

President's Message

The year 2014-2015 for Wikimedia India has been a period of immense growth for the organisation. This growth wouldn't have been possible without the solid foundation set up by the founding members & past office bearers. We would also like to thank the current office bearers, staff, volunteers & other well-wishers for continuing to support the chapter so that it could continue to support the Wikimedia movement in India. The new Executive Committee which got elected in 2014 consists of many young members who bring with them new enthusiasm to the board.

This year also was a huge year of learning with a lot of progress & successes coupled with challenges which I shall be briefing below:

Finance

With the successful FDC grants application approved by Wikimedia Foundation for 3,325,000 INR was approved in December 2013, we received its first instalment of 1,794,382.00 INR was received by the end of July 2014.

Staff

As included in our FDC grant proposal, we had intended to hire a Program Director. For this, the Executive committee formed an Interview committee consisting of Sudhanwa Jogalekar (Past president) , Navin Francis (Past Secretary), Moksh Juneja (President) and Jayanta Nath(Executive Committee member). After 3 rounds of interviews, Mr Ravishankar Ayyakannu was finalized

Ravishankar joined Wikimedia India on 20th September 2014 as Program Director. He will be based in Bangalore. His primary roles are supporting community members in organizing and executing the various chapter programs, strategic planning for the chapter, mentoring interns and devise success measurement metrics for community projects.

Community Building

The Wikimedia chapter always believes that it can facilitate closeness of the Wikipedian network and recognize significant contributors by bringing community members together to share best practices. This aim by Wikimedia India was achieved by organizing conferences at national and regional level. By finding like minded people with whom community members can build collaborative projects, Wikimedia India have been involved in the organizing & support of many events, workshops this year. We will go into a more detailed discussion later into the report.

These events include anniversary celebrations, planning of meetups, workshops & events catering to most of the Wikimedia communities in India. By doing all this, the Wikimedia chapter has gained a good rapport & support from the communities at large as well as the individual members from them.

Capacity Building

The Wikimedia Chapter in the current year has an aim to improve & increase participation in Wikimedia projects and improve its quality of content. To facilitate this, we have conducted many edit-a-thon & photography contests in various Indian communities like Punjabi & Bengali community. These shall be discussed in depth later in the report

Working with CIS-A2K

Continuing with the past momentum of the relationship, the chapter appreciates the close level of cooperation and collaboration shared by CISA2K. WMIN will be initiating quarterly calls with The Centre for Internet and Society for sharing ideas for future collaboration. Wikimedia India also participated and contributed to Train the Trainer Program (2015) conducted by The Centre for Internet and Society in February 2015

Challenges

Wikimedia India was faced with many challenges in the year. Not initiating proposed programmatic activities due to frequent change of leadership / composition of chapter's executive committee and other issues was a major setback. This also resulted in disconnect with some parts of the community for a while. However, India Community Consultation 2014 and the emergence of new and stable executive committee after WMIN elections in November 2014 has restored faith in the chapter. The faith has been reciprocated by the

chapter getting more active with programmatic activities and community support.

Volunteer burnout and retention of members within the Wikimedia communities continue to be a big issue like previous years. We have made several attempts to improve inclusion in the chapter and combat burnout. More such attempts would be required in the coming years in order to stabilise our volunteer base.

Continuation of Key role

In the year 2014-2015, Wikimedia India continues to play an important role in promoting the movement across India panning across languages, culture & regions.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee and the extended leadership, I would like to thank everyone who has been a supporter & a well-wisher for the chapter.

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Membership

Membership at end of March 2015 was at 144.

The breakup of membership by gender, state, city, and language is given below:

By State:

Andhra Pradesh 11

Bihar 1

Delhi 12

Gujarat 4

Karnataka 18

Kerala 37

Maharashtra - 33

Odisha 10

Tamil Nadu 7

Uttar Pradesh 2

West Bengal 9

By City:

Ahmedabad 11

Bangalore 18

Coimbatore 7

Hyderabad 11

Mumbai 11

New Delhi 1

Patna 1

Pune 22

Raigad 1

Thane 5

Kochin 12

By category and gender:

