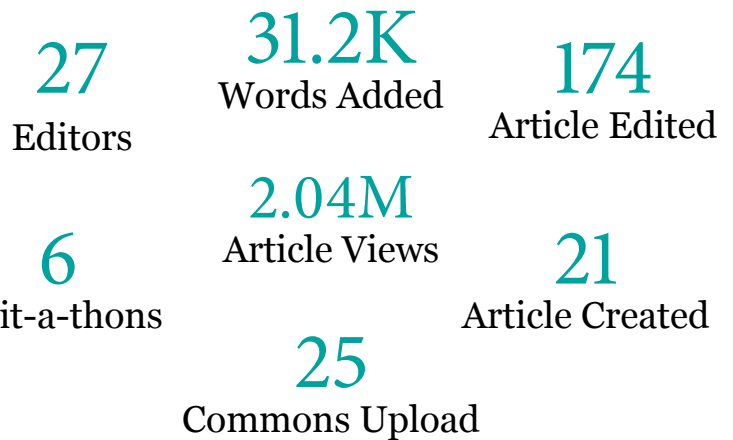


REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS WITH THE DALIT PERSPECTIVE

DALIT HISTORY MONTH, 2017: OUTCOMES

Dalit knowledge and history is too often marginalized or missing from narratives of South Asian history and its diaspora.

Equality Labs in collaboration with **Whose Knowledge?** organized a series of edit-a-thons - starting in April 2017 -to improve Wikipedia's coverage of Dalit people, events and issues, to share the contributions to history from Dalits around the world.



Data from: https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/campaigns/dalit_history_month/overview

BEYOND NUMBERS: REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS WITH THE DALIT PERSPECTIVE



As we work towards bridging the knowledge gap on Wikipedia by supporting historically marginalized groups in the community, we have to contextualize the process of editing Wikipedia socio-politically with an emphasis on how systemic injustice and other influential discourses influence each community's experience.

There is indeed value in evaluating the outcomes of Dalit History Month with the traditional markers of [article quality](#) in Wikipedia. But, there is also a serious need to understand: *what, according to the dalit community, counts as a "good quality"*

Dalit History article on Wikipedia?

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REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS : LANGUAGE

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“Lot of these articles have inaccurate statements, they have sometimes like derogatory language, not from a place of intentional maliciousness but just, you know, from a place of not being Dalit and not understanding the nuances. For example, it will say: this person came from a poor family and poor untouchable family. So it's not necessarily derogatory, but the word untouchable is contested by a lot of folks as being an older term that can be taken as to be offensive. Also, you know, what is the necessity of saying something like oh this person came from a poor family? I mean, most of our people came from poor families, you know. Editing language like that has been one concern.”

REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS: CATEGORIES

19:46, 5 June 2017 Bilqischondol (talk | contribs) . . (10,812 bytes) (+21) . . (added Category: *Bahujan* using HotCat)


“So we had a lot of articles that did not have category: Dalit. Adding it, tagging articles as part of dalit history has been important.”

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REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS: IMAGES

:55, 15 April 2017 [SimurghDar](#) (talk | contribs) . . (2,644 bytes) (+9) . . (Added the only extant photo of PK Rosy to the infobox!)

“Adding pictures has been one concern. We actively look at which articles have pictures, which articles don’t have pictures. In particular, if it’s about a person then we prioritize adding pictures. because sometimes in marginalized communities even if you know the name of the person, you don’t have face to put to it”

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REDEFINING QUALITY MARKERS: REFERENCES

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“Adding references that are works by people from our community has been a concern; either scholars or including oral histoies, or just finding work that has already been done by our people.”