A Comparative Analysis of Corporate Governance in South Asia: Charting a Roadmap for Bangladesh – August 2003 / Edited by Farooq Sobhan and Wendy Wener
Dhaka: Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, 2003
309 p.; 29cm.
$20.00

[This volume brings together four reports examining the current state of corporate governance in South Asia. The focus of the reports is a comparison of current norms and practices against the OECD Principles on corporate governance. This volume presents the first stage of a project, implemented by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, to identify reforms and initiatives that could help strengthen corporate governance in Bangladesh. By looking to its south Asian neighbours, Bangladesh can find corporate governance regimes that contain the necessary transparency and accountability. While being relevant to the cultural, economic, and historical environment of the region. It is only by creating an environment in the private sector where corporate transparency and accountability can protect investors and stakeholders that Bangladesh will be able to develop competitive private industries and attract more foreign and domestic investment.]

Reducing the cost of Doing Business in Bangladesh
Bangladesh: Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, 2004
183 p.; 29cm.
$10.00

[From Foreword - In recent years Bangladesh has attracted considerable praise for its macro-economic and social indicators, the reduction of poverty, its micro credit programmes, the ready made garment industry and the employment of millions of women.
But several recent studies in Bangladesh tell a somewhat different story. The BEI – World Bank investment climate report indicates that compared to China, India and Pakistan, Bangladesh is falling behind. The incidence of corruption is far greater, the quality of infrastructure poorer and the performance of key government departments or agencies less satisfactory. Added together, the cost of doing business in Bangladesh today compared to other countries in the region is considerably higher. One obvious way of improving the investment climate would be substantially reduce]
the cost of doing business in Bangladesh by eliminating or reducing corruption in key
government departments or agencies and introducing changes, which would
eliminate delays and provide for greater transparency.]

Climate Studies

Proceedings of SAARC Seminar on Climate Variability in the South Asian Region and
its impacts – Dhaka, Bangladesh 10-12 December 2002 / Edited by Dewan Abdul
Quadir
Dhaka : SAARC Meteorological Research Centre, 2003
x, 195 p.; 29cm.
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
$ 40.00

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observed rainfall records / Aswini Kulkarni
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Rupa Kumar
Rainfall Pattern over Pakistan during 1997-2002 / Khalid Hussain
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Climate Variability in South Asia and it Impact / Rajendra p. Shreshta
Climate variability in Sri Lanka its impacts / R.R.S.A. Karunayake
Variations of temperature in Bangladesh / Nur Mohammad Miah
Trends in the Annual Frequency of cyclonic Disturbances and storms in the Bay of
Bengals / Samarendra Karmakar
Impacts of climate change on tropical cyclones and storm surges in Bangladesh /
Anwar Ali
Intra-Annual and Inter-Annual variation of rainfall over different regions of
Bangladesh / Sujit Kumar Debsarma
Aridity condition over Bangladesh / D.A. Quadir
Climate change and its impacts on Bangladesh floods over the past decades / Dewan
Abdul quadir.]

Communication and Journalism

Women in Bangladesh Media – A Workshop Report
Dhaka : NewsNetwork, c2004
52 p.; 24cm.
984-8363-15-7
$ 4.00
The State of Media In Bangladesh / Mafuzur Rahman  
Dhaka : NewsNetwork, c2004  
119 p.; 22cm.  
984-8363-20-8  
$ 4.00

[This study on the State of Media in Bangladesh seeks to go deep into the media malaise in this country. It has chronicled the situation that has prevailed since the country’s independence in 1971. The study has covered all the regimes – military, autocratic and democratic – since then.]

