

## Project Schedule:

1. Tool-kit for an Information Policy
  1. I intend spending the first quarter (April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006) of the fellowship studying information policies and practices employed in universities in developed countries.
  2. The second quarter (July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006) would be spent looking at information policies and practices wherever identifiable, across universities in India. I intend to spend a good portion of this period travelling to various universities in the country of different sizes in order to try and acquaint myself with information practices being followed within universities. Interviews conducted in this duration would, I hope, enable me to form impressions about the aspirations Indian researchers have about their research and what their attitudes are towards 'opening' their research.
  3. In the third quarter (October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006) I would use the perspectives gathered in the first half of the fellowship period to try and crystallise principles which could form the basis of an information policy tool-kit for India.
  4. In the final quarter (January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007) I would draft a modular information policy "tool kit" for universities in India to adopt depending on their evaluation of the level of openness they are comfortable with. I hope to be able to make this tool-kit available through a convenient web-based interface.
2. A free web-platform for sharing research:
  1. The first quarter of the fellowship would be spent in redesigning the proposed collaborative site and adding in new features not already present.
    1. I would be focussing on building basic content - legal raw materials - on the site in this period. I aim to host at least 50 bare texts of legislations on the site during this phase.
    2. I also aim to put up the texts of 20 judgments of the Supreme Court of India during every month of this phase and during the course of the fellowship.
    3. A major challenge in this phase would be to evolve and implement a robust system of categorisation of articles to enable better indexing and quicker retrieval.
  2. In the second quarter, I aim to make trips to several law universities in a bid to popularise the site and in order to draw volunteers. Volunteers would be solicited for a range of tasks including producing specialized, subject-specific electronic newsletters, blogging, site maintenance etc. The task of hosting ancillary legal materials begun in the last phase would continue through this phase. I hope to have actually received or elicited commitments for 500 research papers.
  3. I propose to use the third quarter organising, along with volunteers, the research papers I actually receive on the site. By the end of the year I hope to bring out CD compilations of material collected on the site. I hope

to also utilise this period to begin planning for a workshop on open information policy/practices.

4. In the last quarter, I hope to complete hosting any pending research papers from the previous phase. I hope, during this phase to begin integrating different elements of the site with each other - to build a contextual matrix around every research paper hosted. During this quarter, I hope to organise a workshop bringing together all the volunteers who worked on the site as well as academics and researchers.