Wikimedia Chapter (India)

4th Annual Report 2013-14

President's Message

In the last year, I have had the good opportunity for leading the chapter at a pivotal time in its short span of being in existence where we have begun growing up. We have to attribute most of the appreciations in this regard to our founder members and former office bearers, who have put in so much personal time and efforts so that the chapter could continue to strive, survive and grow to even higher realms. We recognise and thank everyone of them, for without them we would not have a chapter in India today. There has been a lot of progress and success coupled with old and new challenges in the last year, which I briefly detail herewith below:

Finance

This year, as the chapter has completed two years since its formation, and became eligible for FDC grants, we pursued our first FDC grants application. We submitted a letter of intent for INR 3 Crores (USD 500,000) in June and followed it up with a proposal by the end of Sept 2013 for INR 1.5 Crores. Prior to making the grant application we also did community consultations, and scouted for office premises, and capital equipment.

However, this proposal was skimmed down significantly by FDC who approved only a part of that viz. INR 33 lakhs. Some of the proposed items, namely an office, capital equipment for a training center, and multiple regional level events were specifically frowned upon by the committee as overly ambitious and thus not accepted.

Events

The chapter and community in India conducted, supported and partnered in several events in the financial year, details of which are provided in other reports presented in this AGM. These include anniversary celebrations, meetups, academies and workshops catering to most Wikimedia communities within India. Chapter has been successful in maintaining good rapport and relations with these communities at large as well as individual members from them.

Working with CIS-A2K

The chapter has been very happy and appreciative of the high levels of co-operation and collaborative momentum that was being provided by CIS-A2K. The chapter has had several intimate meetings and discussions with the CIS team during the year. Together, we agreed to complement each other and to work in the best interests of the movement in India. A particular event to be specially emphasized in this context was the 5 day long 'Train The Trainer' programme held in Bangalore in September 2013.

Creative Commons

One of the major aspects of free and open knowledge is licensing. In the last year, the chapter helped organise Creative Commons events in Pune, Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore. We have further undertaken to revive the banner of 'Creative Commons India', becoming local affiliates along with Acharya Narendra Dev College, New Delhi and Center for Internet and Society, Bangalore. During August, we conducted a highly successful event in Bangalore in association with the international CC team through which many members from the community were introduced and oriented towards the concept of free licensing during this event.

Challenges

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.

During the year 2013-2014, Wikimedia India faced many challenges. Our biggest challenge currently has been financial stability. We are currently unable to be do our own fundraising & care current dependent solely on grants. To tackle this , first step required is to Income tax exemption which means we need 12A status. Our main aim for next year is to get it by next year.

Government Relations

In the past year, the chapter has begun engaging with governments at both national and state level. The idea is that we should work with the governments to facilitate our movement's goals in India in the best possible way.

Continuation of Key Role

In the last year, the chapter continued to have a key role in promoting the movement in India, across languages, cultures and diversities of our vast country.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and extended leadership, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our activities in the financial year 2013-14.

Jayanta Nath

President, Wikimedia India

23rd November, 2014.

Bangalore - 560 034.

Membership Growth

Membership at end of March 2013 was at 171.

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

By category and gender:

Individual Male - 120

Individual Female - 35

Did not mention - 1

By State:

Andhra Pradesh - 21

Bihar - 4

Delhi - 1

Gujarat - 3

Karnataka - 23

Kerala - 7

Madhya Pradesh - 3

Maharashtra - 63

Odisha - 3

Tamil Nadu - 14

Uttar Pradesh - 2

West Bengal - 12

By City:

Ahmedabad - 3

Bangalore - 19

Coimbatore - 2

Hyderabad - 10

Mumbai - 36

Nalgonda dt - 1

New Delhi - 1

Patna - 4

Pune - 17

Raigad - 1

Thane - 5

Others include Salem, Erode, Yavatmal, Kollam, Kharagpur, Gulbarga, Alappuzha.

Activities conducted/supported by the Chapter in 2013-14

2013

April

- Telugu Wikipedia celebrated its Ugadi Mahotsavam. Founder of the Chapter Arjuna Chavla had participated representing Wikimedia India in the celebration
- Karthik & Pranav represented WIkimedia India at the Chapters conference in Milan,Italy

May

- Wikimedia workshop was organized in by Karthik Nadar. THis workshop was intended for spreading awareness of Wikimedia & WIkipedia in Mumbai

