Practical 1

Introduction and Contribution to Wikipedia.

a) Description about Wikipedia and its features:

Description: Wikipedia is a free, open content online encyclopedia created through the collaborative effort of a community of users known as Wikipedians. Anyone registered on the site can create an article for publication; registration is not required to edit articles. The site's name comes from wiki, a server program that enables anyone to edit Web site content through their Web browser.

Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger co-founded Wikipedia as an offshoot of an earlier encyclopedia project, Nupedia, in January 2001. Originally, Wikipedia was created to provide content for Nupedia. However, as the wiki site became established it soon grew beyond the scope of the earlier project. As of January 2015, the website provided well over five million articles in English and more than that number in all other languages combined. At that same time, Alexa ranked Wikipedia as the seventh-most popular site on the Internet. Wikipedia was the only non-commercial site of the top ten.

Criticisms of Wikipedia include assertions that its openness makes it unreliable and unauthorative. Because articles don't include bylines, authors aren't publicly accountable for what they write. Similarly, because anyone can edit any article, the site's entries are vulnerable to unscrupulous edits. In August 2007, Virgil Griffiths created a site, WikiScanner, where users could track the sources of edits to Wikipedia entries. Griffiths reported that self-serving edits typically involved whitewashing or removal of criticism of a person or organization or, conversely, insertion of negative comments into the entry about a competitor. Wikipedia depends upon the vigilance of editors to find and reverse such changes to content.

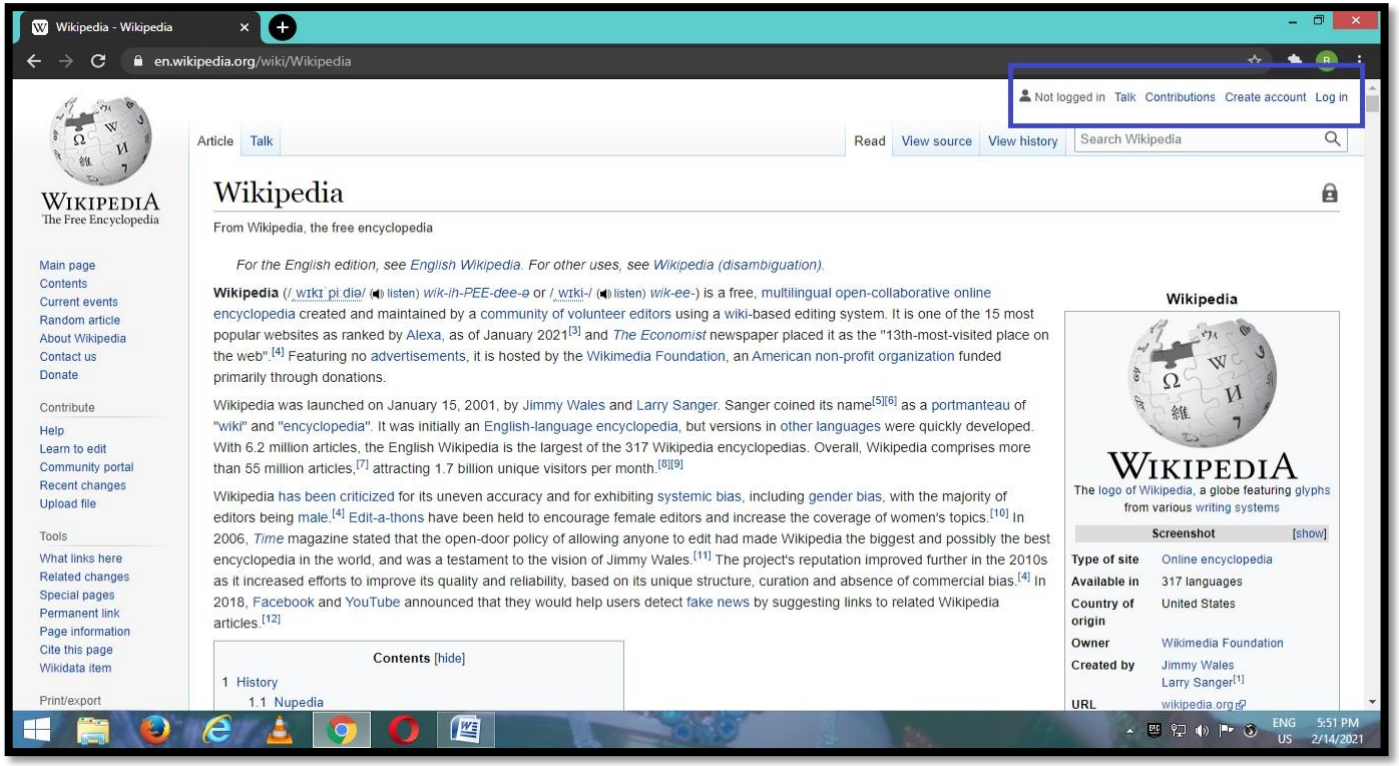
Features: 1. Creation of page, you can set your title and can add your own texts, no need of coding just type and format text like an email, when you done click on submit and its ready to view for everyone.

2. You can edit a public page if you find an outdated data , you can open editing screen and edit and then click on submit and changes are made.

3. Links can be created between pages you can simply add brackets around another Wiki page's title (e.g. [[Example Page Title]]) to automatically link to that page.

b) Creating account on Wikipedia:

Step 1: Click on the “Create account” on the upper right corner.



