

# How to Start a Wikipedia in Indic Languages ? : Indic Languages in Wikimedia Incubator

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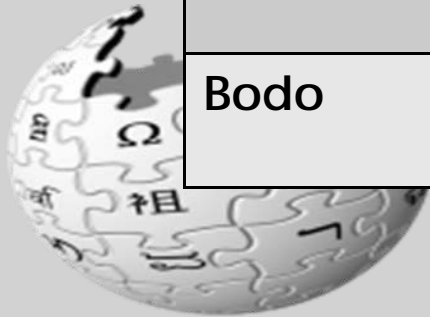
# Indic Languages Wikimedia Incubator

- ◉ **Wikimedia Incubator** is a [wiki-based](#) website hosted by the [Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.](#), which also hosts [Wikipedia](#) and [other projects](#). It was founded on 2 June 2006 to host test projects and to test whether they may get their own subdomain hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation. It only hosts them; the decision is made by the [Language committee](#).



# Indian Languages in **Wikimedia** **Incubator** : 20 Languages

Angika	Chhattisgarhi	Kumaoni	Rajasthani
Awadhi	Dogri	Kutchi	Santali
Badaga	Kanikkaran	Maithili	Saurashtra
Bhili	Kokborok	Manipuri (Meitei)	Tamang
Bodo	Konkani	Mizo	Tulu



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# How to Start a Wikipedia in Indic Languages ?

- ◉ Do you know a language, and does it not yet have a Wikipedia? Do you want to start Wikipedia in this language?
- ◉ Then Wikimedia Incubator is the right place for you.



# Requirement to Start a Wikipedia in New Indic Language

- ◉ Language must have a valid ISO-639 1-3 code . If there is no valid ISO-639 code, you must obtain one.
- ◉ The proposal has a sufficient number of living native speakers to form a viable community and audience . It is recommend that you start a project if you have enough people willing to contribute consistently over a long period.



# Create user account

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# GIVE INFORMATION

Language code:	e.g. <i>fr</i> (it needs to be a valid code, <a href="#">here you can check it</a> )
Language name (English):	e.g. <i>French</i>
Language name (native):	e.g. <i>français</i>
Wikimedia project:	
Script directionality:	e.g. Arabic and Hebrew are RTL
Word <i>Main Page</i> in the language:	e.g. <i>Accueil</i>
External links about the language: (used on the request page at MetaWiki)	e.g. a Wikipedia article or an organisation for the language (use wiki markup)
Opening argument in favour of the project: (used on the request page at MetaWiki)	

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# What to do now

- ◉ So now you should do three things:
  - > Contribute to the test project you created, and find as much contributors as possible to help
  - > Translate MediaWiki software at [Translatewiki.net](https://translatewiki.net)
  - > Watch the request at [Requests for new languages](#)

....**And you may get a Wikimedia Wiki.**



# When the wiki is approved

- It can sometimes take a long time before your wiki is approved. Don't be discouraged.
- Most proposals have a [status page](#) ([automatic list](#)) which easily says what needs to be done before it is approved
- A member of the [Language Committee](#) may propose the approval of your test wiki. If not, and you think your test wiki is ready, you can propose its approval on [their talk page](#)
- If approved, the language committee will submit a bug request at [Bugzilla](#). Then it is only waiting on the developers to create the



# When the wiki is created

- ◉ Stop! Maybe you want to copy all the page from Incubator to the new wiki, but please don't do this.
- ◉ Someone will import all the pages with their history, and without their prefixes.

