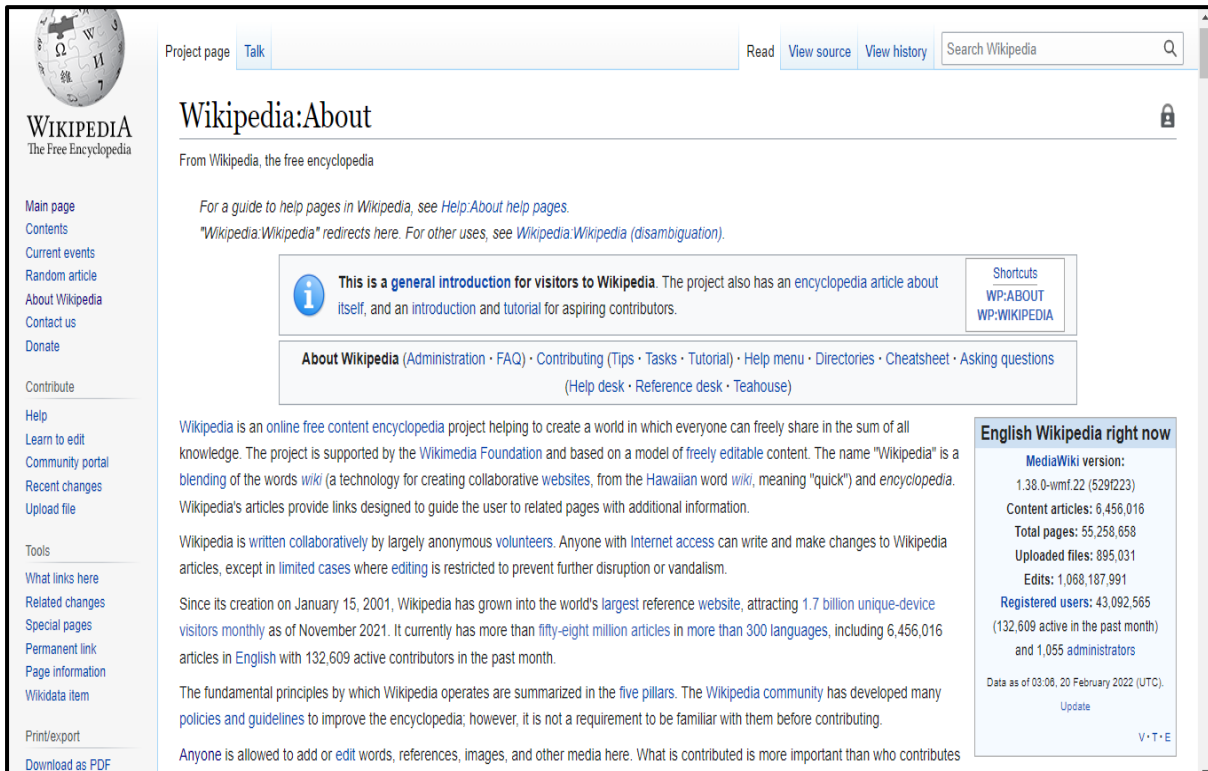


PRACTICAL 4: INTRODUCTION AND CONTRIBUTING TO WIKIPEDIA

a). What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is an online free content encyclopedia project helping to create a world in which everyone can freely share in the sum of all knowledge. The name "Wikipedia" is a blending of the words *wiki* (a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word *wiki*, meaning "quick") and *encyclopedia*. Wikipedia's articles provide links designed to guide the user to related pages with additional information. Anyone is allowed to add or edit words, references, images, and other media here. What is contributed is more important than who contributes it. To remain, the content must be free of copyright restrictions and contentious material about living people. It must fit within Wikipedia's policies, including being verifiable against a published reliable source. Editors' opinions and beliefs and unreviewed research will not remain. Contributions cannot damage Wikipedia because the software allows easy reversal of mistakes, and many experienced editors are watching to ensure that edits are improvements.




