# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 uses 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> success and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

- In 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



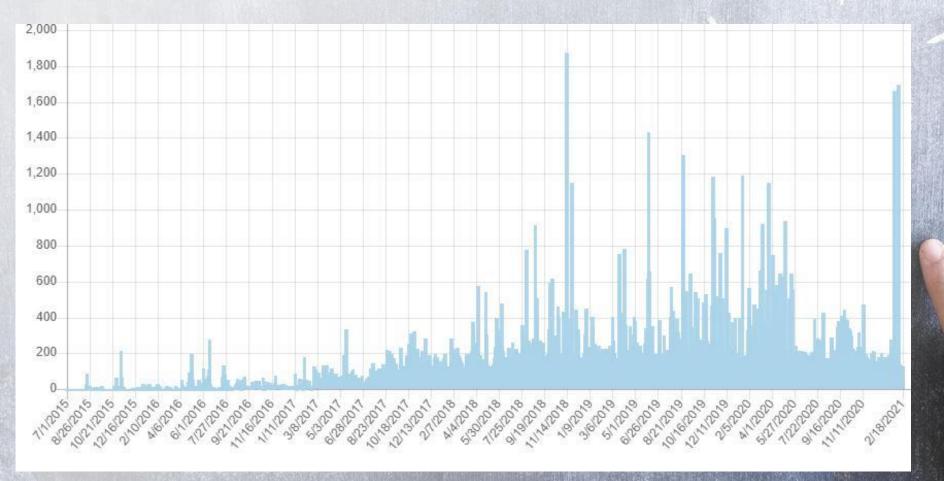
- After the films, I started writing articles on elected MLAs to Odisha Assembly.
- For this, I started reading the history of Odisha which I never read in depth.
- Now everyday I'm checking news at least 10 minutes to update those articles which helped me to gain knowledge for my academic career also.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



- 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.



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



• A local newspaper featured me in 2019.

#### Sangram sets world record

POST NEWS NETWORK

BHADRAK: Sangram Keshari Senapati from Bhadrak made a world record by writing articles every day for Odia Wikipedia for a period of two years. He is the third person in the world after Pranayraj Vangari for Telugu Wikipedia and Nitesh Gill for Punjabi Wikipedia to achieve this feat.

Sangram started editing for Odia Wikipedia from December, 2014. He started writing on Odia culture and film industry and then worked on various Wikimedia projects like Odia Wikisource, Wikimedia Commons and Wikidata among others.

On March 8, 2017, he started the #100wikidays challenge, an initiative that started in Bulgaria where, the writer has to write one article every day for 100 days. After successfully completing this challenge, Sangram started the WikiYear challenge from July 2017 and completed the first Wiki Year July 12, 2018.

Within a year, he wrote 365 arti-



cles (one per day) on Odia film industry. Had it not been for Sangram's efforts, we couldn't have found documented articles on all the Odia films on Odia Wikipedia.

This year, he completed second WikiYear July 12, 2019. He is continuing the Wiki challenge by writing articles on the newly elected MLAs of the state. Now, he has more than 23,500 edits on Odia Wikipedia. He has also penned over 1,015 articles on the

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online encyclopedia.

Apart from this, he has completed his first WikiYear on Odia Wikisource and continuing the second WikiYear. In a global photography competition in 2019 named "Wiki Loves Love" on Wikimedia Commons, he stood third in India and sixth worldwide by uploading photos on Odia culture and functions.

Sangram also happens to be the founder of an Odia e-magazine named Shubhapallaba, the first e-magazine from Odisha to introduce an audio version and release it on YouTube for public. Being the editor of the same magazine, he has expanded the magazine to other languages like English, Bangla, and Sanskrit.



## 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.