June

- Sanskrit wikipedia exhibition-On 3rd June, Sanskrit Wikipedia group working with Sanskrit Bharati held an exhibition of Sanskrit Wikipedia in their new building at Girinagar. All wikimedia projects such as wikipedia, wikisource, wikiquotes, were illustrated with A3 sized laminated exhibits. A demo of accessing through mobile devices was also held. The chapter supported the request of Sa Wiki for a Introductory manuals. The event was inaugurate by Shri Shri Ravishankar and saw attendance in 1000s. Please find the grant request here: http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Grants/Printing_and_Distribution_of_Wiki_Introductory_Manuals
- Bangalore wikimedians meetup-55 was organized on 9th June 2013. This was attended by many WIkimedians living in Bangalore.
- On 12 Jun 2013, Kannada Wikipedia completed 10 years. A celebration event was organized at National College, Bangalore. Veteran Kannada Wikipedians were recognized and honored with mementos. Wikimedia India supported the event with a grant; details can be found here: http://wiki.wikimedia.in/Grants/Kannada_Wikipedia_10th_Anniversary_Celebrations The celebration also received media attention by various newspapers like the Times of India, The Hindu and many more. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bangalore/10th-anniversary-of-Kannada-wikipedia/articles

[how/25835582.cms](how/25835582.cms)

http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/stress-on-posting-articles-on-kannada-wikipedia/article4980552.ece

August

- Release of NCERT books in CC-BY-SA license by Minister of state for HRD
- On 15th August, 3rd Annual General meeting of the Wikimedia India Chapter was held in Bangalore. Post the AGM, board elections for 2013 Executive Committee was announced where Moksh Juneja and Jayanth Nath were elected. Both Moksh and Jayanth had then filled in vacancy created by the then President Sudanwa Jogelakar and Bala Jeyaraman; where later was coopted in early 2013 to fill-in the then treasurer Anirudh Bhati.
- Wikimedia India had successfully worked on its first Wikimedian in Residence programme which was lead by Rohini Lakshane from Mumbai. The Wikimedian in Residence was a GLAM exercise at Bombay Natural History Society. As a part of the project, the English Wikipedia article on the late Humayun Abdulali, a naturalist of repute and a late functionary of the Society, was expanded using journals, magazines, and other reference material available online and at the BNHS. The project was also supported by Wikimedians Shyamal, Ashwin Baindur, and Vickram Crishna. Plese find the report here: http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/GLAM/Newsletter/August_2013/Contents/India_report

September

- In September, the Tamil Wikipedia Community celebrated its 10th anniversary. Wikimedia India Chapter supported the event in first of its kind by supporting to cover the event by video. Sowmyan Trimurti, RaviShankar, SundarRam and Rahimuddin joined the event representing Wikimedia India. The event was covered by media: http://www.dnaindia.com/blogs/post-tamil-wikipedia-completes-10-years-1898978 http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/chen-society/tamil-wikipedia-to-publish-two-seminal-works/article6374149.ece Please find the blog here: http://blog.wikimedia.in/2013/10/06/tamil-wikipedia-completes-ten-years/
- Wikimedia India Chapter organised the Wiki Loves Monuments 2013 in India, for the second consecutive time. The contest was again lead by former Secretary of the chapter Naveen

Francis and by the then Secretary of the Chapter Karthik Nadar. The contest received more than 10,000 entries by 3,000+ participants. Contest was also supported by various chapter members: OmShiv Prakahsh, Kiran Ravikumar Pavitra and the Jury members.

October

- Wikipedia workshop by Periyar university to train 135 students on editing wikipedia

November

- Wikipedia India chapter along with CIS and Acharya Narendra Dev college, Delhi relaunched Creative Commons India

December

- Sangamotsavam conducted by Malayalam wikipedia at Alappuzha.
- Bangalore Wikimedian meetup-56
- 4 day GLAM workshop at National Museum, Delhi

2014

January

- Wikipedia Stall at Kolkata Book Fair 2014. The report for this can be found in this report.Wikipedia Mumbai Meetup - 25

March

- Wikipedia edit-a-thons in Delhi and Bangalore for Women's History Month.

National Museum – Delhi Celebration

The GLAM project at the National Museum, New Delhi (which comes under Ministry of Culture, Government of India) was organized by Wikimedia India Chapter and consisted of a short program spanning December 2013 and January 2014. It was an unparalleled opportunity for the custodians of our cultural heritage to present their collections to new audiences. The activities at the Museum involved training participants on aspects of licensing and Wikipedia contribution. Articles for creation or improvement mainly on the English Wikipedia.

Mr Sowmyan was coordinating with Wikimedians to participate in this project. Content structure, preparation & delivery were primarily done by Arun Ram, Shyamal, Kondicherry and Noopur. Pranav helped in bringing support from WMUK and other global GLAM experts.

