



# Wikimedia India

Report for Chapters Conference 2012

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# Organisational updates

- Officially registered on Jan 3rd, 2011 as a Non-profit Society in India.
- Membership opened in July 2011
- Completed its first full financial year 2011-'12
- 197+ Members and 7 Executive Committee Members.

## **Introduction of Functional Teams / Task Forces.**

Project Task Forces

City and Language Special Interest Groups

Special Projects

Operations Task Forces

Administration

Fundraising

Communications, PR & Media Relations



# Events

- 30-July-2011 Kicked off events with a seminar on Copyrights and Open Licensing at Bangalore
- 12-Sep-2011 Kicked off outreach events with a Wiki Academy for Department of Public libraries, Government of Karnataka.
- 24-September-2011 First AGM and Chapter Elections conducted successfully. First elected EC ( Board) members.
- Series of Wikimeetups and Academies across the country.
- Wiki Eleven celebrations in at least 7 cities across India.



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# WikiConference 2011, Mumbai

( 18 - 20 Nov 2011)

- 700+ registered attendees.
- Largest Wiki Conference in the world till date [citation needed]
- Keynote Speaker : Jimmy Wales
- Co-hosted by Wikimedia Chapter & Mumbai Wikipedia Community with support of the volunteers from all over the country.
- Conducted Noteworthy Wikimedians Recognition honoring the contributions of Indian Wikipedians.





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# Digital Properties

- Revamped Wikimedia India Portals & blog

[www.wikimedia.in](http://www.wikimedia.in)

- Gateway Portals for Indic Wikimedia Projects – wikisource.in , wikibooks.in, wikinews.in . . . . , wikipedia.in ( In Progress)

The screenshot shows two browser windows. The left window displays the Wikimedia India homepage in English, featuring a central globe logo and a list of project statistics:

Project	Articles
English (The Free Encyclopedia)	3 817 000+
हिन्दी	100 000+
తెలుగు	49 000+
தமிழ்	42 000+
मराठी	34 000+
বাংলা	22 000+
ગુજરાતી	21 000+
മലയാളം	21 000+
اردو	17 000+

The right window displays the Wiktionary portal in English and Tamil. It features the Wiktionary logo and the following statistics:

Project	Articles
English (The free dictionary)	2 807 000+
தமிழ்	237 000+
தெலுగు	40 000+
नेपाली	4 000+
मराठी	1 000+
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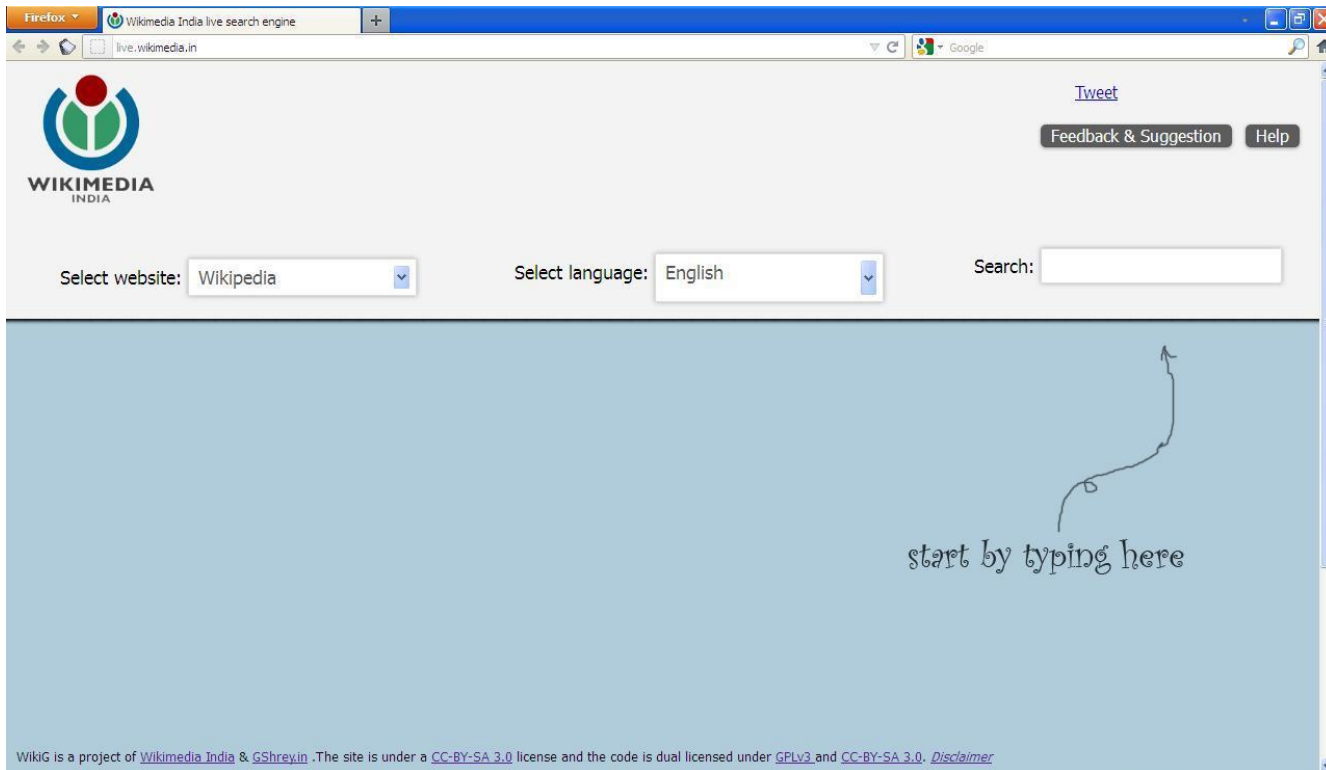
Both windows show a navigation bar with icons for Wikimedia, Wikipedia, Wikisource, Wikiquote, Wiktionary, Wikinews, Wikibooks, and Commons. The bottom of the screenshot shows a search bar with a language dropdown menu set to English.



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# Live search of Wikimedia Projects

- Introducing [www.live.wikimedia.in](http://www.live.wikimedia.in)





# Chapter Development

- Increase in the number of volunteer driven events.
- Membership growth.
- Organizational growth showing SIGs formed and events done



# Challenges

- Volunteer Time and Volunteer Retention.
- Administration works – Membership and Donations.
- WMF India Programs – Needed or Not ?
- Heated debates and discussions on mailing lists.



# Thank You !!!

