOSS CLUB - Design in Open Source

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Event Details

The Design in Open Source session by USAR FOSS Club was a 2-hour interactive online talk and walkthrough held on 9th October 2026 (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) via Jitsi Meet, focused on the importance of UI/UX design in open source and broader community inclusivity. Starting with the general unawareness surrounding open source and how every skill has a place in the community, guest speaker Muneer discussed making space for contributors on either outlying side of the normal distribution, shared his personal open-source design journey, and engaged students from the University's Design department on open-source career pathways.

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Design in Open Source

Event Report

Organized by USAR FOSS Club (UFC) · Supported by FOSS United

9th October 2026

Introduction

Design in Open Source was an online interactive walkthrough conducted by the USAR FOSS Club (UFC) on 9th October 2026 via Jitsi Meet. The session addressed the critical role of UI/UX design, product thinking, and broader inclusivity within Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) communities, specifically targeting students from the University's Design department alongside engineering builders.

Event Details

Date & Time	9th October 2026 (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)
Format & Platform	Online Live Session via Jitsi Meet
Featured Speaker	Muneer
Target Audience	University Design Department & USAR Students
Event Page	fossunited.org/c/university-school-of-automation-and-robotics/open-design
Club Hours Requested	10 hours

Event Structure

Part 1 - Overcoming Unawareness in Open Source: A foundational introduction addressing the misconception that open source is exclusively for coders, illustrating how visual design, usability research, and interface architecture have a vital place in the ecosystem.

Part 2 - Inclusivity Across the Normal Distribution: Examined the commonly faced challenge in technical communities of making space and welcoming pathways for contributors who fall on either outlying side of the normal distribution.

Part 3 - Speaker Session & Call to Action by Muneer: Muneer shared how design is positioned and needed in open-source communities, his personal experiences navigating FOSS as a designer, and how communities can build a better ecosystem for incoming designers.

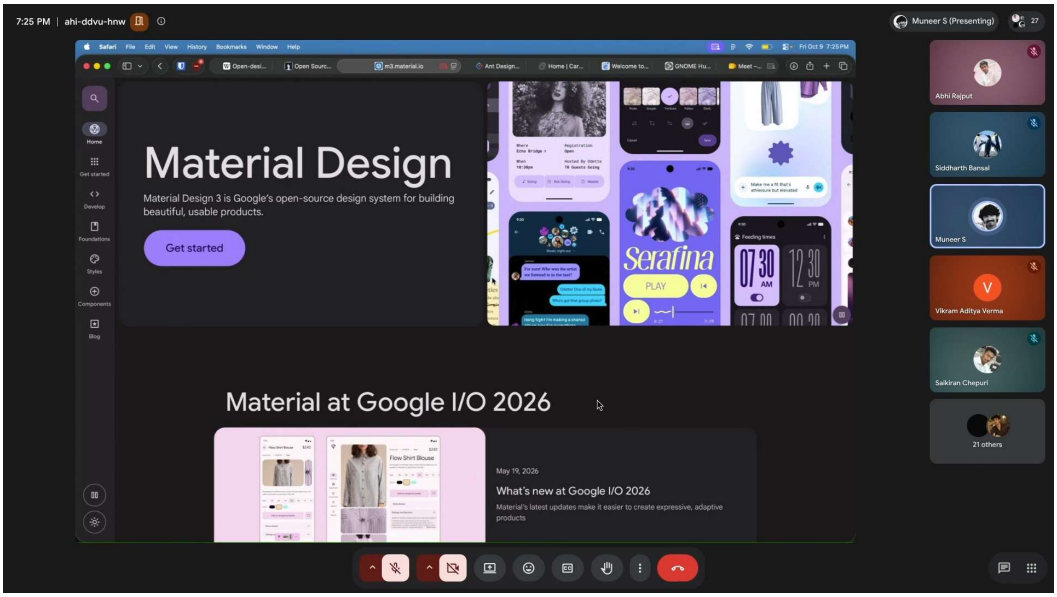
Key Highlights

- 2-hour interactive online walkthrough on Jitsi Meet (9th October 2026, 7:00–9:00 PM)
- Targeted outreach to the University's Design department to onboard UI/UX talent into open source
- Explored multiple career pathways and community fellowships for open-source designers
- Direct call-to-action recruiting campus designers into active UFC project teams