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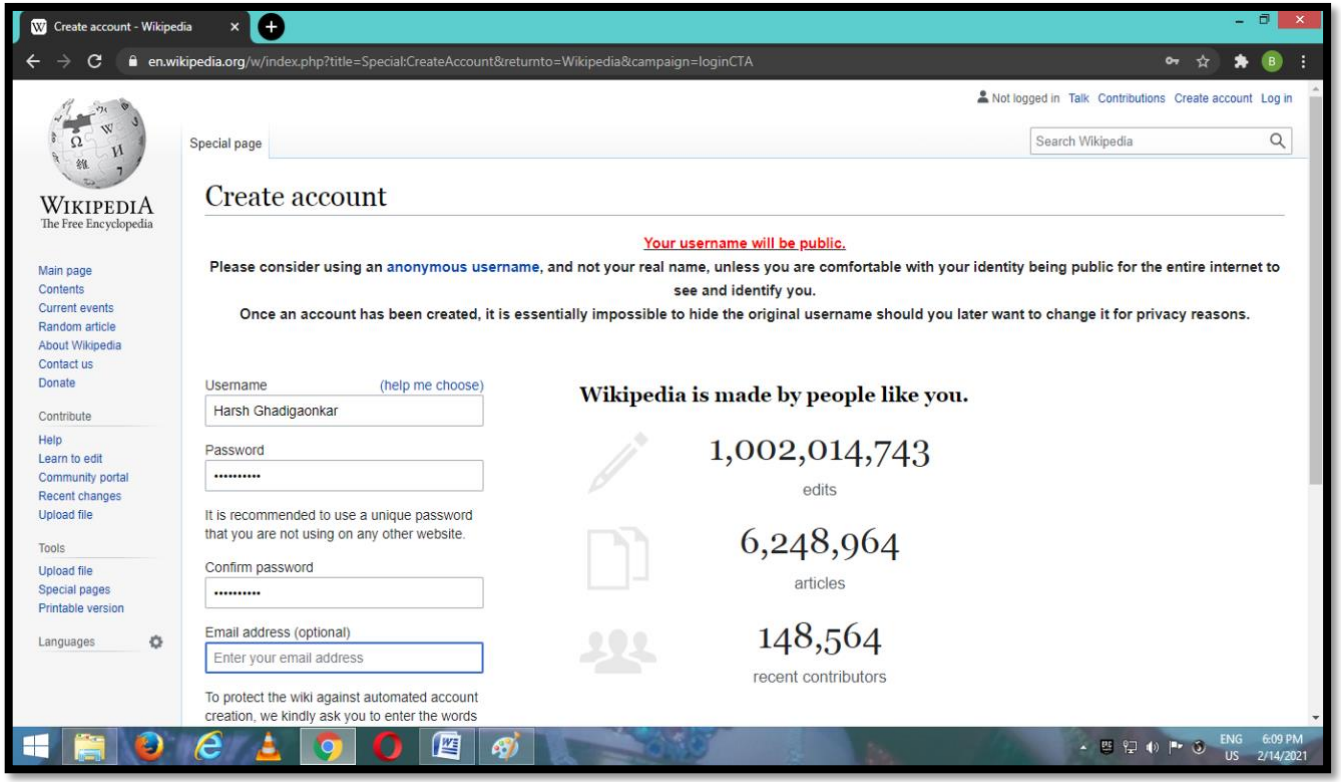