The Wikimedia India GLAM initiative (galleries, libraries, archives, museums with Wikipedia) helps cultural institutions share their resources with the world through high-impact collaboration alongside experienced Wikipedia editors.

The MoU between Wikimedia India Chapter and National Museum can be viewed below
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File%3ACrafts_Museum-Wikipedia_-_Proposal.pdf

Participation of Wikimedia India in Kolkata Book fair

The Wikimedia India Chapter participated in Kolkalta Book Fair and occupied a prime spot in the exhibition. This was the first time any Wiki activity was conducted at the worlds largest book fair with an average footfall of over 2 million people. The Wikibooth at the book fair facilitated using open-space technology. The volunteers from Kolkata community gave a brief introduction about Wikipedia and its sister projects to the visitors. "Introduction to Wikipedia" leaflets in English, Bengali and Odia were distributed at the bookfair. The stall urged and motivated net-savvy youngsters to volunteer and contribute to Bengali & English Wikipedia.

http://m.tech.firstpost.com/news-analysis/kolkata-book-fair-wikipedia-puts-up-stall-to-find-bengali-editors-217297.html
http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/internet/wikipedia-to-make-debut-at-kolkata-book-fair/articleshow/27923034.cms

Volunteers at Wikimedia India Stall at International Book Fair, Kolkata

Wiki Loves Monuments 2013 Indian Edition

Wiki Loves Monuments was again organised by Wikimedia India in 2013 after the successful version in 2012. In 2013, Wikimedia India was among 50 other chapters and the community who had run the contest many countries for the first time including Nepal.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Wiki_Loves_Monuments_2013_in_India

http://www.dnaindia.com/blogs/post-wiki-loves-monuments-india-edition-of-world-s-largest-photo-contest-announces-winners-1922578

WikiSangamotsavam 2013 in Alapuzha

Wiki Sangamotsavam 2013 was the second annual gathering of users and well wishers of Malayalam Wikimedia projects.

This three-day event kicked off on 21st December 2013, at Alappuzha, Kerala, the first two days included the sessions, Wiki Editing Workshop & many more, the third day was set for a boat ride called 'JalaYathra'.There were approximately 500-1500 attendees who attended the first 2 days of the event.

The first day was targeted on school students.It was called Wiki Vidyarthi Sangamam (a conference of students interested in Wikimedia). The main aim of this session was to create awareness for the students. Students were given an interactive session on WIkimedia & its different projects including WIkipedia.The second session on day one was called Wiki Yuva Sangamam (a meetup of youth interested in Wikimedia) . A computer training session for the differently abled A digitization drive to digitize the information regarding wetlands in Kerala Wiki JalaYathra and Exhibitions related to Free and Open source and knowledge dissemination techniques.

The second day had sessions & talks by mozillians on Web User Privacy and App development for Firefox OS. There were also session on Editing / Typing in Malayalam Wikipedia.
A session was also taken by A.Ravishankar on 10 lessons from 10 years of Tamil Wikipedia"

The Event ended on the third day with Wiki-Jalayathra, where a boat ride was organized amongst the backwaters of Alapuzha
http://blog.mozillakerala.org/2013/12/wiki-sangamotsavam-2013/

Chapter Participation in Events

- Sowmyan and Pranav on the CC : Initiative as representatives - ravi - sowmyan
- Presence of Sowmyan,Sundar and Ravi at Tamil Wikipedia Anniversary - ravi
- Global Contribution by Indian Wikimedians as part of Jury members India WLM led by Karthik and Naveen
- Community members from the Malayalam Wikipedia and Wikisource have formed a partnership with the University of Tübingen, Germany. https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Highlights,_September_2013#Indian_Wikimedians_and_German_university_collaborate_to_digitize_works_of_19th_century_scholar

Donations to Wikimedia India

In the year 2013-14, Wikimedia India received many anonymous donations which were very small in nature
The Total donations received during the financial year 2013-14 was Rs 25492.
Out of these, the Minimum donation received was of Rs 100, & we received an average donation Rs 1213 per donor

Wikimedia India would like to thank all its donors for continuing to support us

For the Next year, WIkimedia India plans to increase these donations & consistently reach out to more donors to contribute to our movement

Action points of the quarterly meetings

The Executive committee during 2013-2014 had quarterly meetings & during these them many actions points were made on which quick implementation was done.

