

# SHRI DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA COLLEGE, UJIRE-574 240

(AUTONOMOUS)

(Re-Accredited by NAAC at 'A' Grade with CGPA 3.59 out of 4)

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Date - 30/04/2014  
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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU" or "Memorandum") is entered into on this day April 21, 2014,

By and Between:

SDM College (Autonomous) Ujire - 574240, D.K. Karnataka

[Re-Accredited 'A' Grade with CGPA 3.59 by NAAC]

AND

Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore (CIS)

194, 2nd C Cross, Domlur II Stage, Domlur Bangalore, Karnataka 560071

### Whereas:

Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College is an autonomous college under Mangalore University managed by SDME Society. The institution is guided by the visionary leadership of Padmabhushan Dr. D.Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala. The college is identified as "College with Potential for Excellence." SDM College offers 23 graduate and 11 post graduate programmes. The college granted Autonomous status by UGC, and is also Re-Accredited by NAAC at 'A' Grade with CGPA 3.59 out of 4. Being the recipient of various awards from different quarters, SDM College has marked its presence in the domain of higher education at the national level.

The CIS was registered as a society in Bangalore in 2008. As an independent, non-profit research organisation, it runs different policy research programmes such as Accessibility, Access to Knowledge, Openness, Internet Governance, and Telecom. The policy research programmes have resulted in outputs such as the e-Accessibility Policy Handbook for Persons with Disabilities with ITU and G3ict, and Digital

Alternatives with a Cause, Thinkathon Position Papers and the Digital Natives with a Cause. The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to providing the full content of these wiki-based projects to the public free of charge. The Wikimedia Foundation operates some of the largest collaboratively edited reference projects in the world, including Wikipedia, a top-ten internet property.

The Wikimedia Foundation awarded CIS a two year grant to act as an anchor and catalyze the growth of Indian language Wikimedia communities and projects by community collaborations and partnerships. This is being carried out by the CIS Access to Knowledge Programme based in Bangalore.

The parties share a mutual interest in (a) promoting Indian languages among students; (b) bringing latest knowledge in Indian languages, (c) growth of Indian languages, and (c) free access to knowledge in Indian languages.

It is hereby agreed by and between the parties that:

They will work together to introduce "Indian Language Wikipedias in the Indian Under Graduate and Post Graduate Classroom" at the SDM College, Ujire in order to instill the following skills in the Under Graduate and Post Graduate student: a) Writing Skills (ability to write in an objective fashion); b) digital information literacy skills; c) ability to critically engage with a concept/theme; and d) language proficiency skills. The parties will co-design and jointly develop and implement relevant training programmes to achieve this objective. Within SDM College campuses, the parties will endeavour to bring teaching-learning processes onto free and open digital platforms, including Indian language Wikipedias.

The parties hereby agree to license all material developed and produced under this partnership under CC-BY-SA 3.0.

The present agreement is valid for a period of five years from the date of signing. The agreement may be terminated by either party by giving an advance notice of one month in writing.

In witness whereof, the parties to this agreement/MOU have affixed their signatures in the presence of witnesses here under:

Place: Ujire

Dated: April 21, 2014

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

Sd/

For  SDM College, Ujire

Represented by Dr. B. Yashovarma  
Principal

**PRINCIPAL**  
**S.D.M. COLLEGE**  
**UJIRE.-574240, D.K**

Witness:

Sd/

  
For Centre for Internet and Society

Represented by Dr. U. B. Pavanaja  
Programme Officer - Indian Languages

Witness: