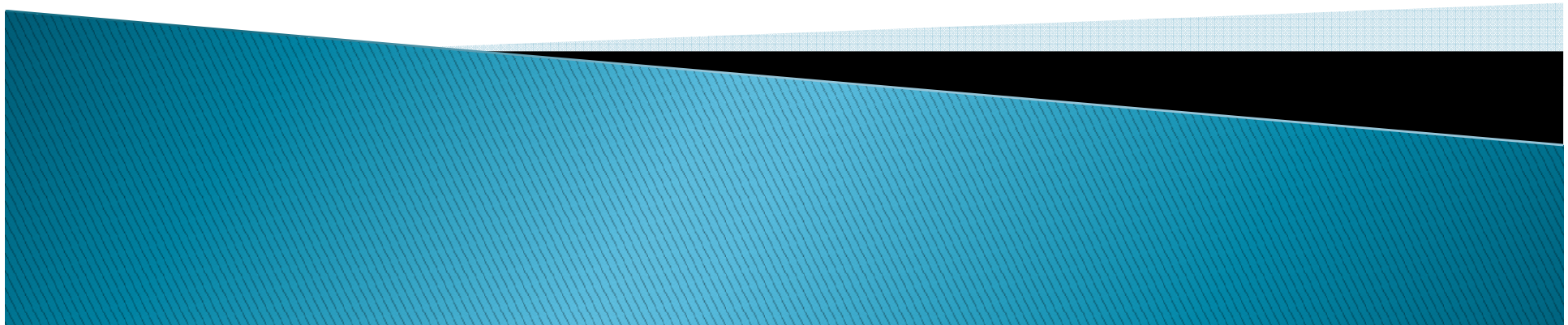


Hindi Wikipedia: Reach, Problems & Suggestions

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Hindi Wikipedia @ a glance

<http://stats.wikimedia.org/EN/SummaryHI.htm>

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Hindi Wikipedia at a glance *August 2014*

	Data	Yearly change	Monthly change
Page Views per Month	17,618,589	--	--
Article Count	103,318	+5%	+0%
New Articles per Day	16	--	--
Edits per Month	17,361	+151%	+91%
Active Editors	74	+45%	+30%
Very Active Editors	16	+23%	+33%
New Editors	20	+43%	-5%
Speakers	550,000,000	--	--
Editors per Million Speakers	0.1	--	--

max total articles
Aug 2014: 103,000

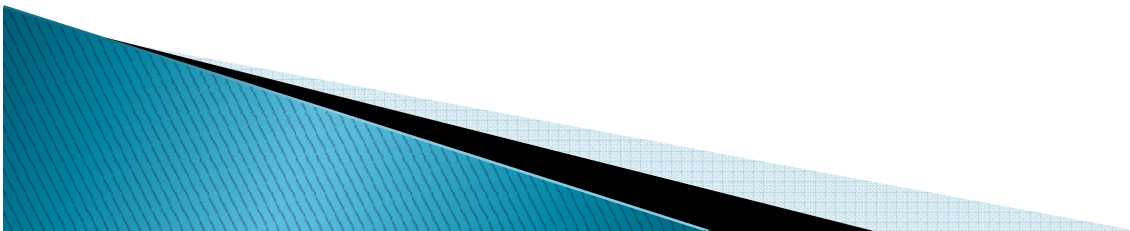
Total articles on Hindi Wikipedia (x 1000)

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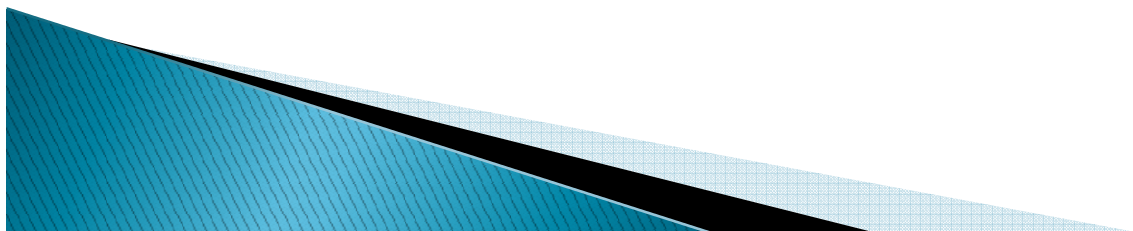
Nature of Contributors

- ▶ Native and non-native speakers
- ▶ Many from the Hindi belt / North India
- ▶ Many dual contributors – Hindi + other Indian language
- ▶ Users keep changing – fewer dedicated editors



