Wikimedia Chapter (India)

7th Annual Report 2017-18

President's Message

The year 2017-18 for Wikimedia India has been a period of limited growth for the organisation. This limited growth for the organisation due to various financial reasons faced by the Chapter. It includes our expiration of the FCRA Prior Permission License.

However, in spite of all this, Wikimedia India has engaged with the community and also helped them out, assisted them in various ways possible.

The Indian community continues to grow meeting this very necessary requisite.

Finance

Due to the expiry of our FCRA Prior Permission license, we do not have permission by Ministry of Home affair to receive any foreign funds, which we usually get from Wikimedia Foundation (WMF).

Due to this, we currently have not received any funds or any grant to conduct any programmatic activities. Most of the activities done by the chapter are in collaboration with different community members who have individually applied for grants or there have been micro-activities which involve negligible cash.

Community Building

The Wikimedia Chapter in India is committed to the understanding will of the people is the will of the community. Wikimedia India chapter constantly endeavours in releasing the community potential and facilitating further for its development to its highest order. Wikimedia India chapter in this order hosted several movement salon discussions under Movement Strategy Discussion 2030 across India. The chapter has made attempts to do it best such that the essential voice from the global south are heard.

The Wikimedia India Chapter also hosted several Wiki projects workshops such as Wikidata Workshop in Kerala to facilitating community in their annual conferences such as Hindi Wiki Conference 2018, New Delhi. The Chapter also conducted several workshops to bring knowledge and open data enthusiasts in the Wikimedia ecosystems. Such workshops have ranged all across India stretching from Southern India to Central India as well.

Capacity Building

The Wikimedia Chapter was able to successfully achieve many of its targets of the previous year which included facilitating the national level Hindi Conference 2018. Apart from this, we were also successfully able to organise various edit-a-thons, workshops and online events like Wiki Loves Monuments & Wiki Loves Uniform Services.

Many other workshops & events were organised which shall be discussed in depth later in the report. Wikimedia Chapter was also part of global events like Asian Month held every November.

Working with CIS-A2K

Continuing with last year, Wikimedia India has deepened the relationship with CIS-A2K & were working very closely with them, for instance, during the development of Hindi promotional video & also with the Train the Trainer Program (201) which has become a yearly affair with the Centre for Internet and Society. Wikimedia India has also been regularly having its quarterly updates with CIS-A2K which is strengthening the organisational tires. This year Wikimedia India in collaboration with CIS-A2K hosted Open Access India event in New Delhi, February 2018.

Challenges

2017 – 18 was a very challenging year for Wikimedia Chapter. Also, due to this, there was a general decline in the activity's momentum of the chapter.

Another key challenge, which we have highlighted earlier and also in the previous report was the expiry of the prior permission FCRA license which has financially affected our activities. The chapter is currently sustaining on donations by the supportive Wikimedia community & various other well-wishers. We plan to reapply of our new FCRA license very soon and kick start our activities to continue to support & build the Wikimedia community in India.

Continuation of Key role

In the year 2016-2017, in spite of all its challenges, Wikimedia India played a very major role in continuing to play a key role in the shaping & capacity building of the Wikimedia community.

Wikimedia Chapter program of equipment lending made way for valuable recognition as one of the laptop recipients Pranayraj Vangari wrote at least 1 article on each day of the year, creating a global history. His contribution was also appreciated and applauded by the Honourable Vice-President of India besides the State government and its language department.

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

Rahul Deshmukh
President, Wikimedia India
November, 2018
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Membership

Telangana	3
Andhra Pradesh	2
Kerala	4
Maharashtra	5
Karnataka	5
New Delhi	2
Madhya Pradesh	2
West Bengal	3
Gujarat	2
Total	28

Donations

A sum of Rs 4050/- was received as donation in discrete amount by the common public of India.