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Economics and Development Studies

Report of the Third BCIM Conference : Third International Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation among Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) Dhaka February 6-7 2002  
Dhaka : Centre for Policy Dialogue, 2003  
198p.  
$ 5.00

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Hands Not Land : How Livelihoods are changing in Rural Bangladesh / Kazi Ali Toufique, Cate Turton  
Dhaka : Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, c2002  
136 p.; 28cm.  
1-86192-492-5  
$ 10.00

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Part 1 : Poverty in a changing rural Landscape  
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Frontiers of change in rural Bangladesh : Natural resources and sustainable livelihoods  
Rural Development policy in Bangladesh  
Rural Poverty : Patterns, Processes and Policies  
The Informal Institutional framework in rural Bangladesh  
The formal institutional framework of rural livelihoods in Bangladesh  
Re-thinking local governance : Towards a livelihoods focus  
Gender dimensions of rural change  
The Causes of vulnerability in rural livelihoods.]

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Migration Land Alienation and Ethnic Conflict : Causes of Poverty in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh / Shapan Adnan  
Dhaka : Research & Advisory Services, c2004  
xvi, 252 p.; ill.; 25cm  
Includes Bibliography and Maps  
984-8111-07-7  
$ 25.00
[This is a study of the causes of poverty among the indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh – variously known as the Jumma People, the Paharis, or the Hill Peoples. The work is based on research activities undertaken over 1998-2004, including several rounds of fieldwork in the CHT. The varied sites of fieldwork include Pahari village Settlements, habitations of Bengali settlers, towns and Urban centers, bazaars and market-places, the reserve forests, and the Kaptai lake and river networks. These diverse sites and contexts of field research are illustrated by nearly 200 colour plates.]

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Microcredit and Microentrepreneurship : Collateral Free Loan at Work in Bangladesh / Wali I. Mondal
x, 152 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
984-32-0284-8
$ 10.00

[The microfinance (MFIs) of Bangladesh are unique in that they work as bankers to the poor but they are not banks. The MFIs are part of the Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) providing a variety of loan products to the poor people according to the missions of their parent NGOs. The book analyzes the oligopoly in the microcredit market of Bangladesh. The book also evaluates the contributions of microcredit industry in Bangladesh in non-technical terms.]

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Directory on Rural Development Experts of SAARC Countries / Compiled by Mohammed Mir Kashem, Abul Kalam Azad
Comilla : Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, 1998
350 p.; ill.; 25cm
984-559-096-X
$ 10.00

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Attacking Poverty with Microcredit / Edited by Salehuddin Ah, M.A. Hakim
Dhaka : The University Press Limited and Palli Karma – Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), c2004
xii, 232 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Index
984-05-1692-2
$ 10.00

[Microcredit has been accepted as an effective tool for poverty alleviation and as an approach to development. Access to credit has been recognized as a human right. In this context, the book reviews the performance of microcredit programmes; identifies and analyses the issues facing the microcredit sector; and suggests policies and programmes to deal with the issues to further strengthen the role of microcredit for poverty alleviation. The book also presents a critical analysis of the current issues of the microcredit sector such as interest rate, governance, regulatory framework and providing credit to the poorest.]
Bangladesh Economy : Turns of the Decades / Mahbub Ullah
Dhaka : Adorn Publication, c2003
368 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Index
984-8193-71-4
$ 15.00

[This book is about the economy of Bangladesh written from the perspective of political economy. The author paints lively and realistic pictures of the economy of Bangladesh in a wide canvas spreading between the pre-colonial period and the most recent episode of the closure of Adamjee Jute Mill. The events and issues chosen are discrete, but there is a continuity in epistemological linkage. The author demonstrates a rare dexterity in combining insights from a variety of disciplines to drive home his point. Those who are baffled by the persisting impasse of the Bangladesh economy will get a convincing explanation about its present predicament. To get a feel about this weal and woe of the economy the reader will benefit from reading the book cover to cover.]

Economics and Altruism : Random Thoughts / Salehuddin Ahmed
Dhaka : The University Press Limited, c2004
xii, 252 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Index
984-05-1710-4
$ 16.00

[Articles and papers included in this volume consist of a wide array of subjects like the social roles of professionals, ethical issues on inequality, poverty alleviation, local governance, role of NGOs, fiscal policies, microcredit and management of development. It is altruism which provides the common thread connecting the essays and the issues discussed in this book. The book should provide serious students of economics and other social sciences basic ideas on issues highlighted. The casual reader will get a guided tour on how altruism and practice can be combined for the benefit of mankind.]