Individual Male 109

Individual Female 35

Donations

Donations to Wikimedia India In the year 2014-15, Wikimedia India received many anonymous donations which were very small in nature. The total donations received during the financial year 201415 were Rs 8600. Out of these, the Minimum donation received was of Rs 100, & we received an average donation Rs 1854 per donor. Wikimedia India would like to thank all its donors for continuing to support us. For the next year, Wikimedia India plans a donation drive to increase these donations & consistently reach out to more donors to contribute to our movement

New Executive Committee Takes charge

After the Elections in November 2014,a 3 day induction program was planned from 13th to 15th December 2014. The program was designed with the help of founding member Arun Ram,previous EC member Karthik Nadar & WMIN Program director Ravishankar Ayyakannu . Current EC member Jayanta nath also helped in organizing the workshop by attending it & having lots of sessions in it explaining the roles and responsibilities of the Executive committee . The program also consisted of many team building excercises & learning from past EC members.

link:http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Announcements/Executive_Committee_for_2014-15_takes_charge

Community Consultation



India Community Consultation 2014 was a strategic community consultation about the future of Wikimedia work in India, which was held in [Bangalore](#) on October 4th and 5th 2014.

WMF organized the consultation which was assisted by WMIN. This consultation was attended by 15 Indic language communities & other affiliates of India

WMIN proactively organized a meeting between existing EC, founding members and visiting WMF staff.

Based on this a Condensed proposed roadmap for Wikimedia work in India was created. The roadmap identified 3 main areas

- Programs/Projects/Activities-what we are DOING out there, mostly off-wiki
- Community-organizing and Community health-how we are BEING in our communities, mostly on-wiki
- Norms and expectations in the movement- how we are RELATING to other movement actors

Within these 3 areas, the roadmap plan has been divided into 3 sections

Start	Stop	Continue
Things we can/should start doing	Practices or ways of being we find unhelpful and should stop engaging in	Practices we agree are valuable and should continue or be strengthened

You can find the detailed roadmap here-

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_India/Condensed_proposed_roadmap_for_Wikimedia_work_in_India

Building relationships with movement entities

- Building ties with fellow chapters from neighbouring countries like Wikimedia Pakistan and Wikimedia Bangladesh
- Live Interview with WMF Trustee <https://storify.com/busydot/ravidreams>
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Community Building

- Featured Wikimedian column in chapter wiki has been started again.
- We are encouraging the community to converse more on wiki at the Community Hall (http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Community_Hall) so that the chapter becomes a hub for pan Indian cross community activities. This will also help to build transparency, inclusiveness and institutional memory.
- Interacting with community members from various languages. The rapport will be felt in coming days. New communities like Punjabi seeking grants from WMIN is an evidence for new found trust
http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Grants/Punjabi_Wikipedia_Project
- Agreement with IISc Mile labs - CIS and WMIN will sign an agreement with for using their OCR tool for the development of Kannada and Tamil WikiSource.
<http://mile.ee.iisc.ernet.in/mile/index.html>

Partnership building

- Started talks with International Forum for Information Technology in Tamil, India chapter (<http://home.infitt.org/>) and Free Software Foundation, Tamil Nadu (<http://fsftn.org/>) for probable partnership opportunities to exchange capabilities and expertise. This is a pilot step for identifying partnership models. Once successful, the same kind of organizations across India can be engaged by the local communities and the chapter can provide formal approval.
- WMIN spoke with Ada initiative Bangalore camp (<http://bangalore.adacamp.org/>) to assure a seat for WMIN's female representative. A representative was selected in a transparent manner.

Public Relations

- Organized October 3rd Bangalore community meetup at Moevenpick.
- First ever pan Indian community photo shoot and video documentary initiative arranged.

A sample video where Arjuna speaks can be seen at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3w6uno6spjgczu/Arjun%20lala%20english.mp4?dl=0> (This is a rough cut. Just for your personal viewing. HD and edited version will be available later for circulation).

- WMIN's official IRC channel #wikimediain revived. Weekly community IRC meets will be conducted from November.
- Social media outreach revived through our FB and Twitter channels at <https://www.facebook.com/WikimediaIndia> and <https://twitter.com/wikimediaindia> .
- WMIN chapter represented as WMF Affiliates in community consultation.

Events & Activities

Participation in Open Source India Conference

T Shrinivasan gave a presentation on Wikipedia at Open Source India Conference 2014. Wikimedia India participated in the session to provide further inputs for the presentation. The Presentation was attended by curious participants who were very enthusiastic.