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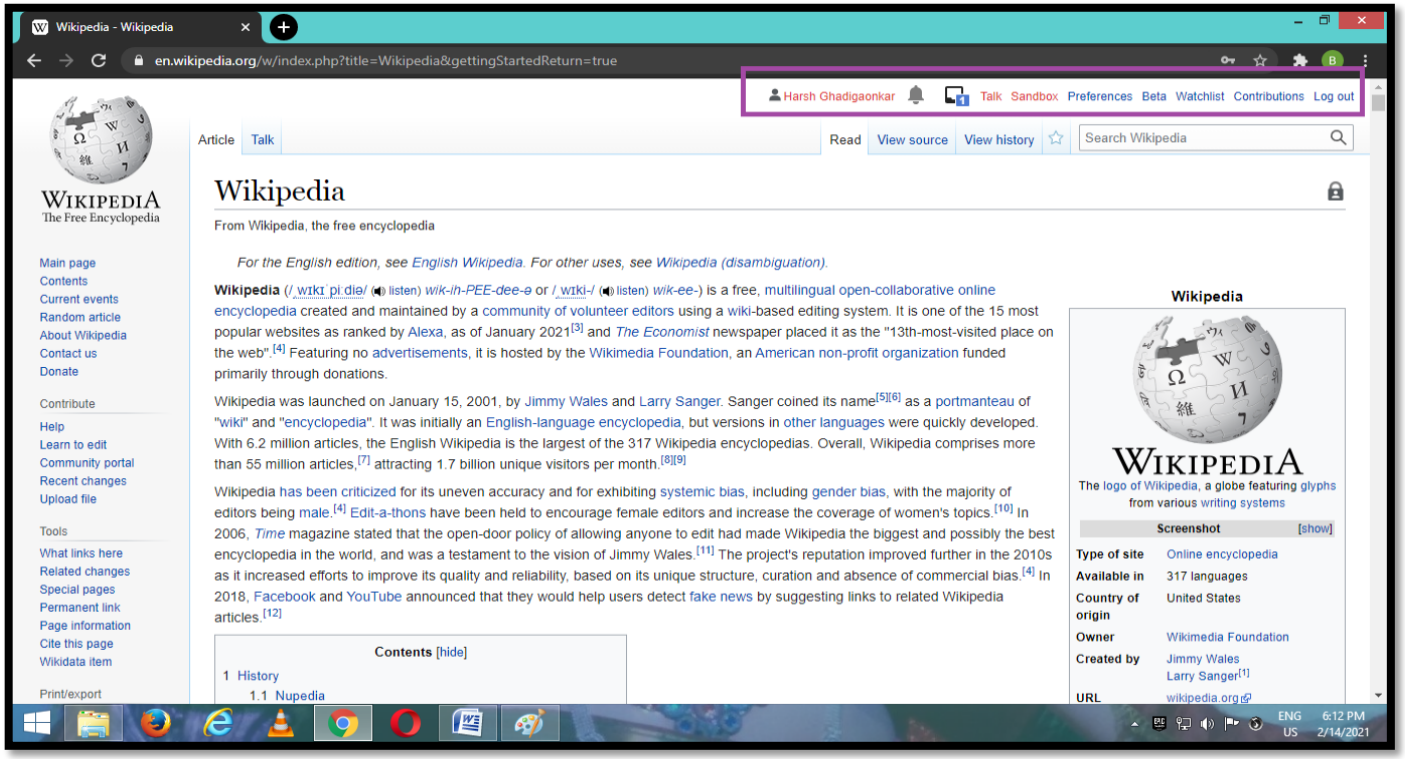
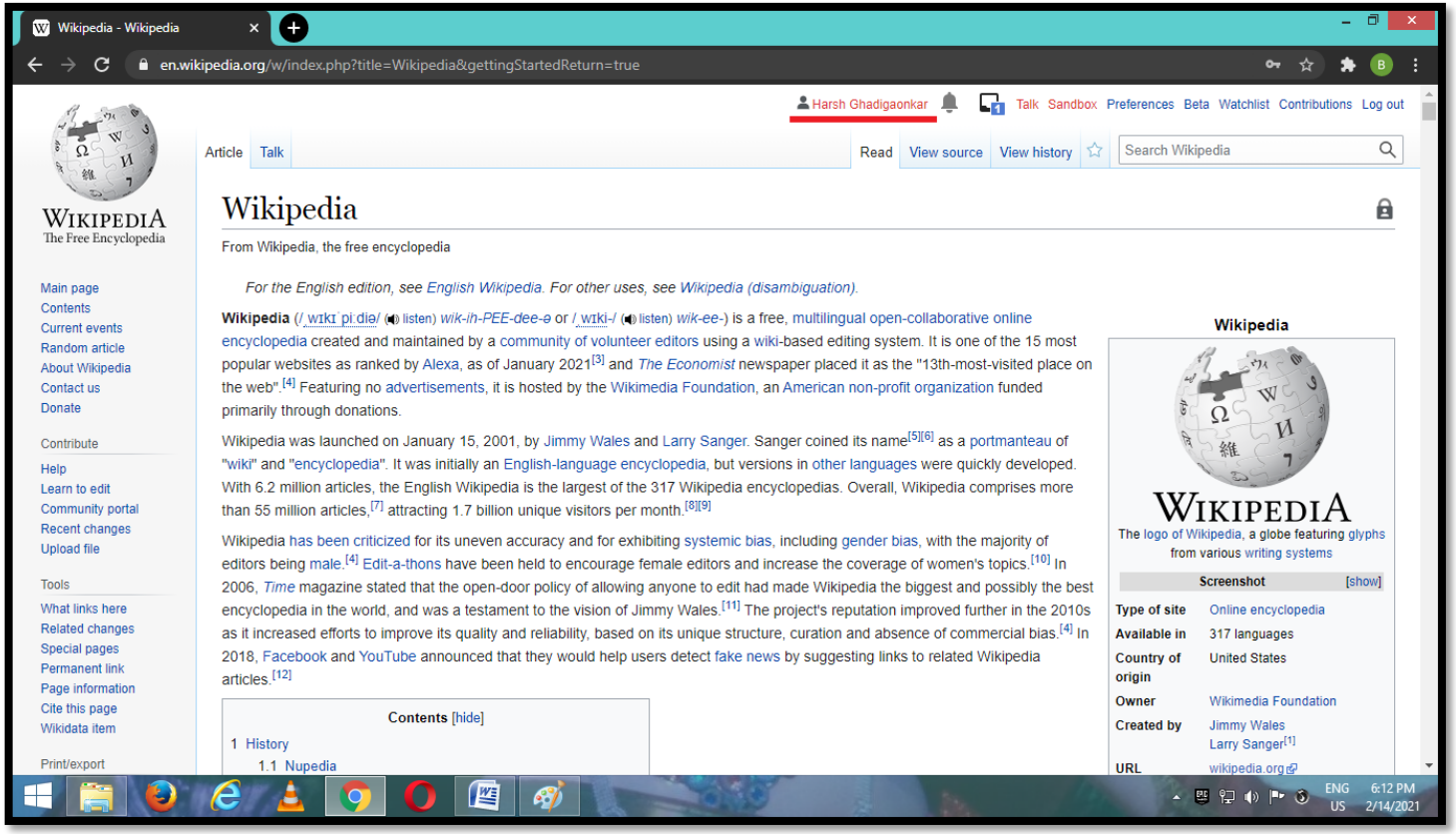
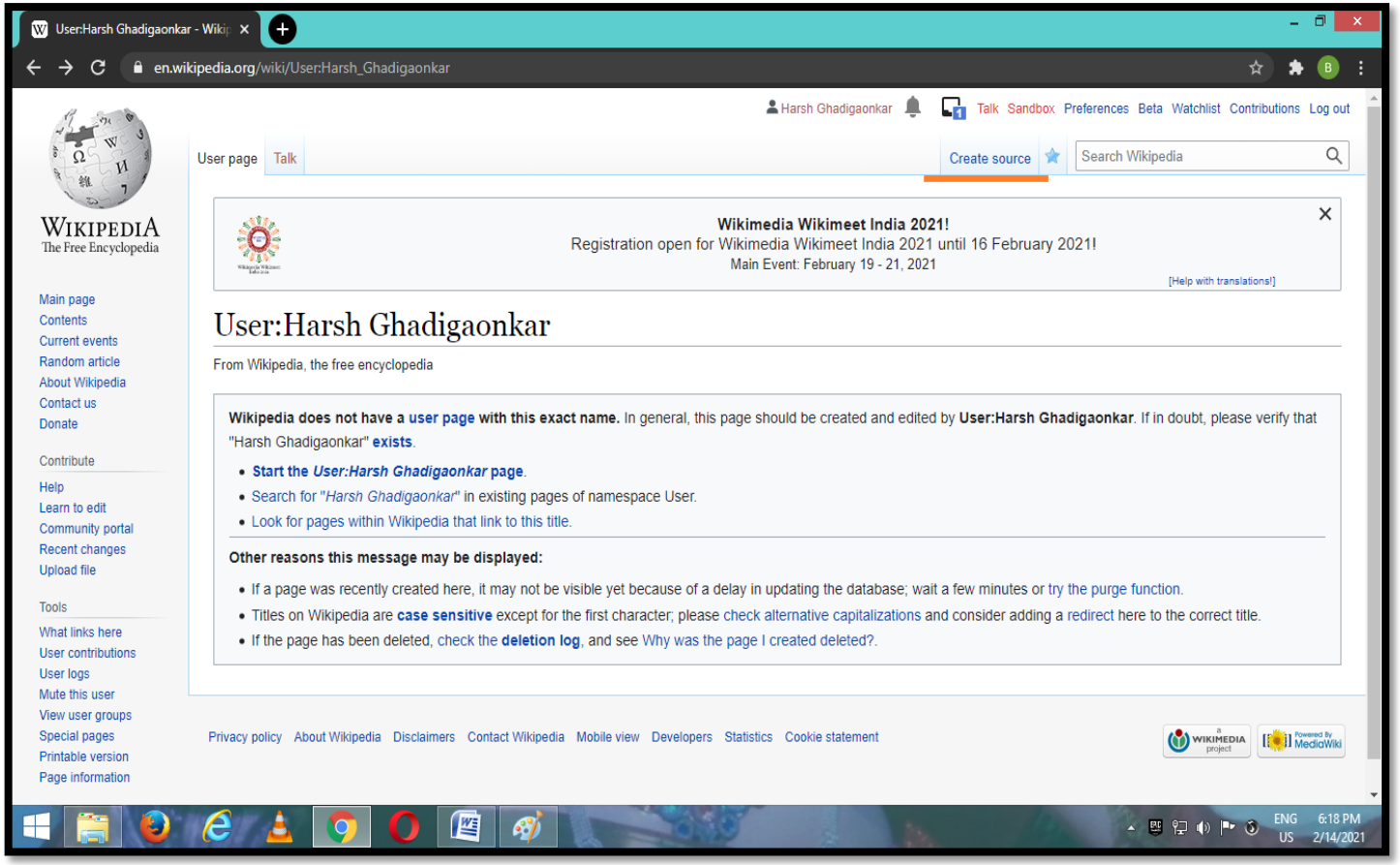


c) Creating your page on Wikipedia:

