

Website without the net

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Background

- TESS-India (Teacher Education through School-based Support in India)
- Working to improve practice of primary and secondary school teachers
- Started in 2012, running over 7 key states



Background

- Project led by The Open University's International Development Office
- Funded by UK Aid
- Create multilingual teacher professional development programme
- Commitment to release content online (Open Educational Resources)



Website

- Project had already created a website
- Focused on project stakeholders - time to shift focus to the teachers
- Initial phase:
 - Make the site mobile friendly
 - Import the learning materials
 - Videos hosted on YouTube - it can detect bandwidth and provide lower quality videos where appropriate
 - Provide fast & simple route to find relevant content

Content discovery


- Target users might have connectivity but...
- Don't assume users will have significant time/budget to browse site

Content discovery

Simple filters to find relevant content (state, subject and level)

Explore our resources

All India - English	Subject	Level
> Select All		
> English		
> Language and Literacy		
> Maths		
> School Leadership		
> Science		





Content discovery



List of content relevant to user's selection of state, subject and level




The screenshot displays a web interface for learning resources. At the top, a dark red header contains the text "Learning resources". Below this, a horizontal navigation bar features three dark red buttons labeled "All India - English", "English", and "Elementary". Underneath the navigation bar are two grey buttons: "Download All" with a PDF icon and a red arrow, and "Download All" with a DOC icon and a blue arrow. A green horizontal bar separates the navigation from the content area. The content area shows a search result for "Effective practices" with a red title, a description, and three icons (video, eye, PDF). Below this, an orange header contains the text "All India - English / English / Elementary", and the content area shows another search result for "TI-AIE: Classroom routines" with three icons (eye, DOC, PDF).

Learning resources

All India - English English Elementary




Download All  

Download All  

Effective practices   

These key resources, which apply to all subjects and levels, offer teachers further guidance on effective practices in the pedagogy of the TESS-India OER.

All India - English / English / Elementary

TI-AIE: Classroom routines   



Content 'take away'



Option to download zip file of all content relevant for the user





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All India - English / English / Elementary

TI-AIE: Classroom routines     

Result: website for teachers

Mobile



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Teacher Development Resources
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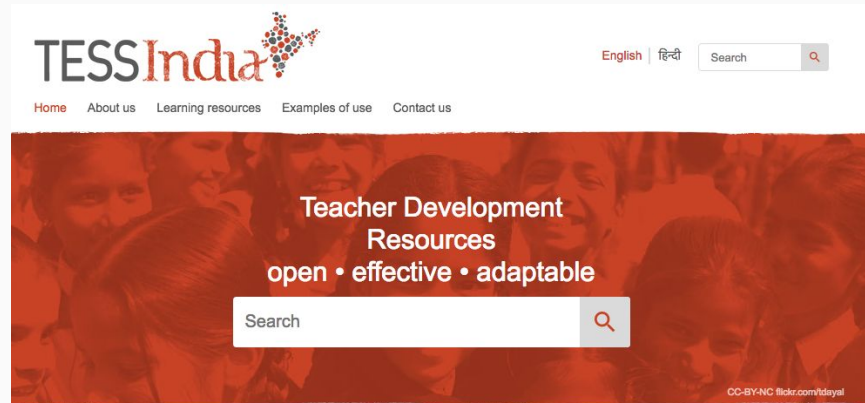
Search

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Explore our resources

State
> All India - English
> अखिल भारतीय हिन्दी
> उत्तर प्रदेश
> बिहार
> मध्य प्रदेश
> छत्ताग
> पश्चिमवङ्ग

Desktop



TESS India English | हिन्दी Search

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Search

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Explore our resources

All India - English	Subject	Level
> Select All		
> English		



Ambition

Deliver the website to users in no bandwidth locations using:

- Fixed media
- Standalone wifi hotspots

Create static site

- Alternative site templates
- Process to save all pages out as HTML files
- Copy all site assets such as images
- Process to handle embedded YouTube videos
- Generate PDF and Word zip files for every combination of filters
- Learning Materials listing page - client side filtering
- No site search

Result: website on fixed media



Create standalone WiFi hotspot

- Raspberry Pi (Raspbian OS) configured as a WiFi access point webserver
- Process to generate site - similar to static site build process (minimise processing demand on low power device)
- Implement site search using SQLite
- Site files on SD card

Result: website on wifi hotspot



One site - three modes of delivery

Internet



The screenshot shows the TESS India website. At the top left is the logo 'TESS India' with a star icon. To the right are language options 'English | हिन्दी' and a menu icon. Below the logo is a banner with the text 'Teacher Development Resources open • effective • adaptable'. Underneath is a search bar with the word 'Search' and a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom right of the banner is the text 'CC-BY-NC flickr.com/tdayal'. Below the banner is a blue button that says 'Explore our resources'. At the bottom is a 'State' dropdown menu with two options: '> All India - English' and '> अखिल भारतीय हिंदी'.

Fixed media



Standalone WiFi hotspots



Outcomes

- TESS-India's in-country team are delighted
- Aiming for wider distribution subject to funding

- Get tech team involved as early as pos
- Reduce the pressure on low power device.
 - Design site to minimise what needs to be done by 'server-side'
 - Use process to create static site to do any remaining 'heavy lifting'
- Help users find relevant content that they can 'take away' and use offline.

Resources

- TESS-India website:
www.TESS-India.edu.in
- The Open University's International Development Office:
www.open.ac.uk/about/international-development