The different action points were as follows
- Finalize CoI
- Formation of Advisory Board
- Sowmyan planning to resign
- Accountant for Sowmyan
- CC India & role of WMIN in it

- Strategy for 12A
- Certain payments to be sorted & finalized
- WMIN to form GAC under itself
- Consideration whether WMIN should accept funds from FDC under WMF
- Communcation Policy
- WMCON2014 discussion
- Planning for activities in 2014
- Finalize CoI
- Consideration on whether WMIN should do Advocacy

Audited Financials as on 31 Mar 2014

From: Nath Associates, Chartered Accountants, Bangalore

AUDIT REPORT   TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY
WIKIMEDIA CHAPTER - BANGALORE

We have audited the accounts of WIKIMEDIA CHAPTER ; # 194, 2nd C Cross, Dommaluru 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560071, Karnataka, India for the year ending the 31st March 2014 and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certify that they are according to the audited account:

(i) the brought forward foreign contribution at the beginning of the year was   Rs 19,738

(ii) foreign contribution of worth Rs 17,27,222 and Bank Interest of Rs 1,688 was received by the Association during the year ended 31st March 2014.

(iii) the balance of unutilised foreign contribution with the Association at the end of the year was Rs 2,59,464.

(iv) Certified that the Association has maintained the accounts of foreign contribution and records relating thereto in the manner specified in section 19 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010) read with rule 16 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011.

(v) The information in this certificate and in the enclosed Balance Sheet and statement of Receipt and Payment is correct as checked by us.

For Nath Associates,

Chartered Accountants,

ICAI -FRN 02426S

Executive Committee 2013-14

Name	Designation
Moksh Juneja	President
Karthik Nadar	Secretary
Srikanth Ramakrishnan	Treasurer
Jayantha Nath	Board Member
Nikita Belavate	Board Member
Pranav Curumsey	Board Member
Viswa Prabha	Board Member
Sudanwa Jogelakar	President*
Bala Jeyaraman	Board Member*
Radhakrishna Arvapally	Board Member^
Nikhil Kawale	Board Member^

*	Term ended August 2013
^	Was co-opted in August 2014

Executive Manager

Sowmyan has over 40 years of experience in Aerospace, and Computer peripherals industry. He has worked in roles related to R&D management, Quality improvement, Cost improvement, Marketing, Sales and service support, Strategy planning, Supply chain management, Contract management, and Compliance monitoring.

After retiring from Honeywell Technology Solutions in 2008, he has explored many web based content delivery methodologies meant for continuing education.

Sowmyan joined Wikimedia India on 1st October 2012 as Executive Manager. He is be based out of 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.

Extended Leadership

Wikimedia India Portal

Wikipedians featured on the Wikimedia India Portal during the last financial year:

1. Babug
2. Aniruddha Kumar
3. Srinivas Gunta
4. Vensatry
5. Rohini
6. Strike Eagle
7. Adv.tksujith
8. Omshivaprakash & Pavithrah
9. Satishchandra
10. Parvathisri
11. Vibhijain
12. Redtigerxyz

Wikimedia Statistics

Language	Wiki	Articles	Total	Edits	Admins	Users	Active Users	Images
English	en	46,54,122	3,43,10,489	74,43,42,758	1,384	2,32,08,535	1,35,933	8,42,897
Hindi	hi	116,195	4,86,880	27,52,835	8	1,43,494	358	2,581
Tamil	ta	64,831	1,93,608	18,38,759	37	72,564	279	10,658
Telugu	te	59,619	1,57,955	13,29,871	17	41,055	162	9,519
Marathi	mr	40,831	1,52,268	13,28,822	10	48,568	111	13485
Malayalam	ml	37,285	2,55,296	21,66,697	20	63,721	338	4,489
Bengali	bn	33,019	3,60,956	17,95,813	12	72,202	350	2,790
Bishnupriya Manipuri	bpy	25,126	57,577	8,03,759	1	13,447	14	210
Urdu	ur	62,341	2,56,052	40,86,154	15	36,143	170	4,088
Nepali	ne	27,233	66,375	4,37,638	14	19,210	108	346
Gujarati	gu	25,571	52,730	3,78,318	3	21,918	57	289
Kannada	kn	17,093	56,730	4,72,379	5	22,815	106	3,252
Sanskrit	sa	10,250	29,728	2,87,360	5	12,424	41	481
Divehi	dv	3,664	10,690	1,22,995	1	12,848	10	1,116
Pali	pi	2,807	4,298	1,01,083	0	3,095	4	1
Punjabi	pa	15,834	48,234	2,19,155	3	9,042	89	852

Odia	or	8,476	39,142	1,96,713	4	8,059	46	147
Assamese	as	2,927	33,414	1,41,986	4	9,909	55	1,278
Sindhi	sd	430	4,184	29,159	1	4,460	16	21
Kashmiri	ks	234	2,196	27,477	1	4,185	6	1

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