The screenshot shows the Wikipedia:About page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Project page' and 'Talk' tabs, and links for 'Read', 'View source', and 'View history'. A search bar is on the right. The main heading is 'Wikipedia:About' with a lock icon. Below it, a subheading reads 'From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia'. A paragraph explains that Wikipedia is an online free content encyclopedia project. A box highlights that this is a general introduction for visitors. Another box lists links for 'About Wikipedia' including Administration, FAQ, Contributing, Help menu, Directories, Cheatsheet, and Asking questions. A sidebar on the left contains links like 'Main page', 'Contents', 'Random article', and 'Donate'. A right sidebar shows 'English Wikipedia right now' statistics, including MediaWiki version, content articles, total pages, uploaded files, edits, and registered users. At the bottom, it states 'Data as of 03:06, 20 February 2022 (UTC)' and includes 'Update' and 'V · T · E' links.

Project page [Talk](#) [Read](#) [View source](#) [View history](#)

Wikipedia:About

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For a guide to help pages in Wikipedia, see [Help:About help pages](#).
"[Wikipedia:Wikipedia](#)" redirects here. For other uses, see [Wikipedia:Wikipedia \(disambiguation\)](#).

 **This is a general introduction for visitors to Wikipedia.** The project also has an encyclopedia article about itself, and an introduction and tutorial for aspiring contributors.

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Wikipedia is written collaboratively by largely anonymous volunteers. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles, except in limited cases where editing is restricted to prevent further disruption or vandalism.

Since its creation on January 15, 2001, Wikipedia has grown into the world's largest reference website, attracting 1.7 billion unique-device visitors monthly as of November 2021. It currently has more than fifty-eight million articles in more than 300 languages, including 6,456,016 articles in English with 132,609 active contributors in the past month.

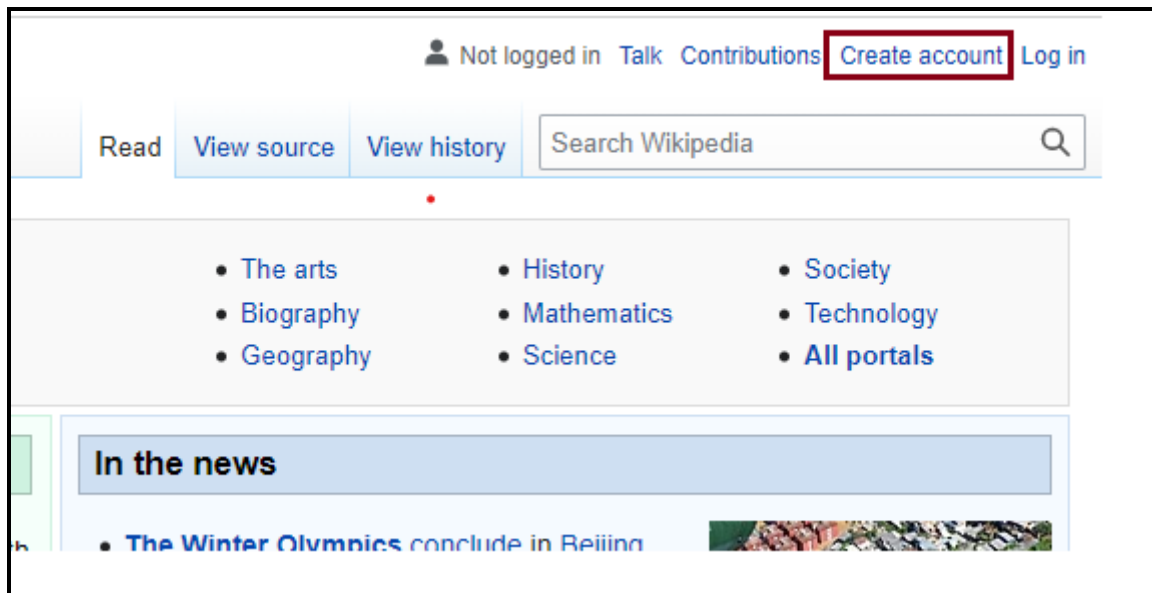
The fundamental principles by which Wikipedia operates are summarized in the [five pillars](#). The [Wikipedia community](#) has developed many policies and guidelines to improve the encyclopedia; however, it is not a requirement to be familiar with them before contributing.

