

Why users should participate in #100wikidays?

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A short introduction about me.

- I'm Sangram Keshari Senapati.
- My Wikipedia username is Ssgapu22.
- I came to know about Wikipedia from a college senior in 2013.
- In 2014, I created my username.
- On 20 August 2014, I created my 1st Wikipedia article in English.
- Before that, I had created one which was deleted within 10 minutes, because the article was on me :)
- On 15 December 2014, I created my 1st article on Odia Wikipedia.



What we would discuss?

1. What is #100Wikidays?
2. How did I come to know about this?
3. Why I took interest in this?
4. Problems I face.
5. Benefits I get.



What is #100Wikidays?

- As described on Metawiki, the “#100wikidays” is a personal challenge in which a person aims at the creation of (at least) one article per day for 100 days in a row. The general theme and rules follow the idea of the “#100happydays” challenge.
- It started on January 16, 2015.



How did I come to know about this?

- In February 2017, Subhashish Panigrahi, a fellow Wikimedian from Odisha added me to the 100wikidays Facebook group.
- Later I asked Sailesh Patnaik about this and he suggested me to start #100WikiWomenDays from 8 March 2017.
- After that it's going on.



Why I took interest on this?

- At first, it was a global group, where I saw lot of posts from different users from different countries.
- From 2014 December to 2017 March, I had created around 100 articles on Odia Wikipedia, but this was an opportunity to create 100 articles in next 100 days.
- In our generation, we can't finish on time, if we don't have a deadline.
- It was like a deadline for me.



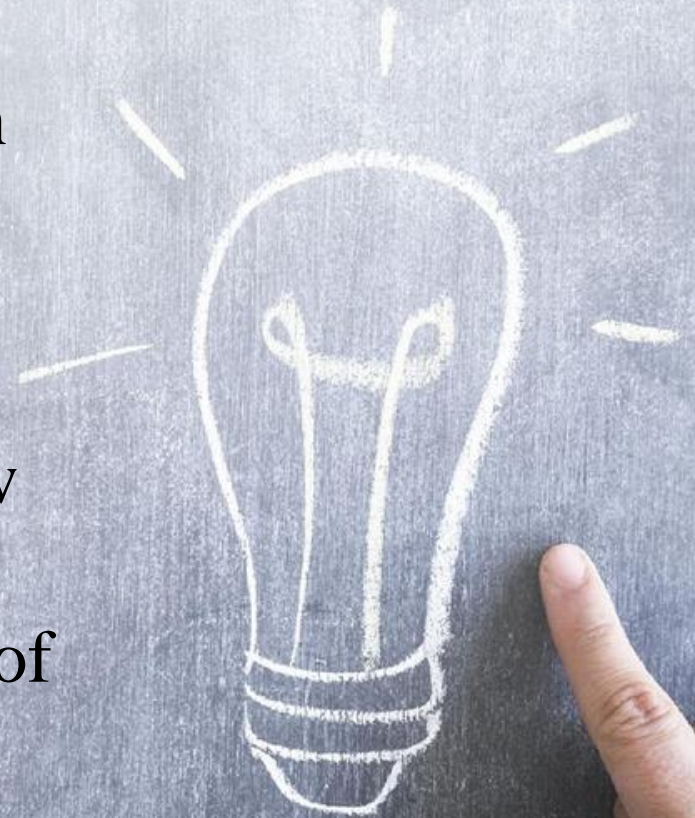
Problems I face.

- In April 2017, during the 1st phase, there was a communal violence in our area, so the internet was shut down in our district for 48 hours.
- I used to borrow a scooter from neighbor and went to the next district where internet was available.
- Those 2 articles weren't great, but the chain was not broken.



Benefits I get.

- On 15 June 2017, I had finished the 1st 100wikidays with 100 women articles on Odia Wikipedia.
- During these 100 days, I came to know more about those people. Their work, struggle, patience helped me also to grow more in personal life.
- For the 1st time, I enjoyed the happiness of completing something big.



Then?

Then I took a break.



What I lost?

- The break was for 28 days.
- In those 28 days, I lost this chain.
- I couldn't write at least one article in those 28 days.
- I was losing the practice of writing everyday.



Why I started again?

- With the 1st success and the 1st break, I saw the reality and understood the deadline and the commitment to be able to do something positive.
- So, on 13 July 2017 again I have started and it's continuing till today.



New Benefits...

- In 1st 365 days, I was writing articles about Odia Film Industry.
- Till that time, I didn't have much idea about Odia film industry, but through this I started watching lots of TV interviews on YouTube, searching for old newspapers, old books, magazines and other reference materials.
- Within 400 days, I had created many film articles which weren't there on Odia Wikipedia earlier.



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New Benefits...

- After the films, I started writing articles on elected MLAs to Odisha Assembly.
- For this, I started reading the history of Odisha which I never read in depth.
- Now everyday I'm checking news at least 10 minutes to update those articles which helped me to gain knowledge for my academic career also.
- Through this my writing has also changed, I learned lots of things from this.



