Hindi Wikipedia: Reach, Problems & Suggestions

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# Hindi Wikipedia @ a glance

http://stats.wikimedia.org/EN/SummaryHL.htm

## Hindi Wikipedia at a glance August 2014

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![Graph of Total articles on Hindi Wikipedia (x 1000) from Jan 2002 to Aug 2014](image)
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 an 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)
  - Bilai (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](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