Anyone is allowed to add or edit words, references, images, and other media here. What is contributed is more important than who contributes

English Wikipedia right now
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1.38.0-wmf.22 (529f223)
Content articles: 6,456,016
Total pages: 55,258,658
Uploaded files: 895,031
Edits: 1,068,187,991
Registered users: 43,092,565
(132,609 active in the past month)
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b). Steps to Create Account on Wikipedia:

STEP 1. Search 'wikipedia' on any browser and click on create account.

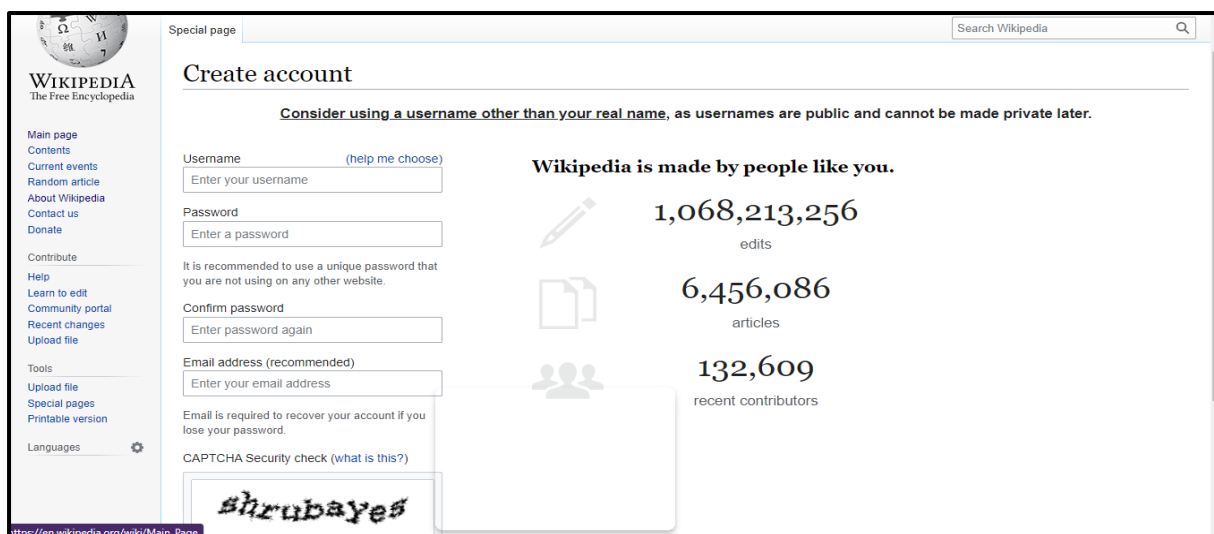


STEP 2. Give a username.

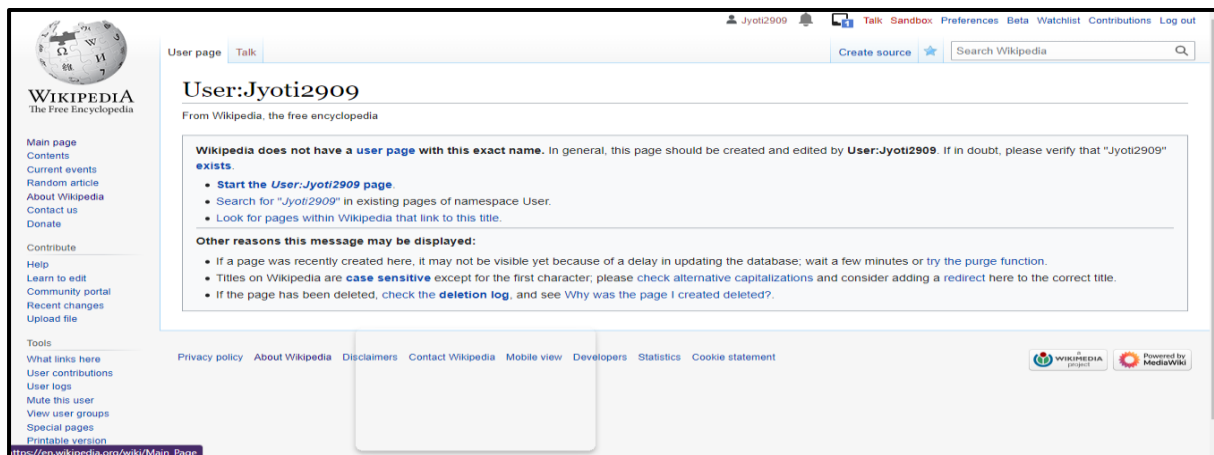
STEP 3. Give a password and confirm your password.

