

Alternate India Time Zone Face to Face Meeting – The Ashok, New Delhi – Minutes cum Summary of discussions

When:

Date: 5th December 2015

Time: IST 15:30-17:30

Attended by:

Mr. Rajesh Ranjan	Convener
Ms. Priyanka M. Rawal	W3C
Mr. Avneesh Singh	Daisy Consortium
Mr. Dipendra Manocha	Daisy Consortium
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh	Anuvaad
Mr. Ravi Kant	CSDS
Ms. Aditi Maheshwari	Vani Prakashan
Mr. Mahesh Bharadwaj	Samayik Prakashan
Mr. Rishi Bharadwaj	Samayik Prakashan
Mr. Vineet Kumar	Delhi University
Mr. Satyanand Nirupam	Rajkamal Prakashan Group
Mr. Alind Maheshwari	Rajkamal Prakashan Group

Summary of discussions:

Delhi based Publishers were invited for the first Face-to-Face meeting of the 'Alternate India Time Zone' group, that took place on 5th Dec' 2015. The meeting had participation from various Publication houses and Organisations including Vani Prakashan, Samayik Prakashan, Rajkamal Prakashan Group, Anuvaad, CSDS and Daisy Consortium.

The meeting began with the address by Mr. Rajesh Ranjan (Convener - W3C 'Alternate India Time Zone' group, Open Source Community Manager, NeGD & Founder – Fuel Project). Mr. Ranjan is the nodal person who acts as the bridge between the Global DPUB group and 'Alternate India Time Zone' group. The meeting began with a brief introduction by the participants followed by an introductory session on W3C activity at large as well as W3C focus areas by Ms. Priyanka M. Rawal. She explained the vision of W3C, its various domains and the DPUB activity being carried at W3C. She also mentioned that the 'Alternate India Time zone' group is an extension of the Global DPUB Interest Group http://www.w3.org/dpub/IG/wiki/Main_Page and all contributions from the former will be directly forwarded to the latter. Mr. Ranjan welcomed all the participants and explained the background behind formation of the AITZ group. The main motive being, creating a platform for Digital Publishing community in Indian sub continental region for discussing various nuances and needs of the region from the evolving global standard.

Later, Ms. Priyanka explained the various ways through which each of the stakeholders can contribute.

- Publishers can contribute by bringing forth their problems/concern areas/requirements/observations necessary for a seamless transition of print books into eBooks
- Technology/Language/i18n experts can contribute by:
 - Documenting the various Use Cases/language specific requirements gathered from various stakeholders or through their own due diligence
 - Mapping them into the desired standard

The various Task Forces operating under DPUB Interest Group were also discussed during the meeting. Later, Mr. Avneesh Singh, COO - Daisy Consortium explained the importance of Open

standards. He mentioned that various rich Publication houses come up with proprietary solutions which are confined to a particular platform only. Whereas if the solutions follow open standards, they will be independent of the Platform, the Device and the Browser on which they operate, thereby giving a rich web experience!

Ms. Priyanka also explained three important requisites for participating in the AITZ group: **How to subscribe to the Public mailing list** (public-india-timezone-dpub-ig@w3.org), **How to post on the Public mailing list and how to join the WebEx Conference call**. A document explaining the above points is attached along with this email.

Mr. Rakesh Ranjan then discussed the purpose of a Working Draft document – ‘Requirements for Latin Text Layout and Pagination document’ <<http://www.w3.org/TR/dpub-latinreq/>> and further asked the Publishers to contribute a similar document in all official Indian languages. To begin with he asked the participants to contribute Use Cases in Hindi as majority of the members had publications in Hindi.

Further, the participants were informed that W3C India after checking with their Global team would get back with a link to the ‘W3C Process Document’, required for the development of W3C Recommendation or Standard. The same is as follows: <http://www.w3.org/2005/10/Process-20051014/intro>

Next steps:

- W3C India is planning to host the **second call** of the ‘Alternate India Time zone’ group in the second week of January’2016. The details of the same will be mailed to the list of participants who have subscribed to the public mailing list.
- Planning a Face to Face meeting of the group in Delhi, in the month of February’2016, during the visit of Mr. Alan Bird – W3C’s Global Business Development Lead. The logistics of the same will be shared with all