Megacity Governance in South Asia : A Comparative Study / Kamal Siddiqui ; Archana Ghosh, Sharit K.Bhowmik, Shahid A.Siddiqui, Madhulika Mitra, Shuchi Kapuria, Nilay Ranjan, Jamshed Ahmed
Dhaka : The University Press Limited, c2004
xxviii, 518 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Bibliography, Index and Maps
984-05-1717-1
$ 25.00

[This is a pioneering study comparing the governance arrangements in the five megacities (cities with population around 10 million) of South Asia, namely Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi in India and Karachi in Pakistan within a common analytical framework. Given the rapid pace of urbanization in South Asia, and the crucial role of these megacities in the development of their respective countries, the benefits of such a study can hardly be exaggerated. The findings and recommendations of the study will, hopefully, be useful both to academics and those involved in urban governance.]
Fighting Poverty in Rural Bangladesh: Micro-financing Cannot Alone Solve the Problem  
Dhaka: News Network, c2003  
96 p.; ill.; 22cm  
984-8363-03-3  
$ 6.00

Electricity For All: Electrification and Development in Rural Bangladesh / Rose Murphy, Nuruddin Kamal, John Richards  
Dhaka: Centre For Policy Research and International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, 2002  
52 p.; ill.; 22cm  
CPR Commentary No.2 – Summer 2002  
984-861-000-6  
$ 10.00

[Only one in five Bangladeshis has access to power; among those in rural areas the ratio is about one in seven. What can be done to improve access? This report assesses the barriers to accelerated electrification – rural electrification in particular – and offers practical recommendations. The Rural Electrification Board (REB) and its network of cooperatives – Palli Biddyut Samitees – now distribute nearly a quarter of electricity consumed in the country. Despite this impressive accomplishment, they need to do more. The authors recommend that the REB place a high priority on power generation independent of the national transmission grid. This expansion will require private investment and higher average tariffs for REB customers. Securing major new investment and revising tariffs will not be easy, but the goal of increased electrification is sufficiently important to justify the required reforms.]

Energy Policy for Bangladesh / M. Alimullah Khan, John Richards  
Dhaka: Centre For Policy Research and International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, 2004  
52 p.; ill.; 22cm  
CPR Commentary No.3 – Summer 2004  
984-861-001-4  
$ 10.00

[It is hard to exaggerate the importance of adequate supplies of commercial energy for the future development of Bangladesh. In May 2004, the Government of Bangladesh released a draft National Energy Policy, and invited public commentary. The government report acknowledges the serious shortcomings of present policy and the dilemmas in designing new policy. The recommendations cover major issues from export of natural gas to improvements in the utilization of biomass fuels.]

Natural Gas Options For Bangladesh / Mark Jaccard, Mujibur Rahman Khan, John Richards  
Dhaka: Centre For Policy Research and International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, 2001  
60 p.; ill.; 22cm  
CPR Commentary No.1 – Spring 2001  
$ 10.00
The very low level of available commercial energy is a serious constraint on economic development in Bangladesh. Fortunately, there is one bright prospect – sizeable discoveries of natural gas.

This Report explores three options for how Bangladesh might use its natural gas endowment: exploring gas to provide public revenues that could be directed to many other development needs; expanding the many possible end-uses for gas in domestic industry, agriculture and households; or concentrating natural gas use on accelerated electrification. After assessing the three options, the authors conclude that rapid electrification should have the highest priority. In addition, the report discusses institutional reforms to foster private investment and to improve the transparency, efficiency and consistency of government corporations, ministries and agencies. There is an important case to be made for integrated resource planning that includes environmental and social objectives.