Community Building

The Featured Wikimedia of the month

The Featured Wikipedian of the month has been going on very successfully for the last 3 years. We have been able to bring forward new and upcoming Wikipedians who are contributing immensely to the movement. You can find the list of the wikimedians for 2017 here - *http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Featured_Wikimedian/Archive*

City Meetup

The Wikipedia Meetup Delhi was the fifteenth edition of Wikipedia/Wikimedia Meetup in New Delhi held on 08th of October, 2017. The meetup was held as a part of a monthly get-together of Wikipedians (contributors and users), predominantly Delhi Wikipedians- to meet up, discuss ongoing projects, share experiences, reach out and advocate for Wikipedia and Wikimedia. Yohann Thomas from Wikimedia India hosted the meetup.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Delhi/Delhi15

Several meetups were help in Bhopal hosted largely to promote Hindi editors and also activities for Wikimedia Commons. Suyash Dwivedi from Wikimedia India has been the prime person behind facilitating these activities.
https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Meetup/Bhopal/Activities#2017

WLM 2016 Photo exhibition

Wiki Loves Monuments 2016, organizing team conducted a photo exhibition - cum fund raising campaign. Considering, Wikimedia India still deals with challenges of resolving FCRA issues, this was an attempt to raise domestic money. The winning top ten images were displayed along with posters on Wikimedia India, its vision & mission. It was hosted at Dilli Haat, New Delhi on April 30.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Delhi/Delhi14

VIVA-VVIT 2017 Edit-a-thon

This edit-a-thon was primarily conducted to recruit editors from the two educational institutions under Social Education Trust i.e. Vasireddy Venkatadri Institute of Technology and VIVA (The School), located in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. The edit-a-thon has been conducted for Telugu and English Wikipedias along with introduction to Wikimedia Commons. The edit-a-thon was conducted in two phases i.e. on 23 August 2017 and 1 September 2017. Around 75 editors have trained over the two phases. The session(s) were mentored by Krishna Chaitanya Velaga, Suyash Dwivedi, Rahamanuddin and Pavan Santosh.

MOC/BVRIT 2017 Edit-a-thon

This edit-a-thon has been basically conducted to strengthen bonds with the Toastmasters community, students of BVRIT, College of Engineering for Women, Hyderbad, and also spread essence of Wikimedia movement to them. The event has been conducted two phases, Phase 1 titled as "MOC 2017 Edit-a-thon", on the day of Semi-finale of Master Orator Championship by D98 of Toastmasters International i.e. 29 July 2017, and a follow-up titled BVRIT 2017 Edit-a-thon 19 August 2017. Over the two phases, around 100 students have been trained.

SAARC Meetup at Wikimedia Diversity Conference

A SAARC meetup was organized during Wikimedia Diversity Conference on 3 November, 2017. Eight people attended the meetup and discussed about increasing diversity in SAARC context. During the meetup, all participants agreed to the need for creating and enforcing friendly space policies in Indic language Wikimedia projects. One of the suggestions was to create a diversity mailing list and a Safety team for SAARC countries.

https://etherpad.wikimedia.org/p/SAARC_Meetup_at_Wikimedia_Diversity_Conference_17

IMLD-ODD 2018 Wikidata India Edit-a-thon

IMLD-ODD 2018 Wikidata India Edit-a-thon was conducted as a national level Wikidata editing campaign on content related to India, from 21 February 2018 (International Mother Language Day) to 3 March 2018 (Open Data Day). The campaign was supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, WikiProject India on Wikidata, Centre for Internet & Society - Access to Knowledge, Wikimedia India, Punjabi Wikimedians User Group, West Bengal Wikimedians User Group, and Hindi Wikimedians User Group. As a part of the campaign five outreach activities were organized across India, including Bhopal, Guntur, Hyderabad, and Patiala. More than 170 users participated in the campaign, and improved about 3500 items on Wikidata.

Supporting Indian Language Wikipedias Program: Resource Distribution

The first phase of the pilot program by the Wikimedia Foundation and Google, working in close coordination with the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS), Wikimedia India chapter (WMIN) and user groups to encourage Wikipedia communities to create locally relevant and high-quality content on Indian language Wikipedias concluded with the announcement of internet stipends to 44

Wikimedians, and laptop support to 50 Wikimedians. The reviewing team comprised of User:Dsvyas, User:Manavpreet Kaur, and User:Yohannvt, with the support from User:Viswaprabha.

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Supporting_Indian_Language_Wikipedias_Program/Support/Internet

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Supporting_Indian_Language_Wikipedias_Program/Support/Laptops

Wikimedia 2030 Movement Strategy Meets

By 2030, Wikimedia will become **the essential infrastructure of the ecosystem of free knowledge**, and anyone who shares our vision will be able to join us.

