

Press Release

Artech (Formerly Softek) ports Akshar Naveen to Linux

- Multilingual computing in English Hindi, Bangla, Gujarati & Punjabi
- Portable across various flavours of Linux
- Supports Open Document Format (ODF)

New Delhi (February 9, 2006): Artech India (Formerly Softek Pvt Ltd) unveiled the latest product of its Akshar series, **Akshar Naveen on Linux (ANL)**, here today. ANL supports all the features of Akshar Naveen on Windows and also comes equipped with an inbuilt database and open document format (ODF) support.

Key features of **Akshar Naveen on Linux** are:

- Independent office suite including Text Editor, Spreadsheet, Presentation, HTML Editor, Drawing and Database
- ODF compliance
- Unicode compliance
- Enhanced dictionary
- Email facility
- Different keyboard settings
- Indian language web publishing
- Database support
- Number converter
- Inbuilt PDF converter

According to Mr Yogendra Tripathi, Country Head and Senior VP, Artech India: “ANL is the extension of our commitment to make Indian language computing available across the board. It is a result of our constant endeavour to spread ‘Apni Bhasha, Apni Shaili’ computing convenience.”

In the true spirit of open source segment of the IT industry, ANL, which is at present available on Red Hat/Fedora, can be ported to different flavours of Linux. With the ability to create PDF directly from an Akshar document, ANL also support GUI in Hindi for specific users.

Launched in 1984, Artech’s Akshar series has seen many popular upgrades over the years. While Akshar Naveen on Windows was released to a great appreciation in July 2005; an earlier product in this series (still available in the market), ‘Akshar for Windows’ (AfW), works as an add-on to MS Office* - to enable Indian language computing.

While Akshar Naveen (Windows) eliminated the dependency on any external Office Suite, ANL takes it a step further. “It provides value add to the multilingual computing movement in India,” says Mr Tripathi. “We are bringing the Akshar advantage to Linux along with an inbuilt database.”

With these 3 multilingual marvels from the Akshar series, Artech India now covers a very wide spectrum of the multilingual computing market - AfW caters to the PCs running Windows 95 or above; Akshar Naveen (Windows) works on PCs running Windows 98 or above; and ANL makes it available on the Linux platform.

A futuristic manifestation of multilingual technology, ANL is ODF compliant. “All documents generated in Akshar Naveen can now be saved in ODF which will allow these documents to be opened and edited in any application that is ODF compliant,” says Mr Tripathi.

About Artech India

Artech Infosystems Pvt Ltd (Artech India), formerly known as Softek Pvt Ltd, is a 25-year-old, ISO 9001:2000 certified IT company with its core competencies in the areas of software products, turnkey project management, IT consulting and staff augmentation, infrastructure management, and business process outsourcing.

Artech India is the first Company in India to have developed world-class compilers for COBOL, Fortran 77, Pascal and Basic. Headquartered at Noida, the Company has projects going on in numerous cities across the country. Artech India’s parent organization, Artech Information Systems, LLC, is based in Morristown, New Jersey, USA.

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