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Adversities of Development: A Case Study of Involuntary Resettlement / Khondker Neaz Rahman
xii, 100 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Bibliography
984-08-0185-6
$5.00

[The book reviews the planning and implementation approach taken for different resettlement plans in Bangladesh. With all “good plans” prepared and all required resources mobilized, why the distress created by forced displacement could not be resolved? – The objective is to find what went wrong. Why the target population didn’t receive the compensation and benefit as planned – was it a failure or an obvious result of a planning approach wrongly perceived? These are the question raised and discussed in this book.]

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Globalisation and LDCs: Perspectives from the Asia-Pacific Region / Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mustafizur Rahman, Rehman Sobhan
Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue and Pathak Shamabesh, c2004
274 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Index
984-8120-47-5
$20.00

[Although the analysis presented in this volume relate particularly to the LDCs belonging to the Asia-Pacific region, the discussion in the volume remain relevant and pertinent for all LDCs as they strive to address the challenges of globalisation in the face of increasing marginalisation of their economies. It is hoped that the volume will be of particular interest to the Bangladeshi readership since many of the issues raised and discussed in this volume relate to areas of heightened concern and interest to the increasingly globalised economy of Bangladesh.]
Environmental Science and Policy

Facing the Jamuna River: Indigenous and engineering knowledge in Bangladesh / Hanna Schmuck-Widmann
Bangladesh: Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge [BARCIK], 2001
242 p.; ill.; 22cm
Includes Bibliograpy
984-31-1451-5
US$ 25.00

This book studies how two different groups-people living on the islands (chars) of the Jamuna River, and European engineers working along its banks – understand the river and try to cope with it. The Jamuna is one of the mightiest and most unstable rivers in the world. During the rainy season it widens by up to twenty kilometers and shifts its bed several hundred metres in some places. No method to control the river has been developed. In order to live and survive on its islands, char-people follow strategies based on local-indigenous knowledge, while European engineers refer to technical-scientific knowledge to find methods for getting the river under control—and only at some places.

How do the two groups perceive floods and erosion, what knowledge have they developed to predict these events and what strategies do they follow to deal with them? This book describes their life, experience and knowledge worlds. It shows that the two social and culturally different worlds are quite close in knowledge about erosion and floods, and it explores how indigenous and engineering approaches could be combined for the environment-friendly, cost-effective and sustainable management of the Jamuna River.

The Chittagong Hill Tracts: Life and Nature at Risk / Raja Davasish Roy
Dhaka: Society for Environment and Human Development, c2000
121 p.; ill.; 26cm.
984-494-011-7
$ 25.00

The Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in the Southeast of Bangladesh is unique and attractive to outsiders. It forms a bridge between South Asia and Southeast Asia. From the plains one is amazed to see the picturesque mountain landscapes. The hill indigenous people who are divided into 12 cultures. These amazing, amusing, honest and always smiling people seem to be part of nature.

The Chittagong Hill Tracts: Life and Nature at Risk presents information, analysis and photographic evidence about how the land, life and nature in the Chittagong Hill Tracts are at risk. Incidents throughout the past half-century have changed the CHT to such a great extent that it no longer remains in its original shape. It is man who has caused enormous damage to this beautiful region.
Disaster and the Silent Gender: Contemporary Studies in Geography / Hafiza Khatun (Ed.)
Dhaka: The Bangladesh Geographical Society, 2004
xix, 414 p.; ill.; 24cm.
Includes Index
984-32-1324-6
$ 15.00

[This book considers a range of disasters in the developing world, especially in Bangladesh with emphasis on the predicament of women. Disaster and the Silent Gender: Consists of papers presented at the conference organized by Bangladesh Geographical Society on “Disaster: Issues and Gender Perspectives” in June 2000. The articles are divided into four sections: Introduction, Disaster in Human-Environment Systems, Impact and Coping. The book deals with a variety of natural and man made disasters and gender related problems from the geographical perspectives. It should prove valuable as a text in disaster management, gender studies and for policy and planning.]