We, the Wikimedia contributors, communities, and organizations, will advance our world by collecting knowledge that fully represents human diversity, and by building the services and structures that enable others to do the same.

We will carry on our mission of developing content as we have done in the past, and we will go further.

Wikimedia Chapter hosted five such events across different geographical domains in India.

Mumbai

On 1 July 2017, Wikimedia India conducted a movement strategy salon at IIT Bombay titled "Wikimedia 2030 Movement Strategy Salon". The participants include representatives from IIT Bombay, Teach for India, L & T, and several other NGOs. The salon was hosted Yohann Thomas, former President and present Secretary of

Wikimedia India, and co-hosted by Tanveer Hasan, Program Manager of CIS-A2K.

Cochin

In August 2017, Wikimedia India conducted a movement strategy salon in Cochin. The meet included representatives from NGOs, industries, educational institutions etc. The salon was hosted by Viswanathan Prabhakaran, former Treasurer and currently Executive Committee Member of Wikimedia India.

Vijayawada

On 27 August 2017, Wikimedia India conducted a movement strategy salon in Vijayawada titled "Wikimedia 2030 Movement Strategy Salon" from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm including a tea break and lunch. The participants include representatives from Vasireddy Venkatadri Institute of Technology, Make a Difference, District 98 of Toastmasters International, Efftronics Systems Pvt. Ltd., TEDxKLU, Google Developers Club, Swecha (NGO), and Indian Institute of Information Technology for Design & Manufacturing. The salon was hosted by the Chapter's Executive Committee Member, Krishna Chaitanya Velaga.

Gurugram

On 27 August 2017, Wikimedia India conducted a movement strategy salon in Gurugram titled "Wikimedia 2030 Movement Strategy Salon". The participants include representatives from Tractebel Engineering, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India, IIT Delhi, Sustainability & Climate Change, New Delhi Television Limited, ICICI Bank, Municipal Corporation of Nellore, Management Development Institute, Boston Consulting Group, UPSC, and The Energy and Resources Institute. The salon was hosted by the Chapter's former Executive Committee Member, Abhinav Srivastava.

Bhopal

On 9 September 2017, Wikimedia India conducted a movement strategy salon in Bhopal titled "Hindi Community Strategy Salon". The participants include representatives from Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Regional Museum of Natural History, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Regional Science Centre, Chitransh Amulya Dutta Post Graduate College, Extol Education Group, SynQues Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., ITSC Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Institute for Excellence in Higher Education, Pixel Photography, Tooryanaad, Zee News, along with photographers, freelances, social media analysts. The salon was hosted the Chapter's Executive Committee Member, Suyash Dwivedi.

Organizational Updates

At IIT Bombay, Wikimedia Chapter recently had an Induction meeting with the newly elected Executive committee members. This session was conducted from 30th June - 1st July 2017 in the IIT Bombay campus

Since the new EC has a good mix of members from Past EC and new faces too, the Induction process was conducted in a very smooth & planned manner.
Mr Ashwin Baindur also gave a session on the working of Community dynamics along with the expectations by the community from the new EC.

On the last day of the Induction meeting, the EC members elected office bearers amongst themselves. Following are the new Office bearers
- Mr Rahul Deshmukh : President
- Mr Yohann Thomas : Secretary
- Mr Sanket Oswal : Treasurer
- Mr Viswa Prabha : Member
- Mr Suyash Dwivedi : Member
- Mr Santosh Shingare : Member
- Mr Krishan Chaitanya Velaga : Member
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The newly updated Board members page with their profiles here
http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Executive_Committee_Members

Major Events & Activities

Wiki Loves Uniform Services 2017

Wiki Loves Uniformed services (India) (WLUS) is a public photo competition on Wikimedia Commons for use in the project websites of the Wikimedia Foundation. With the support from Wikimedia India Chapter, and the inspiration drawn from Wiki Loves Monuments (WLM) and Wiki Loves Food (WLF), the first iteration of its kind in 2017. The predominant aim of the project is to increase the count of good images of various uniformed services operating in the Indian sub-continent.

Apart from the primary goal, as mentioned above, the project also envisions to foster the idea of donating images to Commons and to pool in more contributors into the movement on a national scale.

Wiki Loves Monuments 2017

Wiki Loves Monuments is a global photo competition that takes place generally in September. Wikimedia India once again hosted the competition in India.

