



**Khoiyachora Waterfall** is a hilly waterfall which is situated on the hills of Mirsharai, Chittagong, Bangladesh . Among many other waterfalls in Mirsarai upazila, such as Komoldoho Waterfall, Napittachora Waterfall, Napittachora Waterfall, Sahasradhara Waterfall, Jharjhari Waterfall etc., Khoiyachora waterfall and its corridor is one of the largest in this hilly belt.<sup>[1]</sup> The Khoiyachora waterfall has a total of seven major waterfalls (cascade) and many isolated steps.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Since the location of the fountain is in Khoiyachora union of Mirsarai Upazila, the waterfall has been named "Khoiyachora Waterfall".

## History:

It is believed that the Khoiyachora Waterfalls, which is flowing almost 50 years ago. It took time to discover its location for massless mountain areas and bushes. Again many people think that this fountain was created due to hilly diversions almost 50 years ago, before that there was no waterfall.<sup>[7]</sup>

In 2010, the Government has been included in the Khoiyachora Waterfall National Park, after declaring 293.61 hectares of the block of Kunda Hat (Baratakia) block in the Baraiyadhala Block National Park.<sup>[7]</sup>

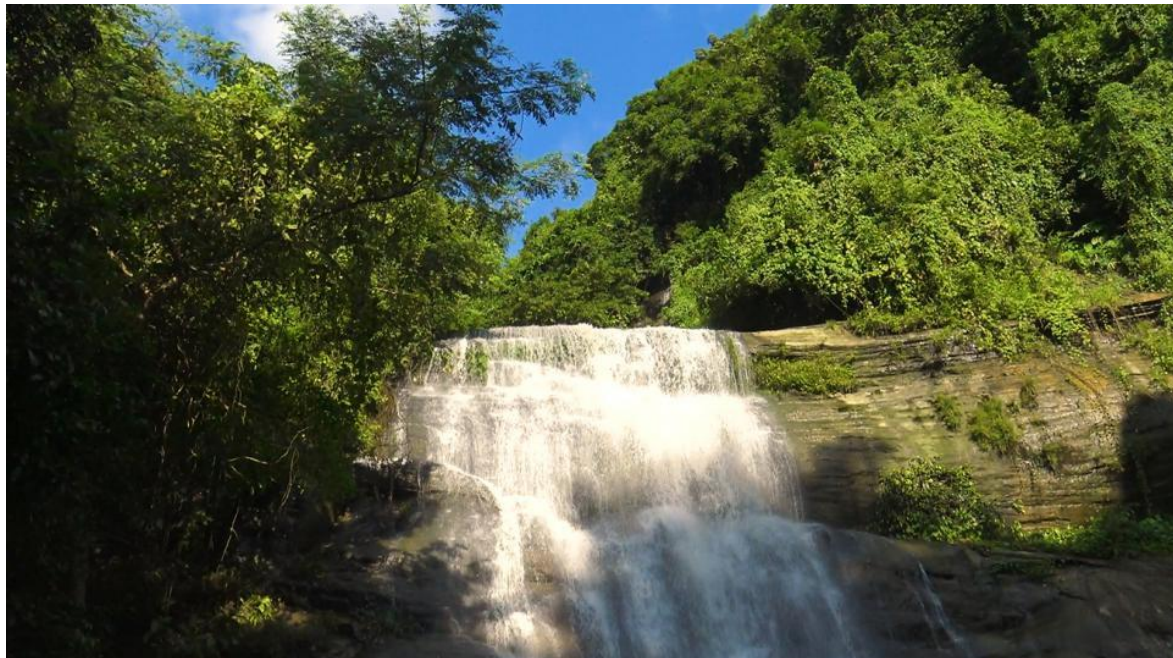
On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in 2017, the eco-tourism development project has been undertaken by the Department of Forest Department of Chittagong, "Ramgarh-Sitakunda-Reserve Forest", Khoiyachora Fountain, one of the main objectives is the conservation of the Khoiyachora Waterfall.





## Location:

Dhaka-Chittagong highway on the north side of the Baratakia market at the Khoiyachora Union of Mirsharai Upazila. The location of the water is 4.2 kilometers east of it. Due to the location of the fountain is in the mountains, it is not possible to reach at the top of the fountain directly by using any vehicle. It is possible to reach the village near the fountain using the Dhaka-Chittagong highway or on foot from the side or using local vehicles (e.g. CNG). But there is no arrangement for the rest of the road to reach the main stream of the fountain in the foothills of the hill, it is possible to reach there on foot only.



Located in Khoiyachora village in Mirsharai Upazila, this waterfall is located 200km south of Dhaka and only 63 km north of Chittagong. From Dhaka, it will cost you just Tk 480 for a four hour bus ride to reach this place. From Chittagong, this is just a 100 taka and 90 minute bus-ride affair. You should get down at Baratakia Bazar. The waterfall is only four km away from here. You can hire a CNG taxi—but that would not take you beyond 1.5 km. The remaining journey must be done on foot.

The government in 2010 announced a hill- area of 2933 hectares extending from Baroiyadhaka block to Kunderhat block as a national park. The Khoiyachora falls is located inside this park.



This waterfall has the highest number of steps in the country—earning it the name “queen of falls”. Photo: Khalid Hussain Ayon

If you have taken a CNG, you can drive up to a rail gate, cross a bamboo bridge and some farmland to reach the main track. Collect a bamboo or wooden stick from the locality, if you did not bring one with you. This will come handy as you walk into the hills. You should also come with trekking shoes or else it is best to go barefoot. You won't be able to walk with your everyday shoes here. The road here is tough, serpentine and sometimes dangerous. In some places it is muddy and slippery.

Follow this check-list if you are visiting this place:

- . Do not carry a lot of things

- . A backpack loaded with drinking water, some light food, one set of clothes, polythene and other necessary things
- . Trekking shoes
- . Trekking stick
- . Keep your hands free (other than the trekking stick)
- . If you are interested to see more waterfall, bring in a thick rope and a small knife

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