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In the next three minutes, I, user:Ashlin, an editor on English Wikipedia and Commons will give you a brief update on WikiProject:India, that part of English Wikipedia about all things India. I hold no post other than that I have been requested to prepare and present this report.

NOTE: Some changes made to this presentation post-Conference are highlighted in red text in the notes. No changes have been made to the slides by me.

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User:Sven Manguard wrote a landmark op-ed in the Signpost last month (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia_Signpost/2011-10-31/Opinion_essay) which cogently brought out that Wikipedians need to get down to cleaning their own house. Far too many articles need work other than adding content. The same holds true for WikiProject India.

In our case, we have a great challenges:

- Firstly, we need to assess the 81,000 unassessed articles (I know, some are common).
- Secondly, we need to cleanup the over 40,000 pages which have over 70,000 cleanup issues.
- Thirdly, we need to develop the tens of thousands of stubs and start classes to at least C Class articles.

Each of these is a mammoth task in itself, and we have three of them!

But wait, there is a hidden fourth – adding WikiProject India project banners to pages about India.

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But this is not all! We face one of the most challenging environments today.

Each of **us** comes from different backgrounds. Each has different skills. Our educational system doesn't quite give all of us the attributes of a good education.

We have few reliable sources. A plethora of sources are hidden in other Indian languages than the ones we know.

On top of that hundreds of Indian editors are out doing their own thing. There is almost no collaboration in creating content!

And as of now, there is no clearcut leadership in WikiProject India.

There are many more issues but no time for them.

Where does one begin?

Where does one even begin?

If you are an editor on English Wikipedia, keep some editing time each day. Take up a cleanup activity. Do it awhile. That is your drop of water.

Small drops of water an ocean make. So begin with that drop. If all of us are sincere, that will become a stream, and hopefully a river, and with God's grace there may even be a deluge of edits.

Even if each of us 465 active editors did just one cleanup task everyday, then in one year we would have $465 \times 365 = 1,69,725$ and within a few months any one of the challenges can be overcome.

Have you done your cleanup task of the day?

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LAST MESSAGE

So, the guiding thought for all WikiProject Indians for the next year should be,

„Have you done your cleanup task of the day?“

Go, WikiProject Indians!