Field Guide to Finfishes of Sundarban / Md. Shamsul Huda (Ed.)
Khulna : Sundarban Biodiversity Conservation Project, 2003
197 p.; ill.; 23cm.
Includes Bibliography
$ 16.00

Where Land Meets the Sea : A Profile of the Coastal Zone of Bangladesh / Edited by M. Rafiqul Islam
Bangladesh : The University Press Limited, c2004
xviii, 317 p.; ill.; 25cm.
984-05-1719-8
$ 30.00

[This profile of the coastal zone of Bangladesh brings together a comprehensive information package for use both by experts involved in development projects and the general reader. It is based on current primary data, sometimes difficult to access, collected from the National Water Resources Database and other relevant authorities and secondary data collected from different agencies related to coastal resources planning and management.
The picture thus emerging is one of increasing population, competition for limited resources, natural and man-made hazards, economic opportunities and ecological hot spots, calls for a distinctive coastal management arrangement. This mine of information is therefore at hand now for use by government agencies responsible for the development of the hazard prone coastal areas, for research organizations that desire a better understanding of the complicated coastal processes, for the private sector that has to comprehend the many opportunities in the coastal zone and for the development partners, who aim to make an effective contribution to the country’s development. It should eventually lead to an agreement on a set of indicators that would spell out as to which aspects and to what extent the coastal zone is integrated into mainstream national development. The profile aims to contribute to institutionalize integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) as a process in Bangladesh.]
The profile is an essential reference document for policy planners, coastal managers, government agencies and all stakeholders involved in the coastal zone of Bangladesh.

Oriental Geographer Vol.47, No.1 : January 2003
Bangladesh : The Bangladesh Geographical Society, 2003
56 p.; 25cm.
ISSN:0030 5308
$ 10.00 each

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Environmental Degradation of Dhaka City and its Adjacent Areas Due to the Brick Kilns
Book Review
D.G. Kinniburgh and P.L. Smedley (eds.)
Arsenic Contamination of Groundwater in Bangladesh.]

Oriental Geographer Vol.47, No.2 : July 2003
Bangladesh : The Bangladesh Geographical Society, 2003
63 p.; 25cm.
ISSN : 0030 5308
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Post Cyclone Adjustment Process : Basic Needs Perspective
Book Review
Unnayane Nagarayan (Urbanization in Development), Dhaka : Mowla Brothers, January 2003, Page.]

Bangladesh : IUCN-The World Conservation Union, c2004
63 p.; ill; 25cm
Includes Bibliography.
984-729-022-0
$ 10.00
Arsenic Poisoning: Bangladesh Faces a Disaster / Ziaur Rahman
Bangladesh: NewsNetwork, c2003
127 p.; ill.; 23cm
984-8363-03-3
$ 5.00

History

The Tale of the First Private University of Bangladesh: North South University –
(Genesis – Establishment – Rise and Thereafter): Recommendations for Reforms of
the Sector / Muslehuddin Ahmad
x, 156 p.; ill.; 22cm
984-08-0184-8
$ 10.00

Journey Through 1971: My Story / Farida Huq
xii, 358 p.; ill.; 22cm
984-08-0179-1
$ 10.00

Bangladesh: Failure of a Parliamentary Government 1973 – 75 / Jamshed
S.A.Choudhury
Dhaka: Pathak Shamabesh, c2004
272 p.; 24cm
Includes Index
984-8509-54-8
$ 30.00

[Thirty years of independence from the internal colonial rule of Pakistan has not
provided Bangladesh with a viable and well-founded system of government. As
happened in the very beginning, most of her politics now takes place outside the
parliament. Opposition political parties do not participate in debates and law-making
procedures inside the parliament but resort to activities outside, on the streets –
damaging the fragile economy as well as the pillars of democracy in a weak state. In
their turn, the party in power does the same. It does not allow involvement of the
opposition as other democracies allow opposition to be a shadow government
actively and constructively criticising as well as helping run the country.]

