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Pratnatattva – Journal of the Department of Archaeology, Vol. 28, June 2022 [Bangladesh] / Md. Masood Imran (Exec. Ed)
Dhaka: Department of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University, 2022
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Art

Journal of Bengal Art, Vol. 26, 2021 (Dedicated to Claudine Bautze-Picron) / Enamul Haque (Ed)
Dhaka: The International Centre for Study of Bengal Art, 2021
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Biography/Memoirs

Border Crossing: My Journey as a Western Muslim / Mohammad Tufael Chowdhury
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023
xii, 345p.
9789845064033

\$ 25.00 / HB
590gm.

Whether negotiating the mind-games of the Israeli intelligence services or performing ablutions in a London bathroom, Mohammad Chowdhury's life as a British Muslim travelling the world brings daily challenges. *Border Crossings* is the story of Chowdhury's journey, gripping in some parts and shame-inducing in others, as he describes a lifelong struggle to reconcile the British, Asian and Muslim sides of his identity, constantly dealing with the mistrust of Westerners alongside the hypocrisies of his own community and their misunderstanding of Islam.

Chowdhury's story echoes the experience of thousands of Western Muslims who since 9/11 have been subjected to a constant barrage of questions that cast doubt over the very goodness of their faith. It is the story of a man who cries when England win the Ashes, yet still finds himself screaming in the face of racism and religious bigotry. This timely book powerfully rejects the poisonous narrative that Muslims can no longer be trusted as honest citizens of the West.

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Economics/Development Studies

50 Years of Bangladesh Advances In Health / (Edited by) Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, Yasmin Ahmed, Khairul Islam, Shishir Moral

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xx, 462p.

Includes Index.

9789845064040

\$ 80.00 / HB

865gm.

Positive and measureable progress in the health sector is one of the notable achievements for post-independence Bangladesh. This book has documented this fascinating story. Contributed by 103 renowned and reputed health experts, researchers, academics, and journalists, it comprises of 20 chapters. By reading this, readers will get a good idea of what changes have happened in Bangladesh's health sector since independence, how much progress has been made and how unique are these in comparison to selected neighbouring countries.

This book is also forward-looking as it discusses the current and future challenges. The book, *50 Years of Bangladesh: Advances in Health* is a must-read for all interested in human development, particularly in the health sector.

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Role of Link Model on Sustainable Rural Development in Bangladesh / Saria Sultana

Kushtia: Kanthadhani Prakasani, 2021

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Financial Market Development in Bangladesh: Current Strategies and Options For The Future / Abdul Kalam Azad

Dhaka: Bishwashahittya Bhaban, 2021
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Vibrant Bangladesh Economy Despite Pandemic / Atiur Rahman
Dhaka: Bishwashahittya Bhaban, 2022
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Enhancing Women's Capabilities: Does Microfinance Help? / Lutfun N. Khan Osmani
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023
xxv, 224p.
Includes Index.
9789845063951
\$ 40.00 / HB
450gm.

Women are both the target and the "agency" for the microfinance interventions; yet, curiously, most research on microfinance focuses on the household-level impact, and not on the well-being of the women themselves within the household. This book is an important contribution to fill this gap. Rich in both analytical rigour and the quality of empirical evidence, the book ingeniously applies Amartya Sen's capabilities approach, as well as the bargaining model of intra-household behaviour, to explore the microfinance impact on female well-being and empowerment. The impact is happily found to be a positive one, albeit within the cultural boundaries of a tradition-bound patriarchal society.
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Pattern of Working Class Development In Bangladesh Since Independence 1972-1988 /
Syed Tarique Uz Zaman
Dhaka: Bangala Gobeshona, 2022
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History

Bangladesh National Culture And Heritage: An Introductory Reader / (Edited by) A. F. Salahuddin Ahmad, Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, A. Majeed Khan, Abdul Momin Chowdhury, Syed Mohammad Shahed
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2022
xix, 538p.
Includes Index.
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935gm.

Bangladesh: National Culture and Heritage offers readers a comprehensive illustration of its history, society and culture. It deals with major aspects of the life and traditions of Bangladesh, highlighting the social, political, economic and cultural trends and changes across different periods.

