

Sukhwinder

REGIONAL LANGUAGE CONTENT SEEKER

Age 21, Male

Student, Bachelor of Art

Patiala, Punjab

Single

Language

Reads - Punjabi, Hindi, English

Speaks - Punjabi

TECHNOLOGY COMFORT LEVEL

Not at all	Comfortable	Very	Extremely
Always needs assistance	Sending emails, browsing internet, using software	Downloading & setting up own software	Advanced programming, building own software

WIKIPEDIA USAGE



DEVICES USED

 Android Smartphone
Redmi

GOALS

To get information in Punjabi without having to grapple with English - a language he finds difficult

- Access to information related to various topics in Punjabi language
- Stay updated about current affairs and politics
- Complete Bachelor's degree with good grades

CHALLENGES

- Lack of online content in Punjabi language
- Difficulty in understanding content written in English



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ABOUT SUKHWINDER

Sukhwinder's Android phone is a gift from his father. He takes pictures to send back to his family. His hometown of Mansa in the state of Punjab is situated far away from the Punjabi University of Patiala where he is currently studying.

Punjabi University offers higher education in Punjabi, which is the regional language. Sukhwinder is among many bright young people who are held back by their limited English language skills; and the university is his ticket to a better life. He was very excited when his teachers told him that Wikipedia exists in Punjabi. He was even more pleased when he saw his own village mentioned there. His friends told him about the Google Indic keyboard for typing in Punjabi and he has been using it ever since.

“ During my bachelors, we had to take a test, or appear for an entrance exam and were unable to find anything, then I used Punjabi Wikipedia.

Sukhwinder likes to discuss interests and assignments with his friends. His active interest and major subject is Political Science. He uses the college library extensively while studying. Sometimes, he uses Punjabi Wikipedia - however, articles of certain iconic scholars such as Karl Marx, Aristotle etc. are not available. Therefore, he needs to rely on English Wikipedia which he finds difficult to read. He often ends up using Wiktionary to understand English words, but his usage is limited.

The university had a Wikipedia project to which he and his friends contributed by editing Punjabi articles. His friends continued to contribute after the assignment ended, but he gave up editing since it did not interest him much.

For someone like Sukhwinder, a richer, more comprehensive Punjabi Wikipedia would help him in his college education.



Sukhwinder spends a lot of his time in the library.



The college canteen is where Sukhwinder catches up with his friends.

