Wikimedia India Overview

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Wikimedia India at a glance

- Date of Founding: 3 January 2011
- Members: 7
- Volunteers: Hundreds of volunteers across India
- Media coverage: Extensive coverage in the print and visual media since September 2010.
- For more information, please visit: http://wikimedia.in

Community Activities with Support of EC members (Apr2010-Mar2011)

- 31 Wikipedia community meetups in 9 cities.
 - Ahmedabad, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata & Mumbai has their first meetups
- Good participation from Indian wikipedians at Wikimania (Gdansk) and the chapters meeting at Berlin.
- First ever India community news letter
- An offline CD (Malayalam)
- Launch of the Wikimedia.in website
- Visits from the foundation -
 - Jimmy Wales, Erik Möller, Danese Cooper, Alolita Sharma, Barry Newstead, LiamWyatt



Community Activities with Support of EC members April2010-Mar2011 (Cont'd)

Wiki Ten celebrations

Over sixty locations in India

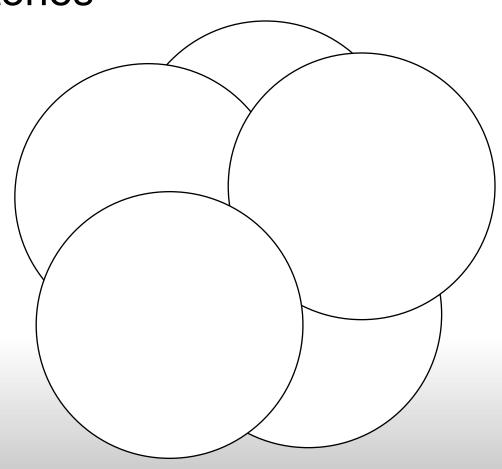
Other Events

- o AGIS'2010
- o GNUnify 2011, Pune
- o Carte Blanche
- World Samskrit Book fair and National Conference
- Bangalore Photo Walk



Plans for 2011-12: Outreach focus areas

- Cities/State/Union Territories
- Languages
- IT Industry
- Education/Academia
- Government
- Like minded NGOs



Plans for 2011-12-Proposed Projects (Preliminary)

- Knowledge kiosks in Public Libraries
- Wiki Academies
- Projects to improve indic language tools
- Research of Wikimedia indic language movement in universities
- Article writing contest
- Indic Wiki Resource Centre
- Indic Wikipedia/Wiktionary CD/DVD
- Indic wikipedia in print
- Indic wikipedia tutorials
- Improve participation from women in Wiki communities
- Wikimania for Indian Wikipedians

Challenges

- Foundation Grant for Chapter activities could take 4-6 months.
- Governance structure and processes for engaging with stakeholders to be defined and improved.
- Collaboration with many stakeholders with direct activities in India