Name of the Tool	**Banglapedia**
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URL	http://en.banglapedia.org/index.php?title=Main_Page
Subject	Bangladesh - Encyclopedias
Accessibility	Free
Language	Bilingual- Bengali and English
Publisher	Banglapedia Trust, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Professor Sirajul Islam and Ahmed A. Jamal (editor).
Brief History	The Banglapedia project originated when the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh was working on a three-volume study titled History of Bangladesh, 1704-1971 in 1991. The editors felt the need for a standard desk reference, as that project progressed laboriously, culling facts from various libraries. The idea finally led to a concept paper prepared by Prof. Sirajul Islam and his colleagues and submitted to the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh in early 1994. The Banglapedia project was formally adopted on 19 February 1997, and Prof. Islam was appointed project director and chief editor. It became online in 2003.
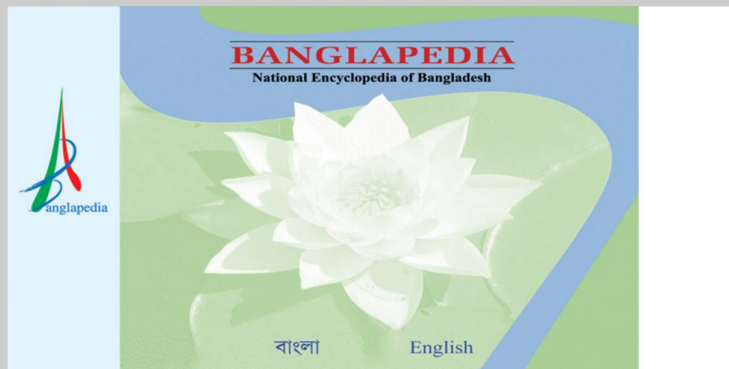
Scope and Coverage	It contains Bangladesh related topics like biographies of famous persons of Bangladesh (M. N. Roy, Abdul Latif, and Rani Chanda etc.), history (history of ancient, medieval and modern Bangladesh etc.), geography (Padma river, Sundarbans etc.) art (Baul song etc.), music (Kabi gan etc.), medicine (Medicinal herb, medicinal plant etc.), food (Hilsa, Jackfruit etc.), agriculture (Agricultural finance, Agricultural policy etc.), birds (Bulbul, Parrot etc.), animals (Tiger, Buffalo etc.) and so on. Banglapedia contains over 5,700 entries.
Kind of Information	Banglapedia - the National Encyclopedia of Bangladesh, an intellectual output of over 1450 scholars, is the most comprehensive reference work on Bangladesh. In it users will have access to all branches of knowledge related to Bangladesh.

In an entry brief description, history, coloured and black and white images, maps etc. are found.

Within a biographical entry the date of birth, date of death, birth place, education, working life, achievements, photograph, of that person etc. are found.

In a geographical entry like Sundarbans, following information are available:
1. Latitudes and Longitudes of that place,
2. Temperatures,
3. Tidal forest,
4. Fauna,
5. Related photographs,
6. Map.

Within an entry "Fish", following types of information are found:
1. Black and white images relating to common external features and internal organs of fish with labeling,
2. Coloured images of some fresh water fishes, marine fishes etc.,
3. Coloured map relating to Bangladesh's inland fishing,
4. Fish nutrition.

See reference is also found in some entries. |
| *Special Features* | ❖ It is the first national Bangladeshi encyclopedia available in print, online, CD-ROM.

❖ It is an encyclopedia where there is a provision to directly translates an article into Bengali to English and vice versa. |

	❖ The file type of images is there with their dimensions and name of the contributors. ❖ This encyclopedia provides Fuzzy searching.
Arrangement Pattern	Articles are arranged alphabetically in the index, available in the home page. For example under alphabet "A" the entries are arranged in the following order: AB Bank Limited ALRD Abahattha Abdul Hamib Mosque Abdullah Kirmani (R) etc. The articles are also arranged category wise. Under a particular category similar types of entries (or articles) are arranged alphabetically. For example, there are various categories like Agriculture, Biography, Communication etc. Under "Biography" the following entries like Abdul Hakim, Baba Adam Shahid, Rai Chand etc. are arranged.
Remarks	This encyclopedia has become a vital and indispensable companion to teachers, students, researchers, professionals, and general readers for learning about Bangladesh.
Comparable Tools	➢ Encyclopedia of the Nations (http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/) ➢ Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) ➢ Encyclopaedia Iranica (http://www.iranicaonline.org/) ➢ Encyclopedia.com (http://www.encyclopedia.com/)
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