

## Sub: Organizing Gnome Event during techNITi 'Xi

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have designed a proposal for **GNOME** to organize a National Event in association with "Opengeest-TechNITi 'Xi", the annual Techno-Management fest of NIT Jalandhar.

### ▪ About techNITi 'Xi

As part of our commitment towards excellence and innovation, we organize **techNITi**, an annual student fest comprising of technical competitions, seminars, workshops and lectures by eminent personalities. The fest provides a platform to showcase students engineering acumen and skill as well as an opportunity to challenge their limits on a broad spectrum. The fest in its past avatars has received enthusiastic response from all its participants who converge on the campus from all across the country for the extravaganza. The staggering footfall and unbound less creativity of the students during the fest on campus, which keeps rising exponentially each year motivates us to make techNITi 'Xi an even bigger and grander event.

We have chosen '**Beyond Conventions**' as the prime initiative of techNITi 'Xi. With this initiative we aim to motivate students to expand their horizons and inculcate a sense of differential thinking that will lead to innovations which are truly beneficial to all. To sow these seeds of awareness amongst the trailblazers of tomorrow we seek inspiration and guidance from the visionaries of the present.

The fest dates are **16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011**.

### ▪ About Opengeest

"Opengeest", an initiative by Linux User Group of NIT Jalandhar, is organized every year during techNITi. Opengeest is all about giving the participant three dayz of FOSS expediton and a ride where they can excel in every aspect of OPEN SOURCE. The event is an advent of biggest gathering of LINUX users, talks by experts on roaring future of OPEN SOURCE and discussions over the very future of this era. Opengeest provides an opportunity for the participants to only get their knowledge a resilient functionality but also gain a lot from the affable resources both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Last time we had several events like . /Execute, Command Line Explore, Wordpress League, Joomla Workshop and Algorhythm. We have also hosted Guest Lecture by Venkatesh Hariharan(Corporate Affair Director, RedHat India), Kevin Verma(Fedora Ambassdor, India).



## OPENGEEST 2011

Guest Lectures under Opengeest 2011 (confirmed as of now):

1. Aaron Swartz –co-founder of RSS Feed 1.0
2. Rajesh Uppal – CIO, Maruti India
3. Dr. Ravi Gorthi – Professor, The LNMIIT(former Head, SetLabs, Infosys)

Events under Opengeest 2011:

1. **./Execute:**

OpenGeest 2011 presents ./execute. A Programming event in which mind boggling problem statements will be given to ./execute. Coders can use any Platform & any language to solve the Problem Statement. The efficiency of the code will be the important factor to win this particular Competition.

2. **WordPress League:**

In this event 8 hours will be given to each individual/team (3 Persons) for creating a website on WordPress. We will provide over thousand themes and 500 plug-in over a server and using only them you have to create a website on any topic.

3. **Facebook Application Design:**

In this event the participant will be designing a facebook application and uploading them on facebook. The application getting maximum number of total monthly active users will win the competition.

4. **Software Development:**

The participant will be provided with a problem statement and they have to develop software corresponding to the problem statement using only Open Source Technologies.

5. **Ubuntu Desktop Design:**

This event is for bringing out the knowledge as well as the creativity of our participant. In this event, participant will have to design the most attractive and user – friendly desktop in Ubuntu.



### TENTATIVE VENUE FOR THE GNOME EVENT

Based on the number of people attending the Event, the venue for the GNOME EVENT will either be the IT Park



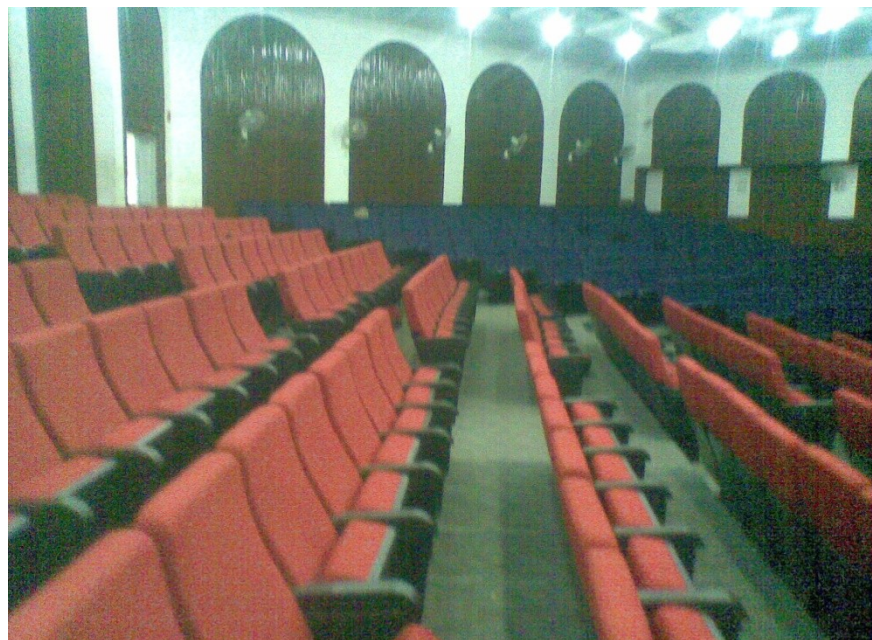
ONE OF THE 4 SEMINAR HALLS AT THE IT PARK



OUTSIDE VIEW OF THE IT PARK



IF the number of members attending the Event is over a thousand then the Central Seminar Hall shall be provided for the same.



- We want to organize a Gnome event sponsored by gnome foundation where we will discuss areas where students can do their major contribution.
- Also it will be great if we could find some speakers for the talks.
- We also want to focus Gnome's next releases and can have launch parties if any release is there at that moment.

**DELIVERABLES FROM NIT JALANDHAR:**

- Accommodation for speakers. ( reimbursement of travel fare if possible)
- Calling all local Gnome User group for meetup at the time of event.
- Bringing the Indian gnome communities closer and making them even bigger.
- A team of enthusiast volunteers.
- 3 days active participation of students in the event.
- Publicity of the event over websites and social media.
- Spreading the word Gnome as much as possible.
- NIT Jalandhar will provide the venue depending upon the number of members attending the event.

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