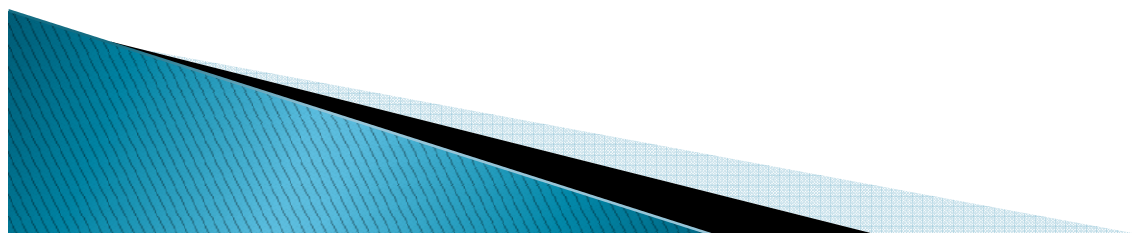
Problems – Technical

- ▶ Frequent problem with gadgets as seen in the Village pump discussion regarding Twinkle and Hotcat (Cf: <http://bitly.com/twinkleprob>)
- ▶ Non-inclusion of Hindi on Wikidata Terminator (Cf: <http://bitly.com/wtnohindi>)
- ▶ Non-inclusion of Hindi in some of the enquiry tools such as most viewed articles lists (<http://bitly.com/wikitrends2013>)



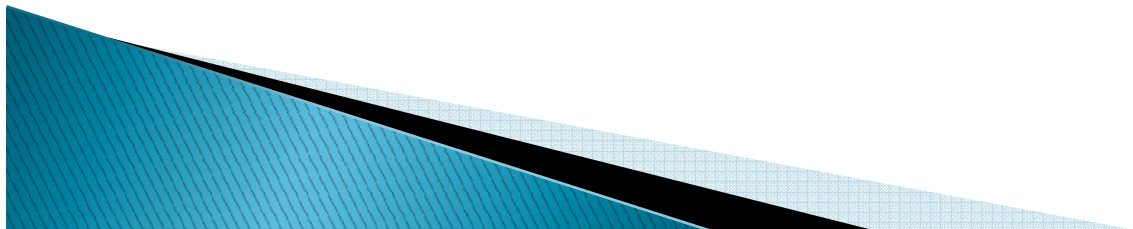
Hindi Wiki Sammelan (Conference)

- ▶ Based on a opinion-gathering exercise, I asked for opinions on holding Hindi Wiki Sammelan on Hindi Wikipedia Village Pump (<http://bitly.com/archive34>) .
- ▶ There was perfect unanimity on the need for the event.
- ▶ Suggested locations:
 - Delhi (4 Users)
 - Any metro city in India (1 User)
 - Greater Noida (1 User)
 - Bhopal (1 User)
 - Bhilai (1 User)
 - Mauritius (1 User)



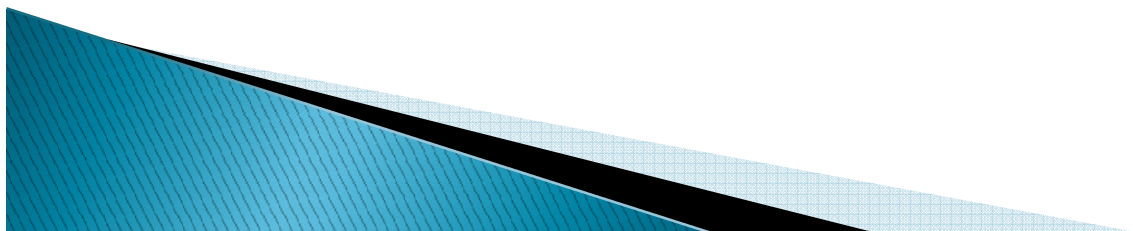
Need for tie-up / Collaboration

- ▶ Wikipedia Education Programs / Outreach:
Possible institutions to be approached:
 - Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal
 - Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Maharashtra.
 - Central Institute of Hindi, Agra



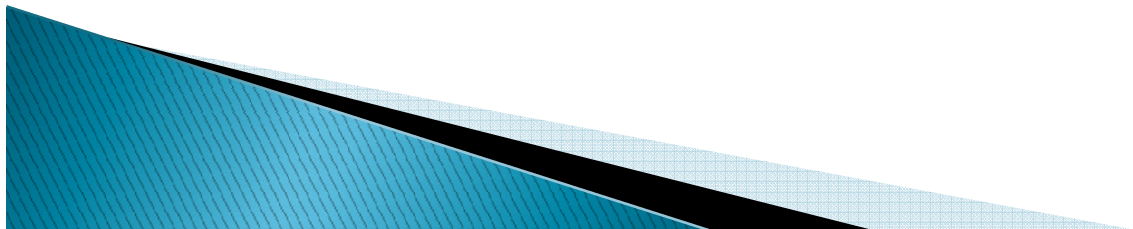
Availing readily available opportunities

- ▶ “Bihar on Wikipedia” (<http://bitly.com/biharonwp>) announced by former Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar – can definitely boost the number of active users if properly channelled.



Ensuring more connectedness

- ▶ Need for a Hindi Plan
- ▶ Hindi Wikipedia mailing list should be more active.
- ▶ More outreach programmes needed for North India.
- ▶ Collaboration with Hindi literary organizations.
- ▶ Collaboration with NGOs.



Thank you