Event Photos



Figure 3: Official Design in Open Source event banner — 9 Oct 2026, 7–9 PM, Meet



(a) Online session on Meet with Speaker Muneer

Foss Forge 2.0 (Elysian) - USAR FOSS Club

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Event Details

FOSS Forge 2.0 (“Find it. Forge it. Ship it.”), organized by USAR FOSS Club inside Elysian 2026, was an intensive open-source contribution festival and hackathon that connected students with real-world challenges from open-source projects, non-profits, and technical partners. Moving through an online qualification quiz on 18th October and an Issue Hunt phase 20th October, the event culminated in a two-day on-campus sprint and finale on 21st-22nd October 2026. With 620 registrations on Unstop, 16 curated engineering briefs across 4 tracks (Kiwix, ElevenLabs, Non-Profit LibreOffice/AWSAR India, and Build with Stack), and 52 verified on-campus finalists across 18 teams and 6 colleges, the event delivered a high-impact open-source engineering experience.

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FOSS Forge 2.0 - Find it. Forge it. Ship it.

Event Report

Organized by USAR FOSS Club (UFC) · Part of Elysian 2026, GGSIPU

18th – 22nd October 2026 (Main Event: 21st – 22nd October 2026)

Introduction

FOSS Forge 2.0 was the flagship open-source contribution festival and hackathon organized by USAR FOSS Club as part of Elysian 2026 at USAR, GGSIPU East Delhi Campus. Rather than asking every team to build the same product, the challenge-pool and track-brief format let participants choose from 16 real engineering briefs and live repository issues to demonstrate a working prototype, reproducible benchmark, or upstream-ready patch. The event recorded 620 registrations on Unstop, with 52 verified present finalists across 18 teams from 6 colleges.

Event Details

Festival	Elysian 2026, GGSIPU East Delhi Campus
Pre-Event Phases	Online Quiz (18 Oct 2026) & The Issue Hunt (19–20 Oct 2026)
Main Event Dates	21st – 22nd October 2026 (Forge the Fix Sprint & Finale)
Venue	USAR, GGSIPU East Delhi Campus, Delhi
Registrations	620 registrations on Unstop (Team size: 1–4 members)
On-Campus Finalists	52 present records across 18 teams from 6 colleges (USAR, MAIT, VIPS, GTBIT, DTC, USICT)
Cash Prizes & Awards	Rs. 5,000 (1st), Rs. 3,000 (2nd), Rs. 1,000 (3rd) + Special Track Perks
Sponsors & Partners	FOSS United, Kiwix, ElevenLabs, The Document Foundation (LibreOffice), AWSAR India, CodeCrafters, AWS India, .xyz, Tiny Fish
Club Hours Requested	40 hours

Event Structure & Engineering Tracks

18 Oct - Online Quiz Round: Remote technical quiz covering open source, Git, GitHub, programming, and developer tools to establish initial leaderboard positions.

20 Oct - The Issue Hunt & 4 Engineering Tracks: Teams explored the general issue pool and 16 engineering briefs across four tracks: (1) Build with Kiwix (Offline Emergency RAG Appliance, Intent Discovery, First-Run Onboarding, Curated ZIM Collections), (2) Build with ElevenLabs (AI Roundtable Multi-Agent Podcast, VoiceBench Evaluation Framework, Multimodal RAG Voice Assistant), (3) Non-Profit Track (LibreOffice C++ Performance Lab, EasyHack Upstream Patch, Compatibility Detective, and AWSAR India & EduAnchors Android App), and (4) Build with Stack (CRDT Collaborative Editor, Authoritative Multiplayer Netcode, Edge WASM Plugin Runtime, Chaos Engineering Platform, Layout-Aware Document Understanding).

21–22 Oct - Forge the Fix Sprint & Finale: Two-day on-campus implementation sprint at USAR followed by live demos and judging (2:00–4:00 PM) and the Grand Finale award ceremony (4:00–5:00 PM) on 22nd October 2026.

