



KERALA SARVAVIJNANAKOSHAM & MALAYALAM WIKIPEDIA

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What is it about

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- Kerala Sarvavijnanakosham – The official Encyclopedia of Kerala Govt.

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- Advantage for Malayalam Wikipedia

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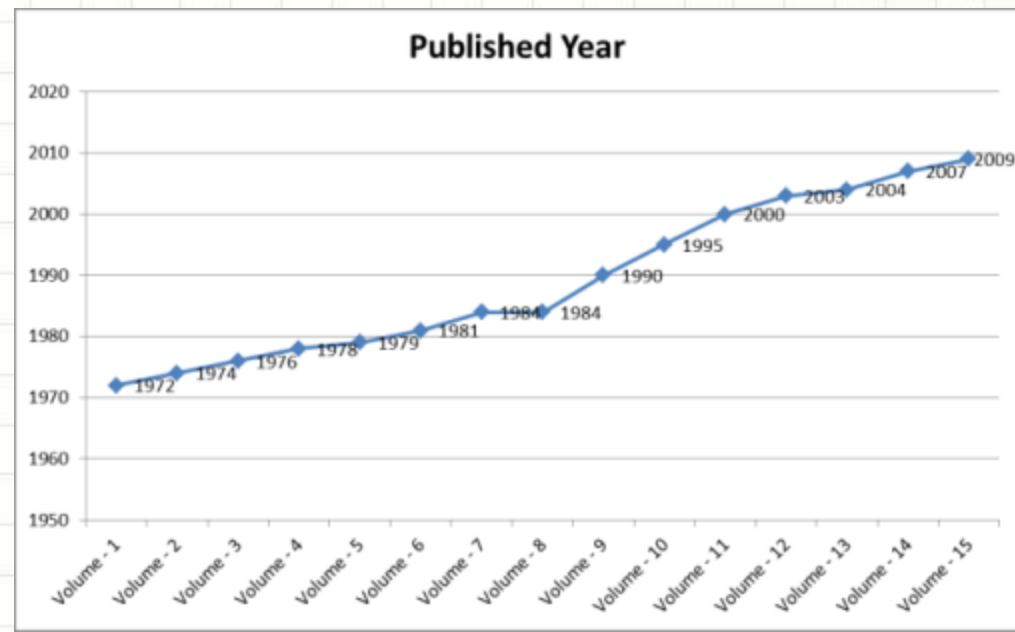
- What ml wiki done till now

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- What is the future?

Kerala Sarvavijnanakosham

- The official Encyclopedia of Govt of Kerala
- 15 Printed Volumes
- Published from 1972
- Three Volume Digitized



Digitized Encyclopedia


- The printed Volumes are getting digitized
- <http://mal.sarva.gov.in/>
- Three Volumes digitized
- Media wiki based website

The screenshot shows the Malayalam Sarva website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'ഭവനം', 'സംവാദം', 'മൂലരൂപം കാണുക', and 'നാൾവഴി'. Below this, a notice states: 'This site is not complete. The work of converting the volumes of സർവ്വവിജ്ഞാനകോശം is on progress. Please bear with us. Please contact webmastersiep@yahoo.com for any queries regarding this website. Reading Problems? see Enabling Malayalam'. The main content area features a 'Main Page' section with a search bar and a list of categories including 'കഥ', 'ചരിത്രം', 'ഗണിതം', 'ജീവചരിത്രം', 'ഭൂമിശാസ്ത്രം', 'ഇന്ദ്രജാലം', and 'ജ്യോതി:ശാസ്ത്രം'. A search bar is located at the bottom left, and a list of categories is at the bottom right. The page also includes a sidebar with a logo and a list of categories like 'പ്രധാനതാൾ', 'പുതിയ മാറ്റങ്ങൾ', 'ഏകതമിഷം താൾ', 'Malayalam Computing', and 'web4all'.

What are the advantages

- Huge Amount of data written by subject matter experts
- Vast treasure of static knowledge.
- Naturally cited source and popularly accepted
- *Probability of error is low*
- Article and easy content generation

ML community initiative

- A meeting with Kerala govt officials
- Formal request for change in license to copyleft
- The digitalized Encyclopedia is changed GNU-Free licensing  GNU FDL
FREE DOC
LICENSE
- ML wikipedians can copy the content from official Govt encyclopedia website to Malayalam Wikipedia

How ml wiki did it

- A Project created in ml.wikipedia to copy content from online Sarvavijnanakosham
- Not only content copying, but wikifying, adding citation, adding images, categorizing, adding required templates, time-sensitive information updated
- Active Users were incorporated
- Till now more than 1500 articles content is recreated in ml wiki from SARVA Project

Active Users on the project

- User: Babug –
 - A 72 year old ex army men, who is silent editor and top contributor to this project
- User: Fotokannan –
 - A photo enthusiastic
- User: Shijualex –
 - An active pillar of ml wiki
- User: Kiran Gopi –
 - Another enthusiastic active user and admin
- User: Thachan makan –
 - A hidden active user backbone for this project
- User: Rameshng -
- User: Advocate TK Sujith –
 - A prominent active user

Future outlook

- Potentially 1500 articles per printed volume (already digitized)
- Approximately 20,000 articles post digitization can be moved to Wikipedia
- Do we have similar printed, digitized encyclopedia in other Indic languages?
- Adaptable and tested model for other Indic Wikipedia projects on similar printed volumes

Challenges

- Slow progress of digitization by Government.
- Less active users



QUESTIONS?



THANKS