



DEVELOPER PROFILE

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About

Anzer Ayoob is a journalist, digital storyteller, and independent software developer based in Jammu & Kashmir, India. With a background spanning investigative reporting, editorial content production, and media technology, Anzer has spent years working at the intersection of information and the people who need it most.

Working as a journalist exposed Anzer to the repetitive, time-consuming document workflows that professionals, students, and government service users in Jammu & Kashmir navigate on a daily basis — from scanning receipts and certificates to filling application forms, merging PDFs, and generating official letters. The absence of a reliable, offline, privacy-respecting tool that handled all of these tasks in one place became the core motivation behind ScanPatra.

Journalism Background

Anzer's journalism career gave him direct exposure to the challenges faced by individuals dealing with documentation in under-resourced environments. Conducting interviews, filing administrative requests, managing source documents, and coordinating with government offices all required switching between multiple websites, apps, and tools — none of which offered a cohesive experience suited to local needs. This daily friction, repeated across millions of users in the region, became a research brief and eventually a product brief.

Why ScanPatra Was Built



ScanPatra was built to solve a problem that Anzer lived daily. The name itself reflects its purpose: "Scan" for the document digitisation workflow and "Patra" — derived from Sanskrit, meaning letter or document — for the wider category of paperwork that governs daily life in India. The app was designed to be free, offline-capable, and respectful of user privacy, requiring no account creation and sending no user data to external servers.

Released on Google Play on 19 June 2026, ScanPatra brings together document scanning with OCR, PDF tools, a letter-writing assistant, and QR-code-based document import — all in a single Android application available at no cost.

"I built ScanPatra because I got tired of opening five different websites every time I needed to scan a document, convert a PDF, or write a formal letter. If it frustrated me as a journalist, it frustrated everyone else too."

— Anzer Ayoob, Developer, ScanPatra

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