Good Article Edit-a-thon

Online edit-a-thon to enhance good articles in the Bangla Wikipedia.

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The Bangla Wikipedia has a total of about forty thousands of articles. Among these, only a handful of articles are Good Articles. In an attempt to enhance the quality of content in the Bangla Wikipedia by increasing the number of Good Articles, an online editathon was organized by Wikimedia Bangladesh. The editathon continued from **1st November 2015 to 10th January 2016.**

⊕ Purposes of the edit-a-thon

- Engage new editors
- Creating quality articles
- Transform the already developed articles into Good Articles
- Better editing practices
- Rewarding editos based on contribution

⊕ Ensuring quality

To ensure quality of articles, participants were asked to only translate any of the Good Articles from the English Wikipedia. No other translation sources were allowed. This made possible to have a good source and quality content to translate.

550 participants

592 submitted articles

4 offline meetups

⊕ Procedure

- ▶ Defining the criteria (only Good Articles from the English Wikipedia to be translated into Bangla) and related instructions
- ▶ Anouncement of the editathon through online platforms, social media channels
- ▶ Meetups in diferent regions to help new editors
- ▶ Selection of the right articles and amendment of the nearly good articles
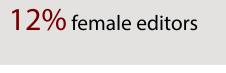- ▶ Rewarding the best contributors in the Wikipedia 15 event

best editors were rewarded with Wikipedia merchandises

⊕ Results

- Among the participants, 14% were found editing Wikipedia frequently
- A number of volunteers were found from different regions
- Around 86% of the participants were new editors
- 496 good articles were created
- New editors were trained in the meetups

496 good articles

♀ **Female editors**
12% female editors

Frequent editors
14% of participants were found editing wikipedia frequently

New editors
86% new editors engaged