Awami League Leaders and the 21st February / Mahmud Hasan
Dhaka: Gyan Bitarani, c2004
190 p.; 22cm
984-8298-81-9
$ 10.00

Sylhet: History and Heritage / Edited by Sharifuddin Ahmed
Dhaka: Bangladesh Itihas Samiti, c1999
LXX, 986 p.; ill.; 23cm
Includes Index and Maps
984-31-0478-1
$ 20.00
These articles dwell upon the sources of history, prehistory, ancient history, administration, movements, natural and mineral resources, economic developments, ethnic groups, urbanization, arts, crafts, and cultural heritage preservation tradition of the people of Sylhet. The contribution of the Sylhetees living abroad to the economy of Bangladesh has also been discussed. Some of the articles throw light upon certain neglected aspects of local historiography. This local history Study on Sylhet: History and Heritage may be regarded as a token of love and devotion of scholars for a region which is as beautiful as its past so glorious.

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Bangladesh : National Culture and Heritage : An Introductory Reader / Edited by A.F. Salahuddin Ahmed, Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury
Dhaka : Independent University, c2004
466 p.; ill.; 25cm
Includes Index and Maps.
984-8509-00-3
$ 25.00

[This book has been designed to offer its readers a comprehensive picture of the history, society and culture of the area now comprising Bangladesh. It deals with different aspects of life and presents an overview of our history, culture and tradition by highlighting political, social and economic changes through the ages. Care has been taken to include the physical and anthropological geography of the land, culture and religion of all segments of the people, the impact of British Rule on politics and society, various reform movements and the growth of Bengali nationalism. Topics like agricultural and industrial economy, rural culture, growth of Bangla language and literature, painting, architecture, music and sculpture have also received due place in its pages.
In brief, the book aims at presenting diverse aspects of life and development of the nation till the emergence of Bangladesh.]

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Banglapedia : National Encyclopaedia of Bangladesh – 10 Volume Set / Edited by Sirajul Islam ; Managing Editor : Sajahan Miah
Dhaka : Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, c2003
v, ill.; 26cm
Includes Maps
US$ 200.00(Set of 10 Volumes)

[Banglapedia, the national encyclopedia of Bangladesh, is a ten-volume reference work for scholars, teachers, students, professionals and general seekers of knowledge. The goal of this reference tool is to inquire, interpret, and integrate the
lived experiences and achievements of the people of Bangladesh from ancient times to date. Banglapedia users are sure to find something or the other in this vast book of knowledge that will interest them, give them clues to further investigations, and promise depth and clarity in their idea and expression. Extensive cross-referencing, bibliographical aids, informative illustrations, cartographic features makes this production an indispensable guide to this old civilisation and culture of 130 million people.

**Law & Human Rights**

Delayed Dispensation of Justice in Bangladesh : Denial Of Human Rights / Shamim Ahmad ; Assisted by Rashed Chowdhury, Farid Ahmed
Dhaka : News Network, c2003
103 p.; ill.; 22cm
984-8363-08-4
$ 7.00

Dhaka : Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA), c
69 p.; ill.; 22cm
$ 5.00

Towards National Refugee Laws in South Asia / Edited by C.R.Abrar, Shahdeen Malik
Dhaka : Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, c2000
96 p.; 22cm
$ 3.00

A Research on Rape and Burden of Proof : (A Study on Procedural Inadequacy)
Dhaka : Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA)
vii, 138 p.; 22cm
Includes Bibliography
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Study on the Possible Reforms in the Existing Muslim Family Law & Procedure / Edited by Salma Ali
Dhaka : Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA)
50 p.; 22cm
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Mary Martin Booksellers     Bangladesh – August 2004
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Part 4 : Conclusion and Recommendations
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Hindu Family Law : An Action Study on Proposed Reform of Hindu Family Law : A Study conducted on Selected districts of all six divisions of Bangladesh
Dhaka : Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA)
64 p.; 22cm
Includes Bibliography
$ 5.00

Literature

Padma : A Quarterly on Art, Literature, Culture, Philosophy and History – Volume 1, Summer 2004, No. 1 / Edited by Syed Naseef Maksud
Dhaka : Syed Naseef Maksud, 2004
80 p.; 24cm.
$ 5.00 each

