2. Reader's Feedback

» "…Thank you very much for participating in the Universal Library Million Book Project and for hosting our delegation to India. I enjoyed the presentations, discussions, collegiality, and food. I was particularly moved by Dr. Om Vikas's research and spoke with him afterwards. He gave me a copy of one of his papers. That paper and the other publications you provided in the packet are impressive …"

-Denise A. Troll,
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» "…Thank you very much for your letter dated March 24, 2003. I am delighted with the information contained therein concerning the Unicode Consortium Committee meeting on March 4-7, 2003 at Microsoft Center, Mountain view, California.

My interest had always been to preserve and develop the diversity that India represents in its culture, languages, traditions and much else. That why I always supported efforts that would leads to possibilities in this direction. I am particularly pleased that the initiatives you have taken over the past quarter of a century, since the whole programme relating to Indian languages computers and information technology was first taken up in the Department of Electronics when I was Secretary, are now flowering. We have come long way since then, with considerable success, for which a lot of credit need to be given to you. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to be supportive. My principal interest today is in the UNL and the approach that this would be complementary to a great deal of what has already been done under the TDIL.

Thank you for sending me the "Annals of Indian Language Computing" and Vishwabharat@tdil (Newsletter)…"

-M.G.K. Menon, Eminent Scientist,
Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished
Prof. of ISRO, Dept. of Space
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» "…Here in Bolivia, we are only recently reaching sufficient agreement in an alliance of organisations from civil society, universities, and the private sector, to begin to plan a National Strategy for Communications & Education. A vital element in this, of course, is an indigenous presence, which makes up over 70% of the Bolivian population, and the strategy planning of multi-lingual information processing.

In this light, we are interested to know :

(i) if there is some written documentation you could send us on how you began your enormous venture to transform Indian Information Technology?

(ii) and as we are still at the stage of preparing the broad outlines of a planning strategy, we wonder if you have any articles on your experience in hindsight, particularly concerning the management of priorities at this earliest stage.

At the same time, we wish to thank you for sending us copies of your journal, Digital Unite and Knowledge for all, which inspire us constantly…"

-Juan de Dios Yapita,
Instituto de Lengua y Cultura Aymara
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» "…I appreciate your work on "English to Hindi" translation. I have tried using it for the first time and it seems quite impressive. I cannot write hindi properly so this would be a helpful tool (especially to write to my parents). It's done very well and throws in exceptions very nicely. I was trying to use your hindi editor and sometimes totally got stuck while trying to find something. Also some stuff is hard to delete (i.e. if I made a mistake). Few more things that would make life more easy would be to have a picture or a text file explaining/showing the keyboard mapping to the hindi fonts, and having an ability to get a hardcopy of the typed stuff. Thanks again, Cheers…"

-Ashutosh Jha, Osellus Inc. Toronto
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