The term "Bangladesh" here includes the inheritance of undivided Bengal, along with ancient Vanga and other neighbouring entities. Its recorded history begins in the fourth century BCE, but the land and its inhabitants are much older. Bengal has seen waves of settlers assimilate into local population throughout the ages. As 17th century French traveller Bernier said, "Bengal has hundred gates open for entrance, but not one for departure."

The chapters cover the ancient, medieval and modern periods. Recent archeological discoveries are incorporated and the development in modern education, science and technology are also reviewed. The economic development, trade, agriculture, faith, arts, architecture, painting, sculpture, language, literature, music and folklore are also elaborately covered. Scholars who are the pre-eminent experts in each area have authored the essays published in this volume with the latest photographs and plates. This volume is used in some universities as a compulsory general reader of past and present situation of Bangladesh and historical Bengal and the people who have inhabited this area. It is written in plain language so that a young reader may discover the diversity in Bangladesh and its heritage.

For the curious reader, it is an outline and introduction by experts with the opportunity to delve deeper directly with scholars still alive.

This second edition is thoroughly revised and updated with new articles to accommodate contemporary discoveries and thinking.

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The Bangladesh Liberation War In Retrospect: Conversation Among Three Key Participants /

A. K. Khandker, Muyeedul Hasan, S. R. Mirza (Translator) Mumtaz Iqbal

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

x, 148p.

Includes Index.

9789845063937

\$ 35.00 / HB

320gm.

The war for liberation has not always been black and white. The events that led to the war was complicated in more ways than one. The major global forces were in confrontation with one another, and there were many undercurrents in the internal events as well. A number of facts and events that had remained undisclosed are revealed in this candid and intimate conversation by three key participants of the war. The conversations also delve into deep analysis of known facts that sheds new light on the 1971 war. New information, coupled with the critical analysis in this text, makes this book a rare collectible for anyone who is interested in the history of the emergence of Bangladesh.

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Official Publications

Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics 2021, 33rd Series

Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Statistics and Informatics Division (SID), Ministry of Planning, 2022

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Statistical Yearbook Bangladesh 2021
41st Edition
Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Statistics and Informatics Division (SID),
Ministry of Planning, 2022
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1538gm.
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Bangladesh Bank: Annual Report 2020-2021
Dhaka: Department of Communications and Publications, Bangladesh Bank, 2022
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Yearbook of Fisheries Statistics of Bangladesh, Volume 38, 2020-21
Dhaka: Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, 2022
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Bangladesh – Population and Housing Census 2022: Preliminary Report
Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Statistics and Informatics Division, Ministry of
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Flow of External Resources into Bangladesh (As of 30 June 2022)
Dhaka: Ministry of Finance, Economic Relations Division, 2022
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Law

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Dhaka: Supreme Court of Bangladesh, 2021
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Supreme Court of Bangladesh: Annual Report 2021
Dhaka: Supreme Court of Bangladesh, 2022

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'Sharing' Ganges Water: Indo-Bangladesh Treaties and International Law / Md. Nazrul Islam
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xx, 286p.

Includes Index.

9789845063920

\$ 45.00 / HB

475gm.

This study through a comparative analysis of the Ganges agreements and 'codified' rules of international law has attempted to see whether a wider interpretation of applicable international law and due regard to environmental rules could improve the existing Ganges regime and inspire agreed basin-wide development of other rivers.

Although based on the Ganges River, the book has also touched upon the loopholes in negotiations on some other shared rivers of the regions. It argues that the traditional model of negotiation on the 'sharing' of transboundary rivers of this region should be revisited to make ways for basin-wide integrated utilization and management of these rivers.

While this topic also involves political and technological issues, the author believes that a better understanding of legal factors may contribute to easing tensions on those issues. This book aims to contribute to such learning. It should cater to the interest of policymakers, academicians, activists, and students interested in this region's development.

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Literature

Chinua Achebe: Voice and Vision / (Edited by) Hossain Al Mamun
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xlvi, 300p.

Includes Index.

9789845063968

\$ 34.00 / HB

575gm.

Chinua Achebe: Voice and Vision focuses on the substantial influence that Achebe has had on the literary world for decades now. The book aims to present penetrating insights and scholarly perspectives on Achebe's memorable works, beginning with Things Fall Apart and ending with his memoir and last publication There Was a Country: A Personal History of Biafra.

