



MISSION KEOKRADONG

BUT what could be done next? Well, the skies, roads and jungles may have been conquered but there were still some places left to be conquered and it was time. Bondhu Garage went out to climb one of the highest peaks in Bangladesh, Keokradong! An online competition was held from 1 to 6 December and 15 members were selected for the trip. They started their journey on 12 December to Bandarban and came back on 16 December. They took a chander gari from Bandarban, on 13 December morning to Ruma Bazar.

From Ruma Bazar, they took another chander gari and went to Boga Mukh. Then they went up by foot to Boga Lake and had the night stay there. On the next day, they started for Keokradong. After spending some time at the top, they climbed down to Boga Lake and had their night stay. On the next day, they started for Dhaka.



DUG OUT

FOOTBALL was soon to make yet another appearance before the year had ended. On 2 November, 2014 Bondhu Garage united with Manchester United Supporters Club Bangladesh to treat our football-loving bondhus with the biggest BPL live screening event in Dhaka! The highly anticipated match between Manchester City FC and Manchester United was screened at Baton Rouge Banquet Hall in Banani where a total of 207 people showed up!

Bondhu Garage members just had to sign-up three of their friends to the group to attend the event and get free tickets for themselves and their friends.

Apart from the screening, there was PS3 video game competition where the bondhus showed off their gaming skills through some FIFA 15 matches. Documentaries of Manchester United, inspirational videos and some short videos related to Garage were also shown.

Non-bondhu members were pretty impressed with the awesome arrangement and amazing spirit of Bondhu Garage and by the end of the day, they too signed-up for the group and officially became a part of this cool community!

Although everyone's favourite club, Manchester United, lost the match, the delicious dinner served to them after the screening was a definite winner!



XTREME TRAIL

THEN it was time for another sort of an adventure, one that was more physical than mental. From 13 – 16 November, 2014 the bondhus of Bondhu Garage took their cycles off their road for an extreme trail in Rema-Kalenga.

Mainul Islam Rahat, the renowned moderator of the BDCyclists Team, led this group of cyclists into the wilderness of this 37 km rocky off-road path.

25 cyclists who participated in an online competition from the Bondhu Garage group were selected by submitting a screenshot from the Endomondo app, of their best cycling performance within the last three months.

They departed from Dhaka on 13 November, 2014 and arrived at their place of accommodation, "Hermitage" in Sylhet that very night. On the morning of 14 November they embarked on their journey for Rema by crossing the river Khuai by a boat to reach the forest.

It took the team 2.5 hours to complete the trail and when they returned to their cottage, a warm and delicious barbecue awaited them! After devouring the delicious dinner, they had a fun interactive session with Mainul Islam Rahat.

Throughout the journey, bondhus faced several challenges but they emerged strong and united by supporting and helping one another. This inspiring spirit is what Bondhu Garage is all about.



FOTO FUN 202

ONE event was not enough to satisfy the passion of photography in our bondhus and that is why after the huge success of Foto Fun 101, Bondhu Garage introduced Foto Fun 202! This time, bondhus were pushed out from an enclosed space in a studio to an outdoor experience for a photo walk!

In order to join this event, bondhus had to participate in an online competition on Bondhu Garage's Facebook page by sharing a picture in which they had captured emotions.

The lucky winners were selected based on vote count and judge's choice for this event that took place on 24 October, 2014. Renowned photographers from the popular photographic community, "Through the Lens" (TTL) accompanied the bondhus in this eventful photo walk that started from Rabindra Sarobar.

Here they photographed people and then they moved on to visit Shakhariabazar. Here, they witnessed and took several pictures of the colourful presentations of the then upcoming Durga Puja. Finally, they made their last stop for the day at the ship-breaking yard at Sadarghat.

All these destinations helped the bondhus capture not only emotions, but also wonderful memories that they carried back with them after the event.



NIGHT OF HORROR

ADVENTURES and talent-spotting aside, it was time for all the friends to have some fun. Bondhu Garage set out to explore the mysteries of the haunted places in Cox's Bazaar on the spooky night of 15 November, 2014. Five bondhus were selected from Bondhu Garage's online competition after they submitted spine-chilling stories of horror. The journey started from Dhaka during the early hours of Friday and participants reached Cox's Bazaar at night.

As soon as midnight struck, the bondhus set off to explore not just one, but three haunted places on the same night! The experiences definitely gave the bondhus the chills as none of them could sleep that night. They encountered many strange things and admitted that they would never have dared to do such a thing if they were out there alone.

The night of horror was followed by a day of fun and laughter as the bondhus said goodbye to the place and enjoyed their time around the beautiful Cox's Bazaar beach.

SKY ADVENTURE WITH FLYING BOAT

INDEED, walking the silent and misty paths of Sundarban was a surreal experience. But it was time to get the hearts to beat faster and harder. Adventure took a new turn as the bondhus conquered the skies on a flying boat! This experience was hosted in Meghna Village Flying Resort at Baluakandi, near Munshiganj. Few lucky winners were selected through an online competition that asked for the Bangla name for 'Flying Boat' and its pilot. The excited winners flew over the waters of Meghna River and for the first time experienced a thrilling ride on a boat that took off into the sky!

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