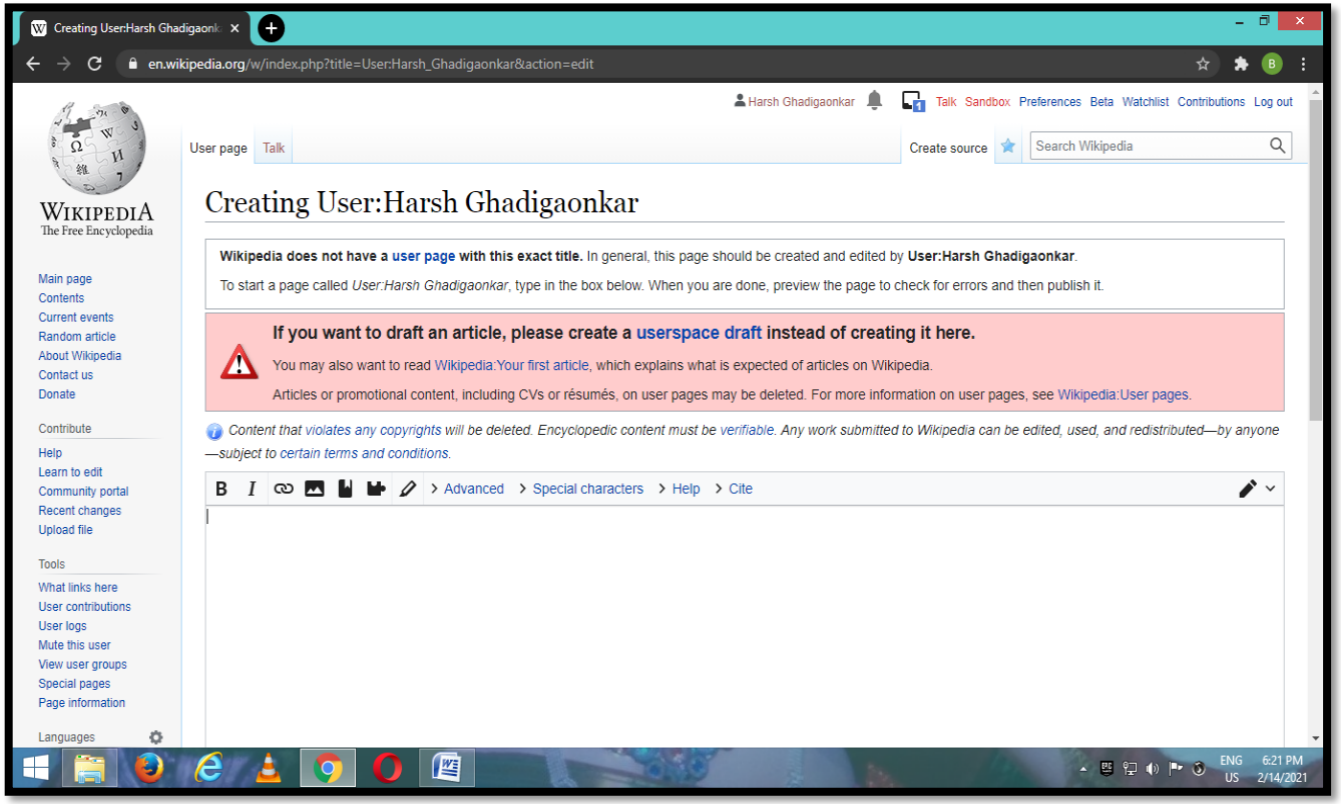
Step 1: Click on your username on the upper right corner.



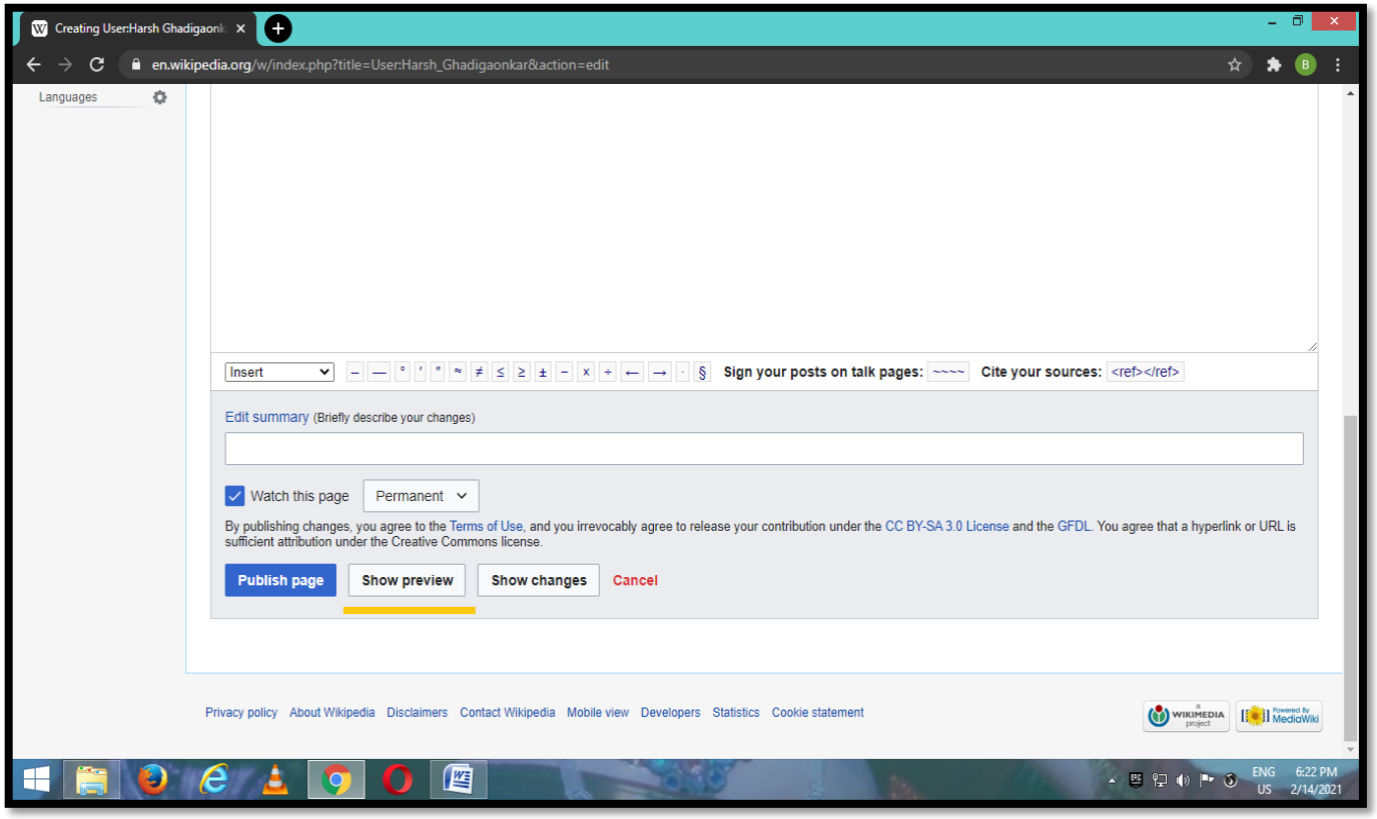
Step 2: Click on “create source” to start creating the page.



