

*"I came to the summit with the intention of getting to know all these brilliant ideas from around the world and also to disseminate my idea. We (the participants) will soon create a platform – a group – where all of us can have discussions and interact with each other, so that we can work closely."*

– Ashrarul Haq Sifat, Participant from Bangladesh

colours through the use of songs and notes. He called it "Instagram for the Blind."

Inspiration and guidance also came from the speeches delivered throughout the summit.

On the first day of the summit, the CEO of Telenor Group explained how through innovative missions, values, codes of conduct and leadership attitude, mobile and digital technology can bring about positive change in societies and empower them. He then persuaded

Mobile Partnerships, Wikimedia Foundation, USA and Bernt G. Apeland, Executive Director, UNICEF Norway) and "Big Data for Social Good" (by Telenor Research and Sustainability). There was also a panel discussion on "Internet for All = Opportunities for All. How financial services and access to education helps drive inclusion and growth" (with Nadeem Hussain, President and CEO, Tameer Microfinance Bank, Pakistan and Rishad Premji, Chief Strategy Officer,



Ashrarul Haq Sifat  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Wikipedia free of charge on mobile phones, particularly in developing markets. In Bangladesh, Wikipedia Zero is available to Grameenphone and Banglalink users.

Asked how Wikipedia ensures accuracy of content, since anyone can edit

You may or may not agree that this year's laureates were the best choices for the Nobel Peace Prize but it was impossible to remain unmoved when Kailash Satyarthi said, "You and I live in the age of rapid globalisation. We are connected through high-speed internet. We exchange goods and services in a single global market... but there is one serious disconnect. It is the lack of compassion. Let us inculcate and transform the individuals' compassion into a global movement. Let us globalise compassion. Not passive compassion, but transformative compassion that leads to justice, equality, and freedom." or when Malala Yousafzai said, "Though I appear as one girl, who is 5 feet 2 inches tall, if you include my high heels (it means I am 5 feet only), I am not a lone voice, I am many. I am those 66 million girls who are deprived of education. And today I am not raising my voice; it is the voice of those

*"I thought I was a changemaker but from that state of mind I had to think like a leader and entrepreneur as the summit progressed."*

– Nowshin Mehzabin Chowdhury,  
Participant from Bangladesh

pages they are looking at, Schloeder said, "The local Wikipedia communities (of contributors) are in charge of edit-

the participants to consider what would be the most important priority in 2015 – to maximise this potential of digital technology.

Asked what the specific objective of the summit was, Baksas responded: "In the broader sense, this initiative aims to create expectations, which is a prerequisite to growth. Our top priority is to listen to and learn from these young participants how mobile technology and digital communication can enable socioeconomic change and provide opportunities for all."

Over the course of three days at the summit, participants were put into groups, and each group worked on a particular idea pitched by one of the team-members. They attended workshops on "How to realise your idea" (by Telenor Digital); sessions on "Ideas for Sustainable Development" (featuring Carolynne Schloeder, Director of

Wipro Limited, India). The participants got the opportunity to fine-tune their ideas and learn how to scale up, so that their concepts could reach a wider population.

*"The Future belongs to the curious."*

– Carolynne Schloeder, Director of Mobile Partnerships, Wikimedia Foundation

### Free Knowledge

During her speech, Schloeder, Director of Mobile Partnerships, Wikimedia Foundation, pointed out that 60 per cent of the global population still don't have internet. She stressed on the need for free access to information and spoke about Wikipedia Zero – a project by the Wikimedia Foundation to provide



Carolynne Schloeder  
Director, Global Partnerships  
Wikimedia Foundation

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ing inaccuracies and self-promotion."

"Currently the Bengali Wikipedia (West Bengal and Bangladesh) has around 40,000 articles and Wikimedia Bangladesh is very active," she added.

66 million girls."

The participants and media personnel had the opportunity to attend the CNN interview with the laureates at the City Hall.

This opportunity materialised thanks to Telenor being a main sponsor of the Nobel Peace Centre. The Nobel Peace Centre reciprocated with close collaboration in organising Telenor Youth Summit. At a workshop, the Peace Centre also engaged the participants in a discussion on how digital communication can be used to reach the youth worldwide and generate interest in the Peace Prize, its values and ideals.

### The Nobel Connection

The most memorable part of the three-day event was, arguably, watching the Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony live (on screen) at the Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo. The ceremony was held just across the street, at Oslo City Hall.



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