

Wiki Loves Contest

Exploring the archaeology and natural heritage of Bangladesh through Wiki Loves Monuments and Wiki Loves Earth



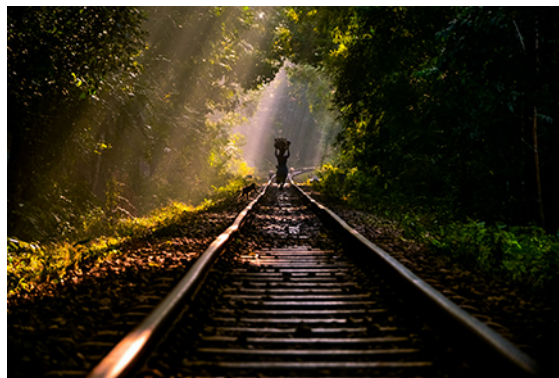
Wiki Loves Monuments & Wiki Loves Earth in Bangladesh turned into a comprehensive photographic database of the country's archaeological & natural heritage sites. The contests documented photographs of almost 400 of the 452 government listed archaeological sites and 40 of the 51 government listed protected sites of Bangladesh. These contests not only provided the opportunity to build a comprehensive photographic database of archaeological & natural heritage sites of the country, but they also helped in revealing the present conservation status of the sites and buildings.



(The Baitul Mukarram Mosque in Dhaka is the 10th largest mosque in the world and was here photographed during peak hour, the Jumma prayer in the early afternoon. Photo by Azim Khan Ronnie; CC-BY-SA 4.0. Placed 3rd in the International WLM 2017.)



(A lonely reader in (yes, again!) the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka gives a peek into a totally different side of the same building. Photo by Jubair1985; CC-BY-SA 4.0. Placed 7th in the International WLM 2017.)



(Railroad tracks through Lawachara National Park, Bangladesh, provide a convenient path. Photo by Pallabkibir, CC BY-SA 4.0. Placed eleventh in the International WLE 2017.)

13000+

Free Images

600+

Participants

400

Archaeological Sites

40

Natural Heritage Sites



Female Participants: 15%

Higher than any other previous Wikimedia related competitions held in Bangladesh



New Participants:

65% | 61% | 88%
WLM 2016 | WLM 2017 | WLE 2017

These participants never contributed to wiki commons before



Image Usage:

22% | 10% | 17%
WLM 2016 | WLM 2017 | WLE 2017

2140 images were used in various wikipedia articles

Procedure

- + List of 452 archaeological and 51 natural heritage sites was created
- + We identified each by creating a unique ID number (our govt. don't have such IDs), following the ISO code.

Bonus

We also noticed, during these competitions, that there is a great lacking in the availability of valuable information on the internet about the monuments and natural heritage sites of Bangladesh. To address this unavailability, Wikimedia Bangladesh organized two article writing contests in the Bengali Wikipedia. These article writing contests were held in parallel with the WLM & WLE photography contest and resulted in adding almost all articles about the monuments & natural heritage sites of Bangladesh. As there were hardly any information online, participants collected information from books, journals and hard copies to produce the articles.



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