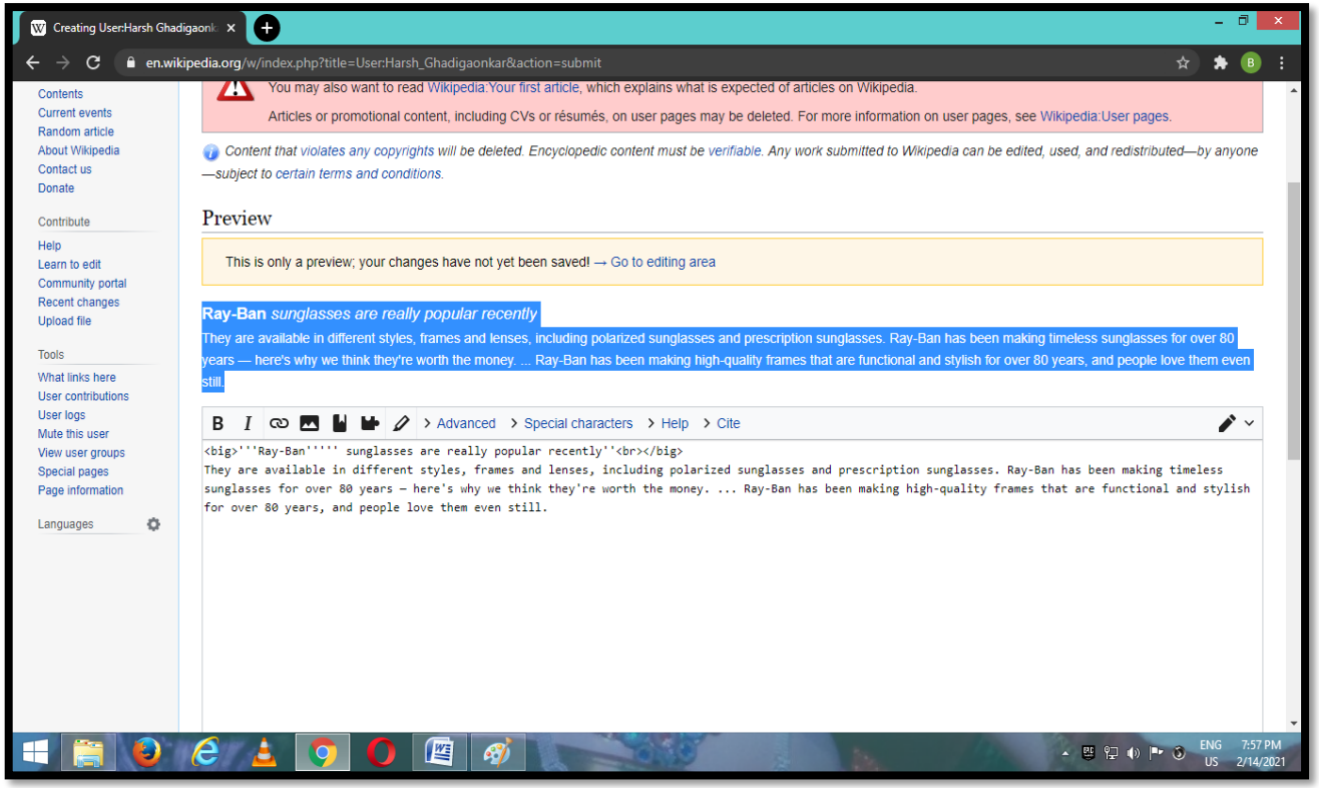
Step 3: Insert your data for the page you want to create in the given text window.



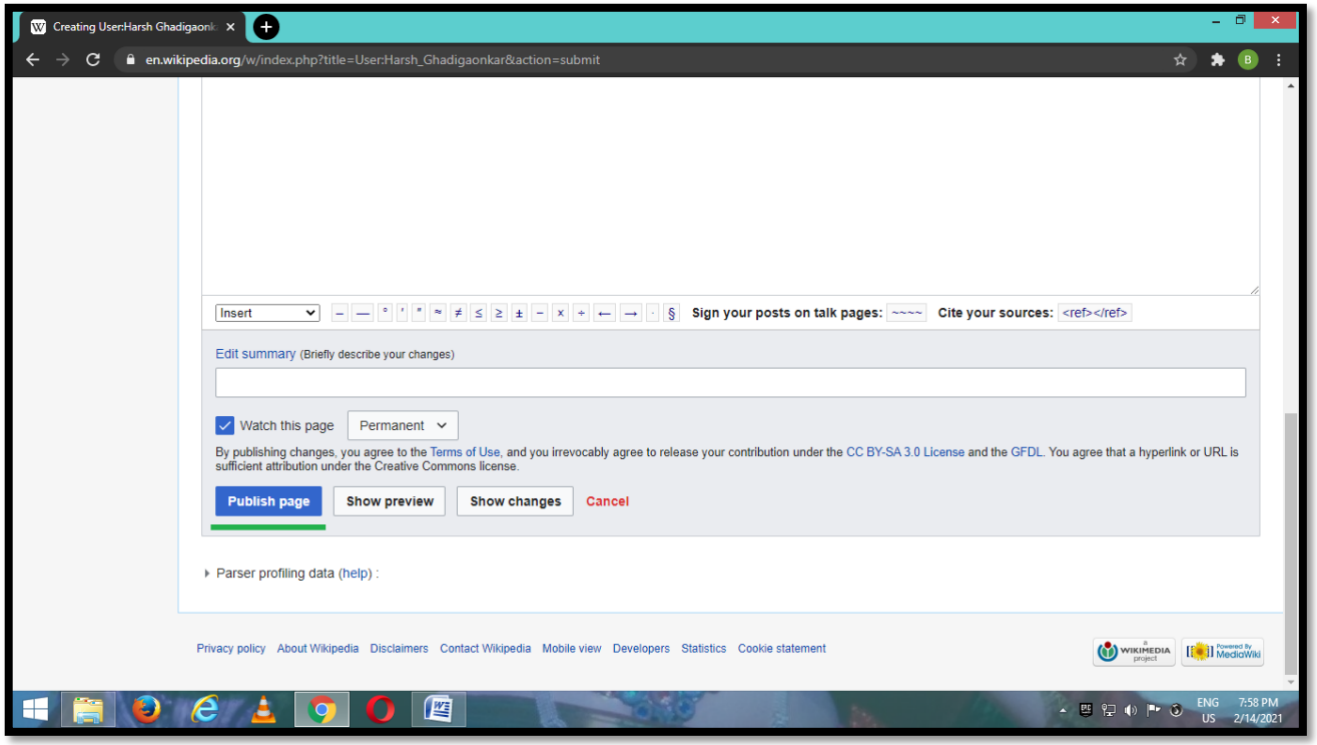
Step 4: Click on the “Show preview” button to see the preview of the page.