Participation in CII organized conference on Quality of Education

CII had organized a conference in Quality of Education in October 2014. Program director for Wikimedia India, Ravishankar A presented case for Wikipedia in Education at a conference organized by Confederation of Indian Industry. This was well received

Edithathon for women – 7th March @CIS office

8th March was [International Women's Day](#) and to celebrate, women in India are organizing edit-a-thons and meetups to create and expand articles of importance to women in Wikipedia in English and various Indian languages. The goal of the month-long event is to encourage more women and transwomen to contribute to Wikipedia and increase the quality of articles related to women in Wikipedia. The event aims at creating new articles, expanding the existing stubs and translating English articles to various [Indic languages](#). Everyone is welcome to [join the event](#) as enthusiasts, editors, translators, bloggers or event managers. Anyone who identify themselves as women are particularly encouraged to participate.

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_History_Month,_India-2015

Nashik Wikipedia meetup

Nashik Wikimedia Meetup held in January 2015 was organized in Symbiosis institute of Operations management, Nashik. This was organized by Abhishek Suryawanshi in an attempt to start a community in Nashik.

The meetup was focussed on multiple topics like user registration, Wikipedia all projects explorer, Wikipedia sister projects, editing of articles.

50 participants were actively involved in the event. Event was scheduled for 3 hours .By the end of the meetup, participants were able to create stub articles on Nashik & its culture.

Swatantra 2014 : 5th International conference on Open source

Swatantra 2014 was the fifth international free software conference event, held in Hotel Hycinth, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. Conference started on 18th and ended on 20th of December 2014. Conference was sponsored by the (IC-FOSS). various Wikipedia and opensource developers were participated. The conference was sponsored by the FSF-India, Center for Internet and Society, Bangalore,SFLC.IN Delhi, Swathanthra Malayalam Computing, FOSSEE IIT-Bombay, SPACE, DCBB- Kerala University, Spoken Tutorials- IIT-B, IEEE Kerala Section.

Infrastructure Scholarship

Wikimedia India runs Equipment Lending and Community Support program for established Wikimedians to retain and enable them to be more active. This is mainly intended at removing limitations in contributing for user groups like students, unemployed and others facing financial constraints. Reference books, laptops, internet connection, camera and lens were provided as part of equipment lending programme to emerging and prominent wiki editors. Some of scholarships which we gave in 2014-15 include

- Reference books for Punjabi community
- Scanner to Tito dutta

Microgrants

The Wikimedia India Chapter provides micro grants for innovative projects from chapter members and the Wikimedia community and others aligned to its mission. All grantees are accountable for project expenses by line item, and are required to report on all projects.

Following are the approved funded microgrants -

- 1.Wiki Academy at IIT Kharagpur 2015
2. Bengali Wikipedia10th anniversary
3. Punjabi Wikipedia Project
4. Distribution of Wiki Handbooks
5. Malayalam_Wikipedia-Exhibition

6.Malayalam Wikipedia Workshop

7.Cochrane Symposium Hyderabad 2014

Bengali Wikipedia 10th Anniversary celebrations

Bengali Wikipedia 10th Anniversary Conference is a gathering of the Bengali Wikimedia Community. Anyone interested in Wikimedia is welcome to participate in Bengali Wikipedia 10th Anniversary Conference, which was held from 9-10 January 2015 in Kolkata. This conference is one of the first regional Wikimedia conference of its kind in the India. The program of this conference will be devoted to topics concerning the Wikimedia movement in the India, as well as related topics of free culture and digital rights. The conference featured a diverse array of offerings such as keynotes, presentations, panels, and workshop sessions; provide a lounge space and break areas for conference attendees to gather and mingle. The Anniversary Conference was attended by participants, regardless of previous level of involvement with Wikipedia or the Wikimedia projects. Participants were curious & enthusiastic getting engaged meaningful conversation about the Wikimedia movement in the India, free culture and digital rights, advocacy and outreach, community building, and technology.

Hindi Wiki Sammelan

Hindi Wiki Sammelan Meetup was organized in Delhi on February 14-15, 2015. The event was attended by 15 people, including three administrators of the Hindi Wikipedia: Ashish Bhatnagar, Aniruddha Kumar and Sanjeev Kumar. Also present were two reviewers: Piyush Maurya and Muzzamil.

A blog has been written on this - <https://blog.wikimedia.org/2015/03/03/hindi-wiki-sammelan/>

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