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Google Summer of Code (GSoC) & Open Source (FOSS) Sessions

Learn | Contribute | Code



21st
February 2026



27th
February 2026



12:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.

Venue:



Shree L. R. Tiwari
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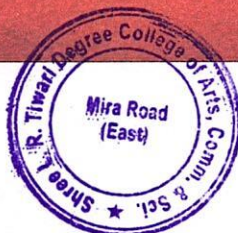
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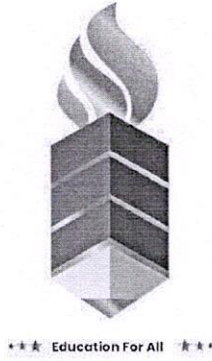
open source

Target Audience:
B.Sc. Data Science Students

Asst. Prof. Kshitij L. Jha
B.Sc. Data Science



Dr. Sanjay Mishra
I/C Principal



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NOTICE

Department of B.Sc. Data Science

This is to hereby inform all B.Sc. Data Science students that the department has organized “**Google Summer of Code (GSoC) and Open Source (FOSS) Sessions**” to provide insights into open-source contributions, global collaboration opportunities, and participation in prestigious programs like GSoC.

Event Details:

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Event Outcomes:

- Students will understand the fundamentals of Open Source and FOSS ecosystems.
- Students will gain knowledge about Google Summer of Code (GSoC) and its application process.
- Students will learn how to contribute to open-source projects effectively.
- Students will enhance their coding, collaboration, and version control skills.
- Students will be motivated to participate in global open-source programs and build strong portfolios.

All students are encouraged to attend the sessions and make the most of this opportunity to explore global platforms and enhance their technical expertise.

Attendance is Compulsory!

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B.Sc. D.S. Co-ordinator



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Report

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Programme Overview

A two-part initiative was conducted to build Open Source awareness and prepare undergraduate students from the Data Science and Information Technology departments for Google Summer of Code (GSoC) 2026.

Session 1: In-Person Awareness Session (February 21, 2026)

The first session was held in-person and served as a comprehensive introduction to the Open Source ecosystem and GSoC. Topics covered included:

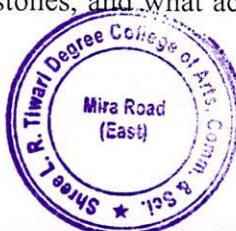
1. Open Source and FOSS: What it means, why it matters, the philosophy behind Free and Open Source Software, and an overview of popular licenses
2. Google Summer of Code (GSoC) 2026: Program structure, eligibility criteria, stipend details, timeline, and the application process
3. Contribution Roadmap: A beginner-friendly, step-by-step path from setting up Git to making a first meaningful contribution to a real project
4. Career and Placement Connection: How Open Source contributions strengthen portfolios, attract recruiters, and add real-world credibility
5. Real Examples and Success Stories: Live walkthroughs and personal journeys from past contributors to make the content tangible and inspiring

The session was designed to demystify open source for students with little to no prior experience. Post-session feedback was collected from 14 attendees and forms the basis of this report.

Session 2: Online Deep-Dive (February 27, 2026)

A follow-up online session was conducted for students who wanted to go further after the in-person introduction. With 24 participants, this session focused on the practical and operational aspects of a GSoC journey:

1. GSoC Timeline: Key dates, milestones, and what actions to take at each stage of the programme





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2. Organisation Selection: How to evaluate and shortlist organisations based on tech stack, community activity, and project difficulty
3. Domain Exploration: Mapping personal interests and skills to relevant GSoC domains such as ML, Web, Systems, and DevTools
4. Next Steps: Forking repos, reading codebases, engaging with maintainers, and drafting early proposals

Ongoing Mentorship Group:

Following both sessions, a dedicated mentorship and community group was formed for interested students, with weekly meets structured around the official GSoC 2026 calendar, doubt-clearing discussions, peer accountability, and shared progress tracking through the application and coding phases.

Key Observations:

1. The overall response to Session 1 was positive. Most students (11 out of 14) found the session duration just right, while 3 felt it ran too long, suggesting a slightly tighter format could improve the experience going forward.
2. When asked what they found most valuable, real-world examples and stories came out on top (cited by 11 students), followed by understanding Open Source fundamentals (6 students) and how GSoC works (7 students). This signals that students connect most with concrete, story-driven content over theoretical explanations.
3. On readiness, 3 students felt immediately confident to start contributing after the session, while 9 said they would be ready with a bit more guidance. 2 students indicated they did not yet feel ready, pointing to a need for continued hands-on support through the mentorship group.
4. Interest in structured mentorship was strong. 14 out of 14 students (100%) expressed openness to joining a roadmap or mentorship group, which directly informed the creation of the ongoing weekly group. Most encouragingly, 13 out of 14 respondents are considering applying for GSoC 2026, a strong conversion from a single awareness session.

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Glimpses:





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STUDENTS ATTENDANCE

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Sr .no	Name	Year	Department	Overall	GSoC 2026
1	Saloni Sandesh Singh	SY	Data Science	4/5	Maybe
2	Samiksha Patil	TY	Information Technology	5/5	Yes
3	Simran Santosh Poghar	FY	Data Science	5/5	Maybe
4	Prince Yadav	SY	BSc Data Science	4/5	Maybe
5	Shreya Tiwari	FY	Data Science	4/5	Maybe
6	Aaron Jacob Mendonca	SY	SY BSc Data Science	5/5	Yes
7	Anshika Sahani	FY	BSc DS	5/5	Maybe
8	Vidhee Singh	FY	Data Science	4/5	Maybe
9	Mariya	TY	IT	1/5	Yes
10	Sidra Khan	SY	Information Technology	2/5	Maybe
11	Aryan Tiwari	FY	Data Science	5/5	Yes
12	Shaikh Shifa	FY	Data Science	4/5	N/A
13	Shourya Chaubey	SY	BSc Data Science	4/5	Yes
14	Rithika Pal	SY	BSc in Data Science	3/5	Maybe





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Student Feedback Analysis Report B.Sc. Data Science Department

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Participant Feedback: Session 1

14 students submitted feedback following the in-person session. Key metrics are summarised below: Metric	Value	Notes
Total Respondents	14	Post Session 1 feedback form

Overall Summary

The two-session event successfully introduced Open Source and GSoC 2026 to a new cohort of undergraduate students. Session 1 was received warmly, averaging 3.93/5 overall and 3.50/5 for clarity of explanation. Session 2 saw even stronger turnout with 24 participants engaging with timelines, organisation selection, and domain mapping. The initiative has since grown into an active mentorship group with weekly meets structured around the GSoC 2026 calendar, reflecting genuine commitment from the student community to see the programme through to application.

Signature:



Name of HoD/Convenor/In-charge: Asst. Prof. Kshitij L. Jha

Dept./Committee/Cell/Club: B.Sc. Data Science