After clicking the button, page preview will be displayed.



Step 5: Click on the “Publish page” button to publish or create the page.



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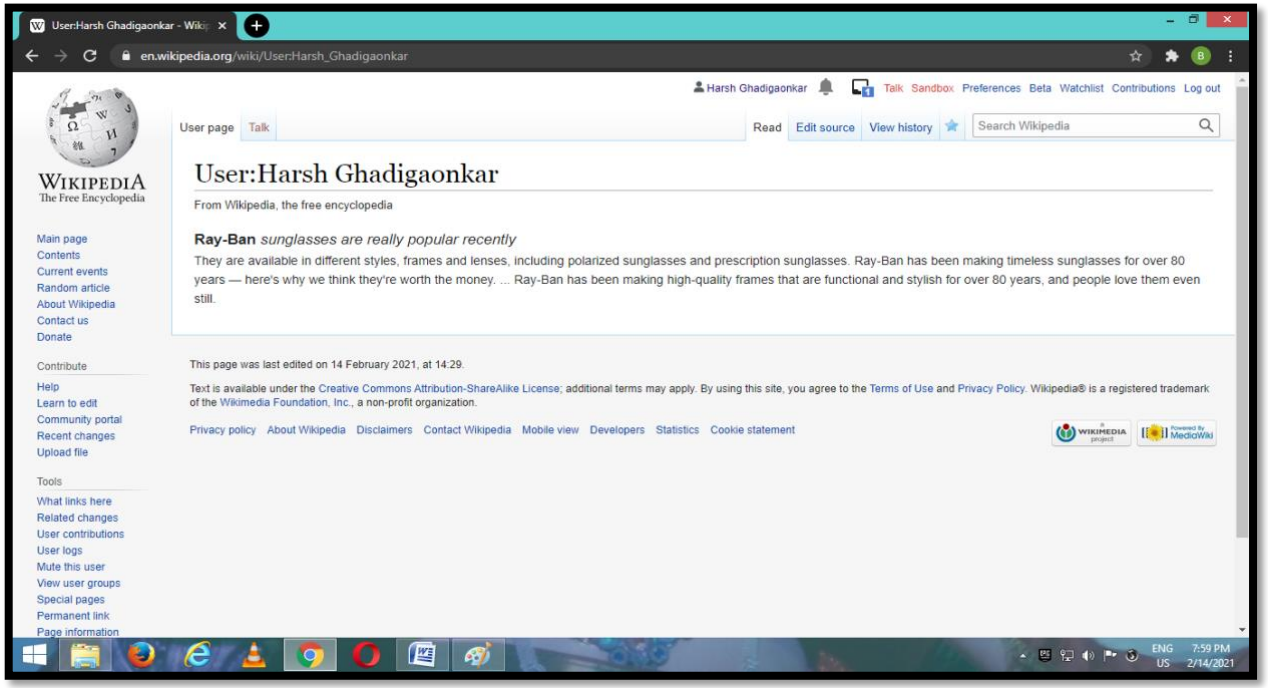

d) Editing your page on Wikipedia:

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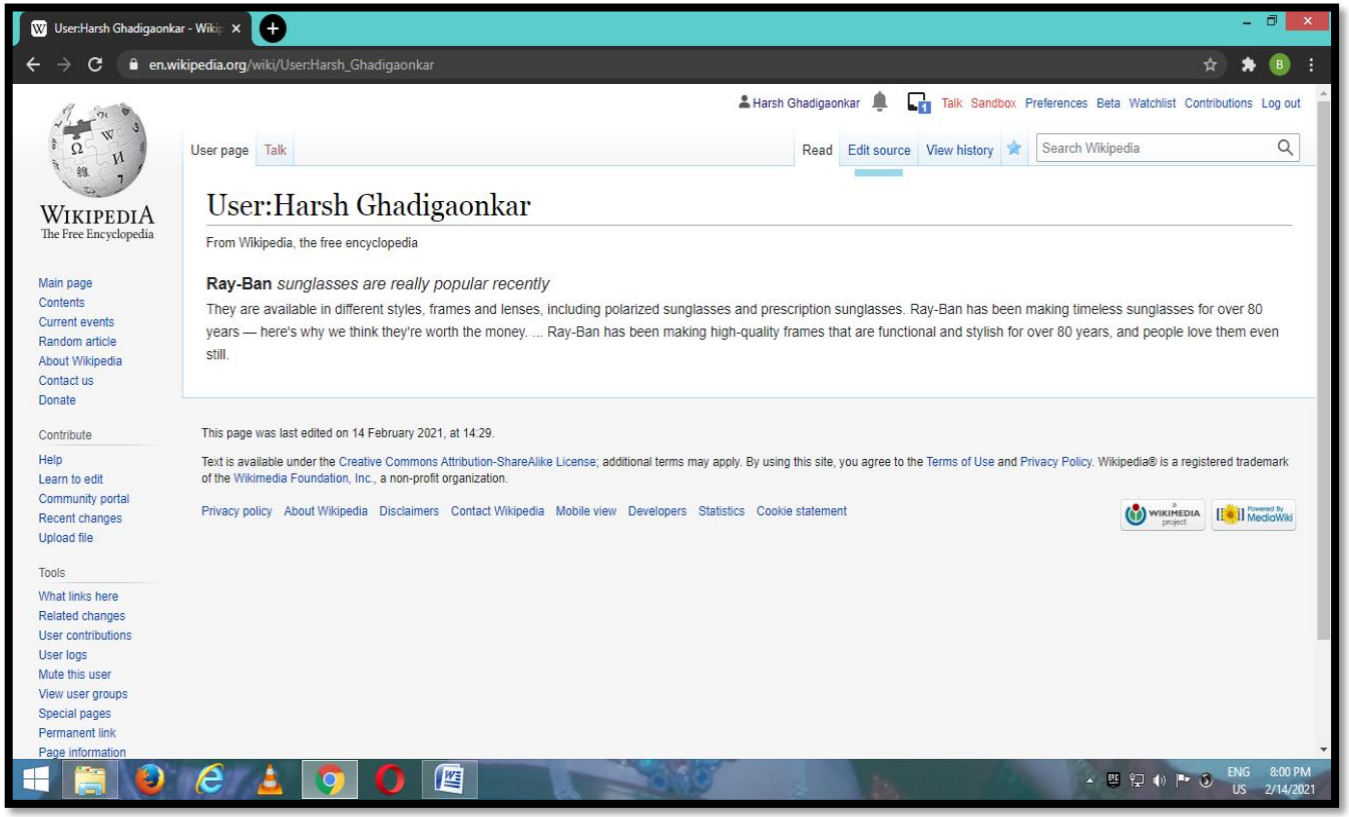
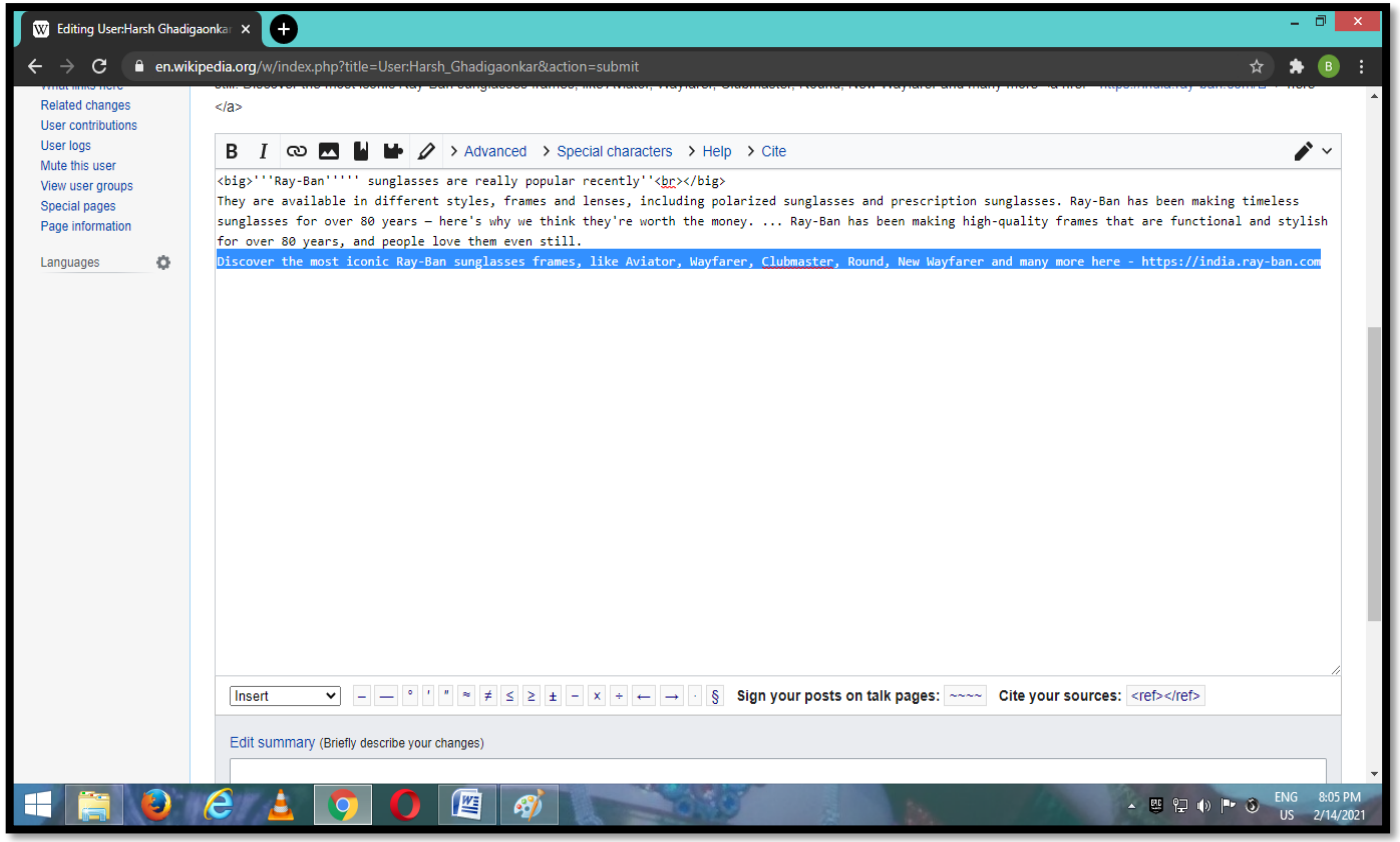
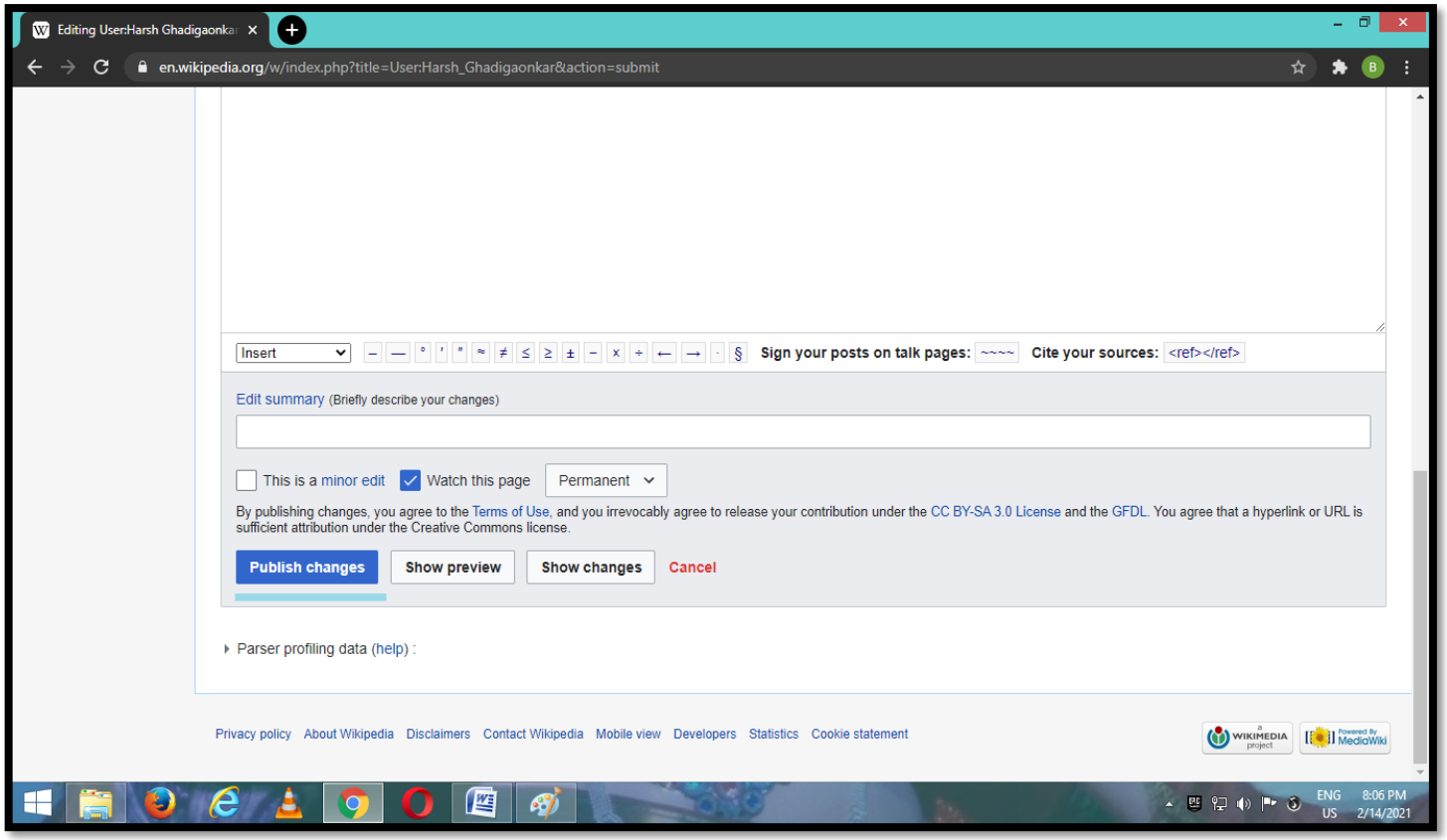