The aim of the contest is to ask the general public—readers and users of Wikipedia, photographers, hobbyists, etc.—to take pictures of cultural heritage monuments and upload them to Wikimedia Commons for use on Wikipedia and its other sister projects.
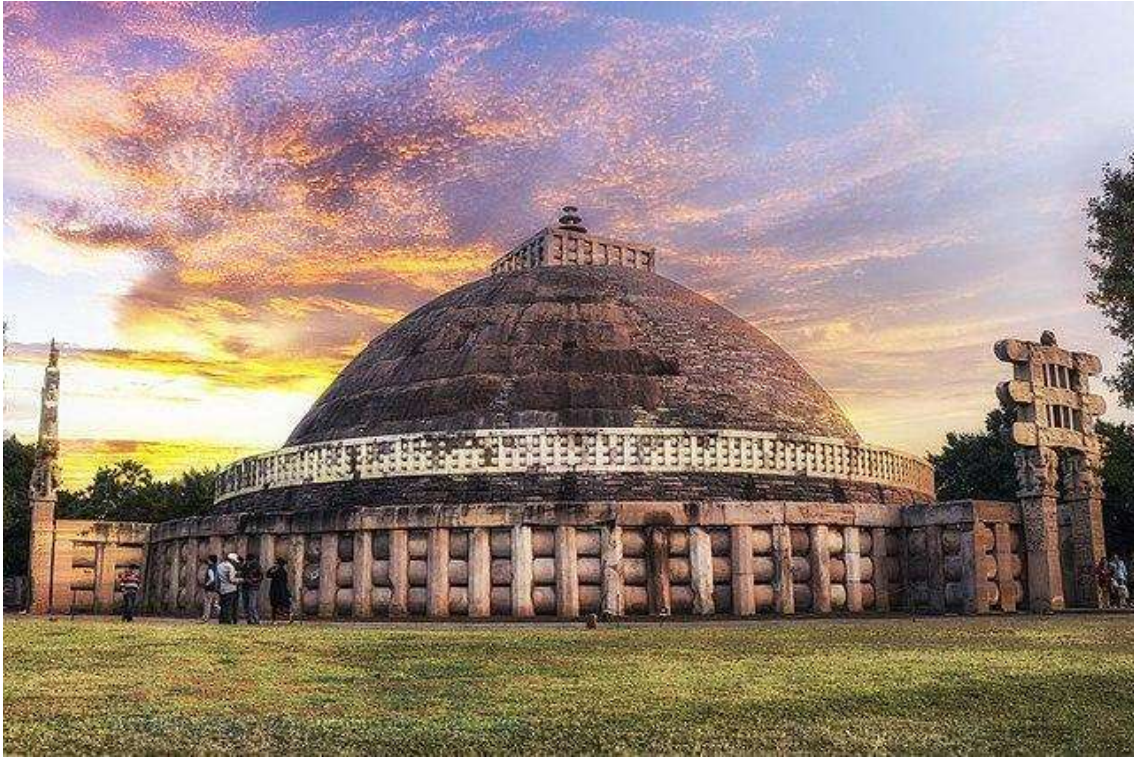
The best picture for the year from across the globe was selected from India.

Wikipedia Asia Month

With the 2017's iteration of the online edit-a-thon, took place in November 2017, the purpose of Asian Month on the English Wikipedia is to improve the quantity and quality of articles relating to Asian countries. This year too, more than 500 users have enrolled themselves to contribute to this online edit-a-thon.

As a symbol of friendship between Wikipedia's Asian communities, each participant who creates at least four (4) articles that fulfill the criteria will receive a specially designed Wikipedia postcard from other participating countries. Wikipedians who create the most articles on each Wikipedia will be honored as "Wikipedia Asian Ambassadors".

This year, Wikimedia India took an active role in the activities & were one of the participating affiliates of the event. *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia_Asian_Month*

Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge...

That's what we're doing!!

Multimedia Attributes

- File:Presidents' Body Guard.jpg. (2018, January 4). *Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository*. Retrieved 06:02, November 28, 2018 from https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=File:Presidents%27_Body_Guard.jpg&oldid=276587599.

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- File:The Great Stupa at Sanchi.jpg. (2017, September 27). *Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository*. Retrieved 05:57, November 28, 2018 from https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=File:The_Great_Stupa_at_Sanchi.jpg&oldid=260086652.

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