Result Sheet Signatories & Winners (22 October 2026)

1st Place (Rs. 5,000)	Bifrost (MAIT) - Prerit Sharma, Aryan Garg, Krishna Singh, Piyush Aggarwal
2nd Place (Rs. 3,000)	Ravagers (USAR) - Anuj Kumar, Abhav, Dhruv Singh, Parth Sharma
3rd Place (Rs. 1,000)	Zeroes and Ones (MAIT) - Vinayak Jain, Eklavya, Prabal Dadwal, Shobhit Jauhari
Best ElevenLabs Track	Team Baapre (VIPS) - Pranjal Bhatt, Chetan Pande, Kritika Singh
Best Kiwix Track	forzzi (GTBIT / USAR) - Medhavee Singh (GTBIT), Bhuwan Chugh (USAR)
Result Signatories	Ms. Ritu Kalawa, Dr. Himani Tyagi, Dr. Abhishek Singh (Dated: 22 Oct 2026)

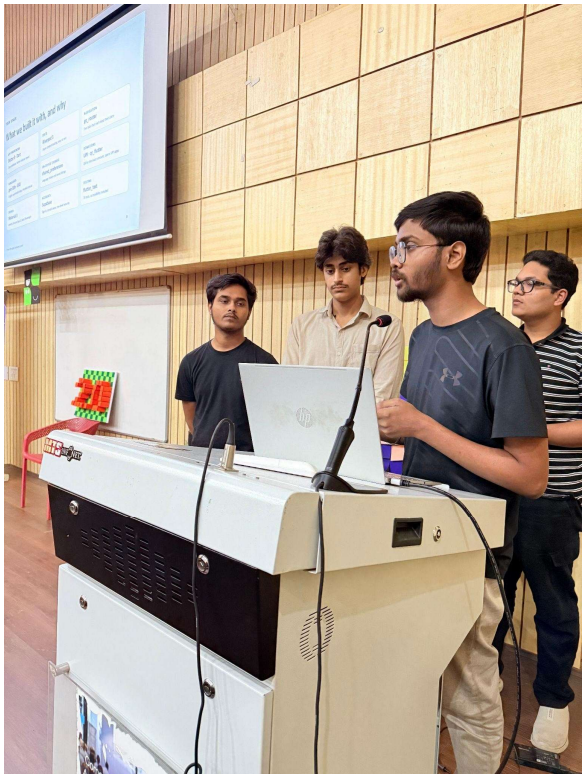
Key Highlights

- 620 registrations on Unstop; 52 verified present participants across 18 teams from 6 colleges
- Sixteen real-world engineering briefs across Kiwix, ElevenLabs, LibreOffice, AWSAR India, and advanced systems stacks
- 100-point engineering rubric evaluating working prototypes (25%), architecture (25%), constraints/failure handling (20%), feedback response (15%), and testing/OSS readiness (15%)
- Five award categories recognizing overall engineering excellence and specialized partner track contributions

Event Photos



(a) UFC team at the FOSS Forge 2.0 desk



(b) Teams pitching their work



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CONCLUDING REPORT

The Monolith of Progress: USAR FOSS Club 2026-27

Reflecting on a year of radical openness, execution velocity, and real-world impact in open source development.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

EVENT	IMPACT
UFC Orientation	Established builder-first culture, onboarding 200+ students
Design in Open Source	Bridged UI/UX & open source, onboarding University Design students
FOSS Forge 2.0	620 registrations, 16 real-world partner briefs (Kiwix, ElevenLabs, LibreOffice)
FOSSER & Project Hub	30+ active builders tracked live via fossclub.tech leaderboard & showcase

2026–27 | THE VISION: NEXT STEPS

01. FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

- ✓ Building a self-sustaining ecosystem through:
- ✓ Sponsorship pipelines
- ✓ Paid technical initiatives
- ✓ Hackathons & partnerships

02. SKILL-BASED REVENUE

- ✓ Empowering members to monetize skills via:
- ✓ Freelancing pipelines
- ✓ Open-source credibility → paid work
- ✓ Industry-grade project exposure

03. ALUMNI NETWORK HUB

- ✓ Creating a high-leverage internal network of UFC alumni placed in top companies & ecosystems
- ✓ Direct referral pipelines for internships & jobs
- ✓ Access to exclusive opportunities (early roles, stealth startups)
- ✓ Industry-backed mentorship loops

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