Step 2: Make the required changes and click on the “Publish changes” button to finish the edit.

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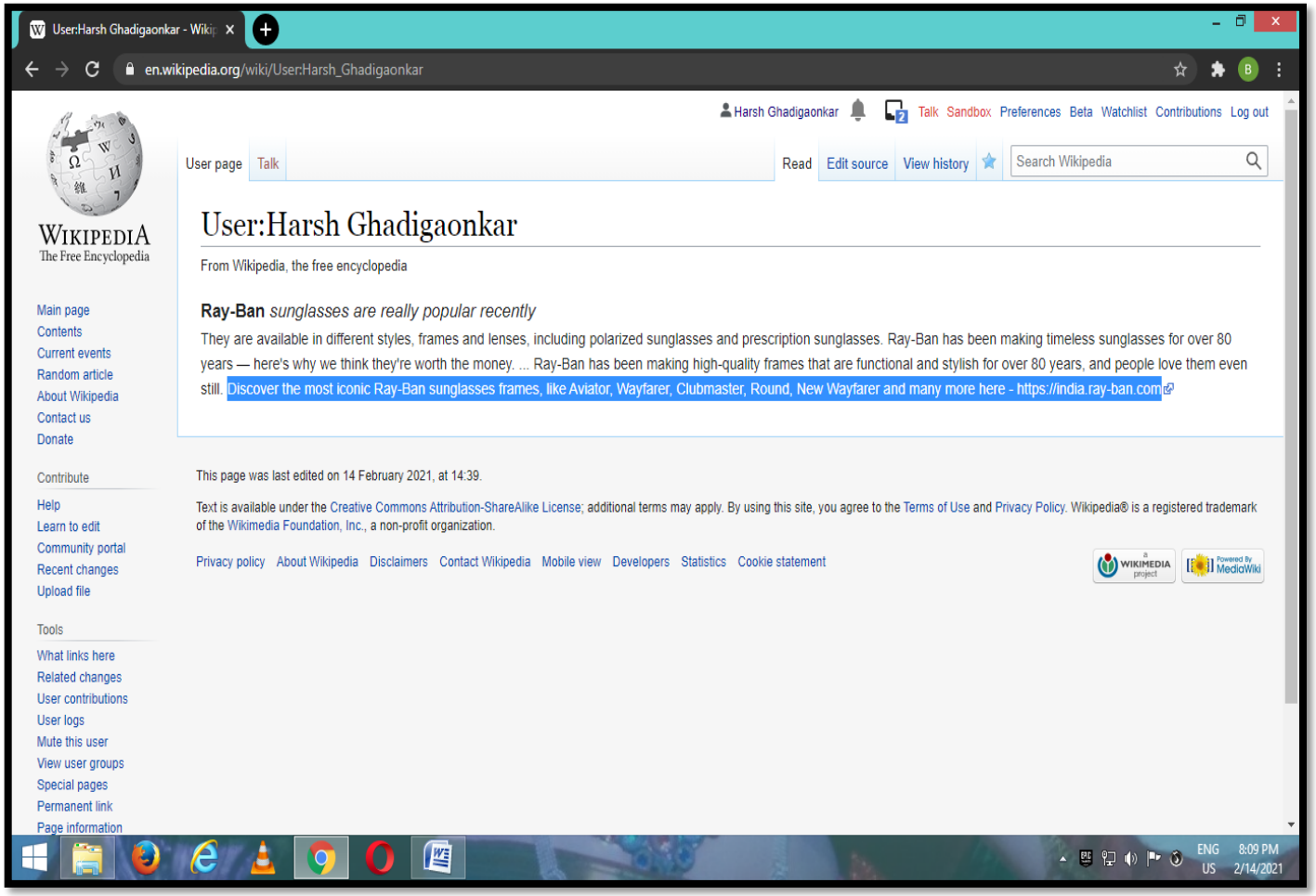
As we can see the changes has been made.