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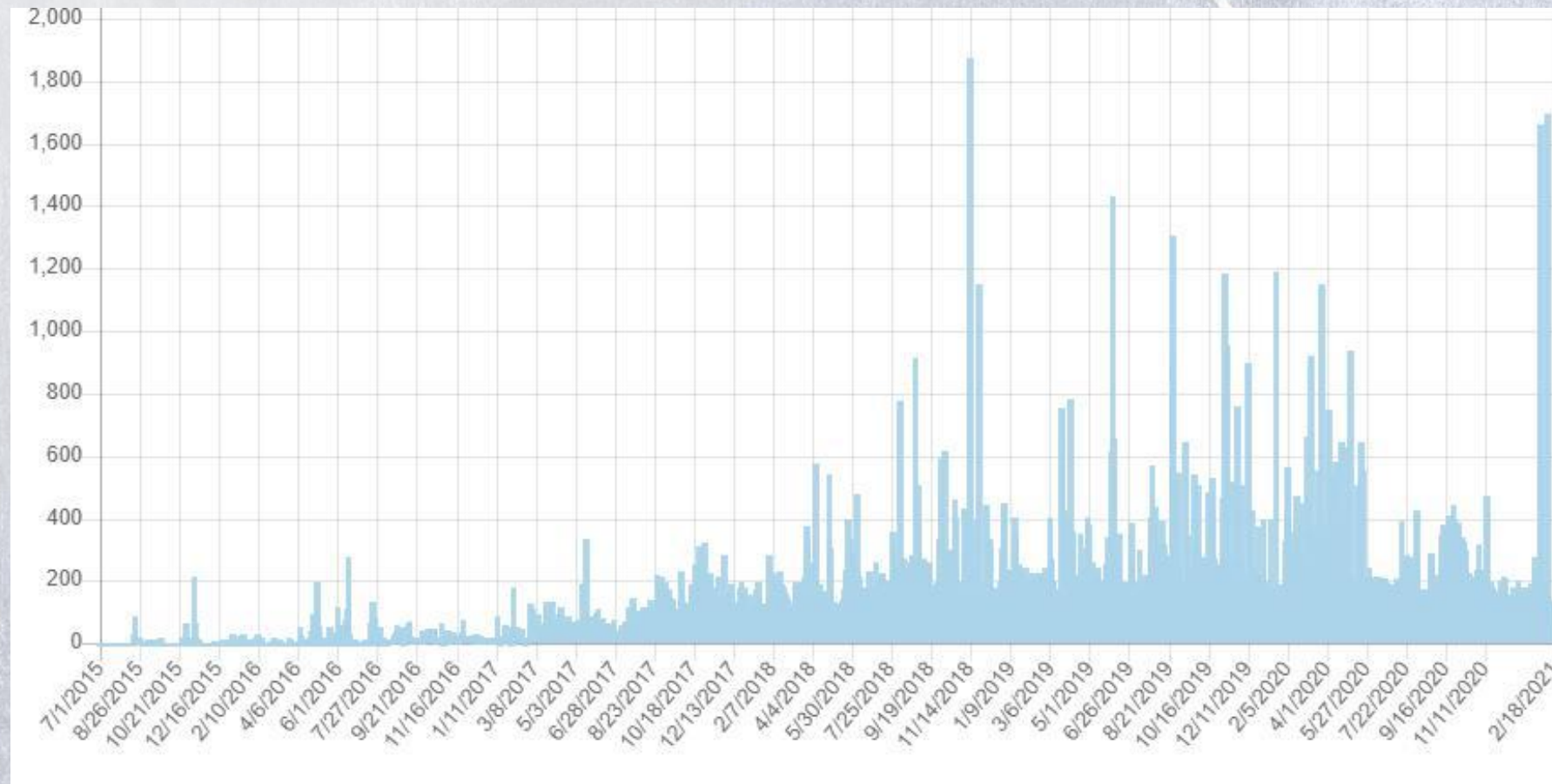
- Apart from Wikipedia, I'm also a regular contributor on Odia Wikisource.
- By contributing to Wikisource, I'm reading both new and old books for free of cost.
- I'm learning the diversity of writing in Odia.
- Now, I've successfully created more than 1500 articles and completed #100wikidays 14 times.



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New Benefits...

- The views growth from 2017 to 2021 for articles that I have created.



New Benefits...

- A local newspaper featured me in 2019.



How I'm doing it?

- I committed to myself for writing articles every day, as a result, this became a routine in my daily life.
- Initially, it was taking lots of time to write an article, but now I'm use to it and with a good speed of internet it takes around 30 minutes to create a decent article with good information.



Why to join #100wikidays?

- We are accustomed to work with deadlines and with commitments, without which we couldn't succeed in life and these 100wikidays is like that.
- By joining this you are entering into a commitment to yourself.
- And it would be great if you choose your area of interest while writing, you can easily gain knowledge while writing.



Result

- Apart from the personal growth, the community grows with you.
- Since our Indic language communities are not so big, these 100 articles could attract more readers.
- And if you write 100 articles from a same field, interested readers could get the proper knowledge about that field.





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Thank You 😊