Significant though it was, we often do injustice by limiting the focus only to his first novel. This volume aims to redress that imbalance and lays the foundation for a new assessment of Achebe's work by tracing the rich and diverse range of his literary output. The essays collected in the book consider Achebe's voice as comprehensively as possible and his vision as an author as articulated in his novels, short stories, essays, lectures, interviews, children's literature, memoir, and poems.

The collection testifies to Achebe's impact worldwide and his continuing relevance for all students of literature in English and for those coming to terms intellectually with the ramifications of colonization for postcolonial criticism in particular and literary studies in general.

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Politics/Current Affairs

Staying The Course: Journey of A 'Bengal' Civilian / Geof Wood

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xxvii, 429p.

Includes Bibliography & Index.

9789845064026

\$ 49.00 / HB

690gm.

The author's nearly 5 decades of association with Bangladesh recalls the dilemmas of being an academic immersed in the processes of development and change through many roles embracing pure research and the arenas of policy making and activism. Its purpose is to convey the complexities of engagement beyond the comfort of the written page. It explores the continuous interaction between his exposure to the lives of the poor across the country and those designing strategies for poverty alleviation, either as powerholders or via mobilisation to challenge such powerholders in terms of governance and respect for the poor. This book reveals how the author was pulled into these challenges and the associated tensions between political management and the freedoms pursued by civil society, entailing reflection upon the deep structures of the society. The author concludes by asking whether the fragility of institutions witnessed in Bangladesh helps his antennae to identify such fragility in his own society.

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Sociology/Culture Studies

Terrorism In Bangladesh: The Process of Radicalization and Youth Vulnerabilities / Zia

Rahman & Monirul Islam

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xv, 254p.

Includes Index.

9789845062886

\$ 35.00 / HB

435gm.

The book is the first of its kind empirical study of terrorism based in Bangladesh focusing on the process of radicalization, ideology and youth vulnerabilities that lead to violence. Undertaking qualitative research methods, it has been written based on primarily data collected from terrorist suspects, their families, law enforcement officials and experts of various disciplines.

Based on the incidence of terrorism that takes on a politico-religious nature, the book attempts to understand which factors play significant roles in developing violent singular identities and looks into indoctrination, politics and proliferation, vulnerable youth along with the vulnerability of regions to extremism.

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Sisters In The Mirror: A History of Muslim Women And The Global Politics Of Feminism / Elora Shehabuddin

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2022

xii, 398p.

Includes Index.

9789845063944

\$ 30.00 / HB

755gm.

The Muslim world is often portrayed as the last and most difficult frontier of global feminism. Challenging this view, Elora Shehabuddin presents a unique and engaging history of feminism as a story of colonial and postcolonial interactions between Western and Muslim societies. Muslim women have been engaged in their own struggles for generations, negotiating their demands for rights within other forms of struggle—for national independence or against occupation, racism, and economic inequality. This book is organized around stories of encounters between women and men from South Asia, Britain, and the United States that led them, as if they were looking in a mirror, to pause and reconsider norms in their own society, including cherished ideas about women's roles and rights. Through stories of both well-known and relatively unknown figures, Shehabuddin recounts instances of conflict alongside those of empathy, collaboration, and solidarity. Stretching from the eighteenth-century Enlightenment era to the War on Terror present, *Sisters in the Mirror* shows how changes in women's lives and feminist strategies have consistently reflected wider changes in national and global politics and economics.

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Globalisation and Cultural Transformations among the Youth: Tertiary Institutions under the Spotlight / (Eds) Amena Mohsin, ASM Ali Ashraf, Niloy Ranjan Biswas, Mohammad Atique Rahman

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2023

xx, 301p.

Includes Index.

9789845063999

\$ 65.00 / HB

560gm.

Does globalisation cause cultural transformation among the youth? This has been an overriding research question addressed in this book by a fusion of young and established scholars from Bangladesh. Students from higher education institutions – both public and private- come under the spotlight of individual chapters. Three major sub-themes emerged from the research findings and discussions of 11 chapters which include higher education and pedagogy; social media's impact; and youth aspirations and perceptions. The findings and discussions reveal the multiplexity of dimensions that globalisation has and the impact of these on the youth. A remarkable feature of the volume is the "nearness" and the 'lived in' experiences of the authors and the editors, with the issues under exploration. Their rootedness in the physical and cognitive space add value to the reading of the issues. This volume's main contributions lie in its emphasis on theory-driven and policy-relevant knowledge on the linkages between a rapidly changing global system and national cultural practices of the youth.

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