



Vigyan Ashram



## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU" or "Memorandum") is entered into on this day 27 December 2019

By and Between:

**Centre for Internet and Society, Bengaluru (CIS)**  
194, 2nd C Cross, Domlur II Stage,  
Domlur, Bengaluru 560071,  
Karnataka, India

AND

**Vigyan Ashram**  
(a Center of Indian Institute of Education)  
At Post Pabal, Dist. Pune 412403,  
Maharashtra, India

Whereas:

**The Centre for Internet & Society or CIS**, hereafter the **FIRST PARTY**, is a non-profit organisation having its head office branch in Bengaluru, Karnataka and branch office in New Delhi, that undertakes interdisciplinary research on internet and digital technologies from policy and academic perspectives. The areas of focus include digital accessibility for persons with disabilities, access to knowledge, intellectual property rights, openness

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(including open data, free and open source software, open standards, open access, open educational resources, and open video), internet governance, telecommunications reform, digital privacy, and cyber-security. The research at CIS seeks to understand the reconfiguration of social processes and structures through the internet and digital media technologies, and vice versa. Through its diverse initiatives, CIS explores, intervenes in, and advances contemporary discourse and regulatory practices around internet, technology, and society in India, and elsewhere.

The Wikimedia Foundation has awarded CIS a grant to act as an anchor and catalyze the growth of Indian language Wikimedia communities and projects by community collaborations and partnerships. This is being carried out by the CIS' **Access to Knowledge (A2K)** Programme based in Bengaluru.

The **Vigyan Ashram (VA)**, hereafter the **SECOND PARTY**, is a center of Indian Institute of Education. It is located in village Pabal. It is registered under the Society Registration Act (hereinafter referred to as "VA" ). VA was established by Dr. S. S. Kalbag in 1983. Vigyan Ashram aims to achieve 'Development through the education system'. Its mission is to integrate development activities in the community with education. VA is engaged in training rural youth on various rural technologies and helping them to establish technology based enterprises. VA is generating content on rural technologies and promoting it through its website. VA thinks that Wikimedia platforms will be appropriate for dissemination of the content generated through their work. Therefore they have been training students on creating content in Wikimedia projects with the support of CIS-A2K since 2017.

The **FIRST PARTY** and the **SECOND PARTY** share a mutual interest in

1. Strengthening Indian languages, especially Marathi, on the world wide web for open education and creation of free knowledge
2. Involving rural students, especially girls, in Wikimedia projects and supporting them in increasing and improving science & technology-related content, and Wikisource-related digitisation process.
3. Empowering rural youth in establishment of enterprises related to open source and free knowledge related opportunities in the future.

The **FIRST PARTY** and the **SECOND PARTY** will co-design, develop and implement a relevant work-plan to achieve the objectives. Where required, and if mutually agreeable, they may engage in joint fundraising exercises. The parties will endeavour to bring teaching-learning processes onto free and open digital platforms, including Indian language Wikipedia, Wikisource, Wikidata and Wikimedia Commons. The parties hereby agree to license all material developed and produced under this partnership under CC-BY-SA 4.0 or other free licenses, as required, such as CC-0 (for Wikidata etc).

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It is hereby agreed by and between the parties that -

**The FIRST PARTY (CIS) will work on the following:**

1. CIS-A2K will provide the financial support to conduct events based on the request and needs of the SECOND PARTY.
2. CIS-A2K will provide the support to the trainers for specific events.
3. CIS-A2K will provide suitable equipment like scanner and merchandise items like handbooks, stickers, t-shirts, pens etc.
4. CIS-A2K will help Vigyan Ashram to do the reporting and documentation of the events.
5. CIS-A2K will try involving Vigyan Ashram representatives in major Wikimedia related events/workshops in India which would be mutually beneficial.

**The SECOND PARTY (Vigyan Ashram) will work on the following:**

- 1) Organise workshops for training of girl students in colleges around Pabal village.
- 2) Forming team of girls and women to carry out digitisation of rare books, archives of organisations etc.
- 3) Develop an innovative programme for involving educated rural women in locally relevant knowledge creation.
- 4) Develop Open Education Resources (OERs) on new appropriate technologies.
- 5) Engaging dedicated staff/contractor/consultant for coordination of Wikimedia activities and digitisation work to achieve targeted milestones.
- 6) Organising events for developing thematic content on Wikipedia.
- 7) Preparing reports and documentation related to the activities

**Deliverables :**

The actual deliverables will be decided by both parties and will be documented in the work-plan. The deliverables below are indicative.

- 1) Scanning with processing of pages per month : 5,000
- 2) Training workshop : One per quarter
- 3) Wiki events other than workshops : One per quarter
- 4) Development of new OER content : Five per quarter

**Validity & Renewal of the MOU:**

This MOU will be valid for 2 years (two years) from the date of signing. It may be renewed on mutual consent of both parties; such renewal to be agreed expressly in writing before the end of the second year.

**Termination of MOU:**

The agreement may be terminated by either party by giving advance notice of one month in writing.



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## **Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution:**

All disputes arising in connection with this Agreement, or any agreements resulting therefrom (unless the relevant agreement provides otherwise), shall be finally settled in accordance with the laws of India. The place of Arbitration will be Bengaluru, Karnataka and the language of proceedings will be in English.

In witness whereof, the parties to this agreement/MOU have affixed their signatures in the presence of witnesses hereunder:

Date: 27 December 2019

Place: Pune

### **AGREED AND ACCEPTED**

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For The Centre for Internet and Society

*Tito Dutta*  
27/12/2019  
Represented by Tito Dutta  
Program Manager, CIS-A2K

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For Vigyan Ashram

*Yogesh Kulkarni*  
27/12/2019  
Represented by Dr. Yogesh Kulkarni  
Director, Vigyan Ashram

Witness:

*Subodh Kulkarni*  
27/12/19  
Subodh Kulkarni  
Programme Officer, CIS-A2K

Witness:

*Pooja Jadhav*  
27-12-2019  
Pooja Jadhav  
Coordinator, Vigyan Ashram