STEP 4. Write your email-id.

STEP 5. Write the captcha provided in the box for security check.

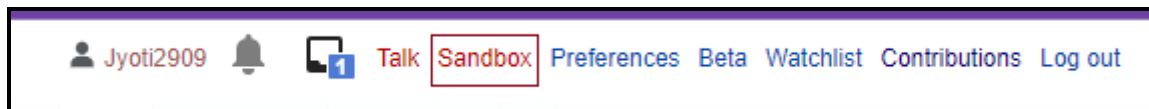


STEP 6. Click on create your account and the account is created.

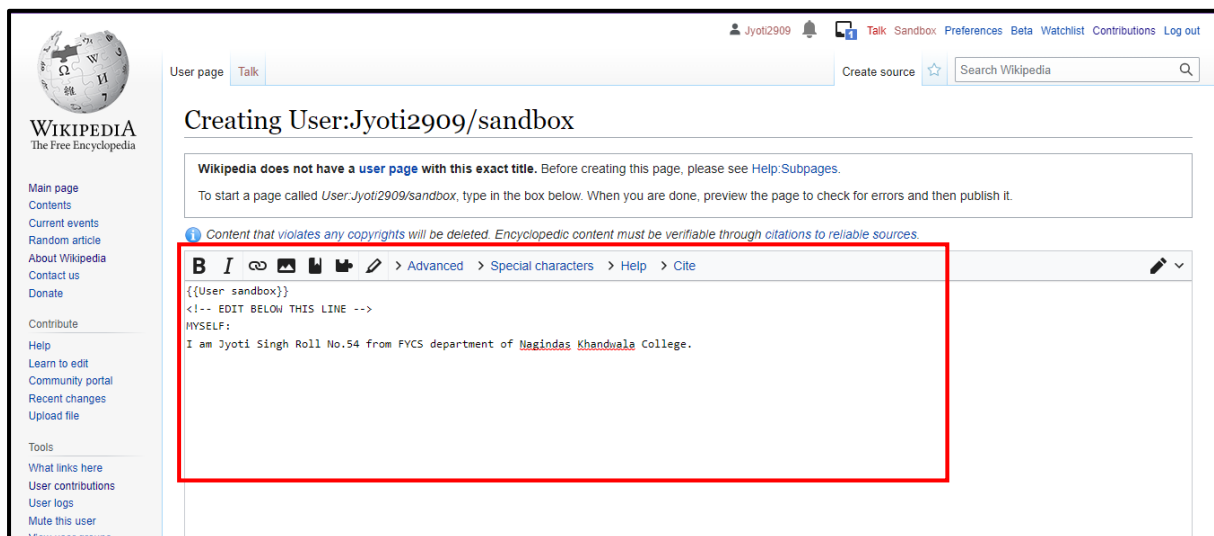


c). Creating a page on Wikipedia:

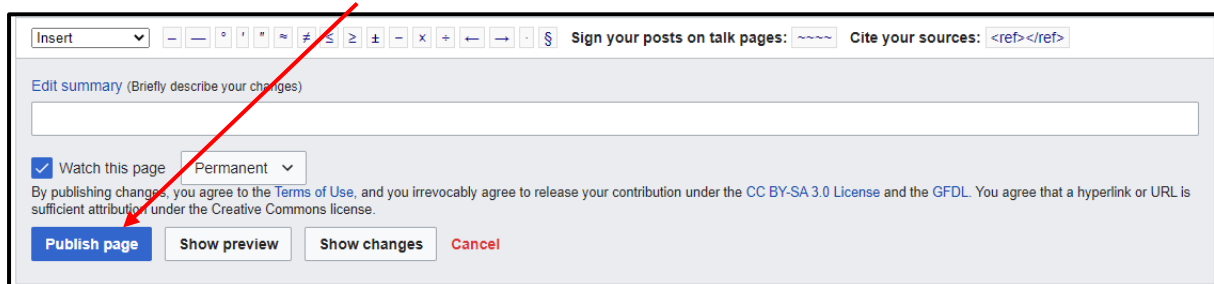
STEP 1. For creating a page click on sandbox.



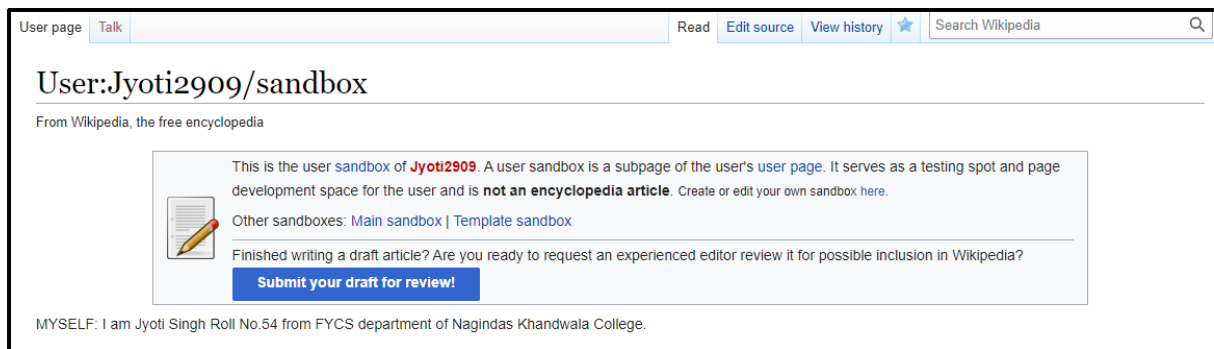
STEP 2. Type your content in the sandbox.



STEP 3. After writing the contents click on publish page.

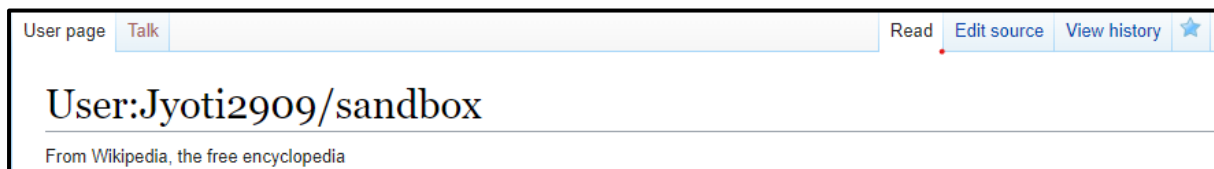


STEP 4. Now your page is created.

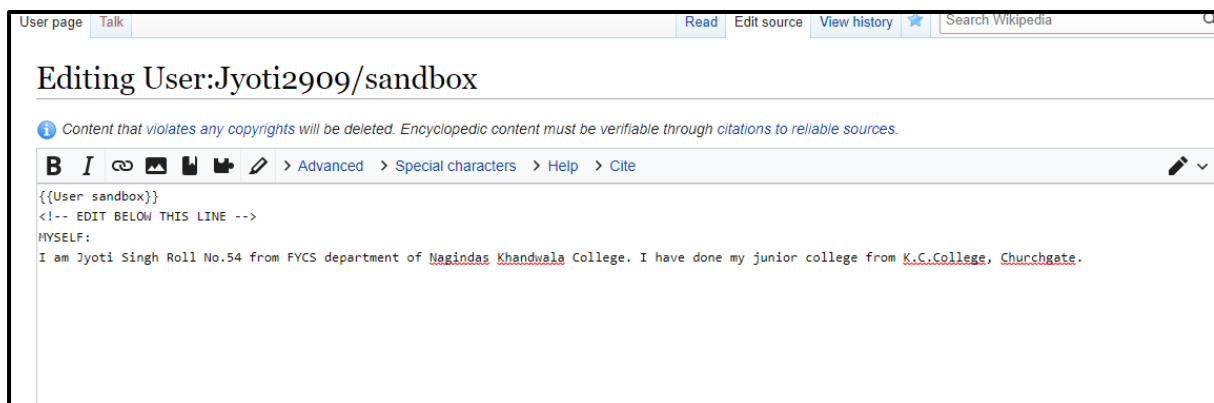


d). Edit your page:

STEP 1. Click on edit source.



STEP 2. Do the necessary editing.



STEP 4. Click on publish changes.



STEP 5. The page is edited.