[Crisis in Civilization / Rabindranath Tagore
Barrier Between East and West / Ted Hughes
Morality or Religion? / Haridas Bhattacharyya
Kazi Nazrul Islam: A Revolutionary Humanist / Syed Abul Maksud
Sultan’s Lust For Life / Hasnat Abdul Hye
 Literary Ideals in Bengal / Ahmad Safa
The Unhappy Consciousness / Salimullah Khan
On Mir Mosharraf Hossain / Syed Naseef Maksud
Waliullah Who Blazed A Trail / Syed Mahboob Alam Chowdhuri
Short Notes on New Books.]

Story of Berry Colman of the Central Broadcasting Corporation, Bengali Section / Mahmud Hasan
Dhaka : Gyan Bitarani, 2004
72 p.; 22cm.
984-8298-82-7
$ 5.00

Anthology of Bengali Proverbs and Bachans / Muhammad Zamir
Dhaka : Research, Compilation and Folklore Division, Bangla Academy
x, 228 p.; 24cm.
Includes Bibliography.
984-07-4359-7
$ 10.00

[Anthology of Bengali Proverbs and Bachans re-acquaints the readers with rural sayings and folklore that have helped to make the Bangla speaking people what they are. They are an essential part of their cultural heritage and have contributed to the creation of their ethos and psyche. They have evolved as distinct expressions and are mostly of rural origin.
This collection of Bengali proverbs will be particularly useful for those interested in the socio-cultural aspects that govern the lives of the nearly two hundred million Bangla speaking people in south Asia and the nearly half a million Bengali speaking families living in various countries of the world. This compilation will also be a good companion for the non-Bengali speaking international audience. They will be able to profit not only from the translation in English but also the transliteration in that language. This aspect is important as 21 February is now observed all over the world as the international mother language day.

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**Maps & Atlases**

Zila Atlas of Bangladesh : Volume 1 – Dhaka Division / Edited by Md. Zahurul Haque
Reprint [1st Ed. 1997]
Dhaka : Geodesec Ltd., 1998
35 p.; 44cm.
984-468-05-0
$ 45.00

Zila Atlas of Bangladesh : Volume 2– Chittagong and Sylhet Division / Edited by Md. Zahurul Haque
Reprint [1st Ed. 1997]
Dhaka : Geodesec Ltd., 1998
17 p.; 44cm.
984-468-05-0
$ 45.00

Reprint [1st Ed. 1997]
Dhaka : Geodesec Ltd., 1998
33 p.; 44cm.
984-468-05-0
$ 45.00

Zila Atlas of Bangladesh : Volume 4 – Khulna and Barisal Division / Edited by Md. Zahurul Haque
Reprint [1st Ed. 1997]
Dhaka : Geodesec Ltd., 1998
18 p.; 44cm.
984-468-05-0
$ 45.00

Aeromagnetic Anomaly Map of Bangladesh : Scale 1:1,000,000
Dhaka : Geological Survey of Bangladesh, 1990
$ 10.00

Bouguer Gravity Anomaly Map of Bangladesh : Scale 1:1,000,000
Dhaka : Geological Survey of Bangladesh, 1990
$ 10.00
Performing Arts

In Praise of Niranjan : Islam, Theatre and Bangladesh / Syed Jamil Ahmed
Dhaka : Pathak Shamabesh Book, c2001
xv, 310 p.; 25cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
984-8120-29-7
$ 30.00

[This book is in praise of Niranjan, “He who is stainless”, by extension of everything that is pure and unblemished. Performers of Islamic genres in Bangladesh sometimes offer their salutations to Niranjan. Hence the title of this book. By choosing to name it thus, the author is conscious of taking a distinct ideological stand. Amidst the clamorous wrangling of the politicians of Bangladesh, against the myopic vision of the fundamentalists, against also those liberal intellectuals who shun Islamic overtones for fear of being outdated, this book should speak for those countless and nameless performers who have offered their praise for Niranjan in their performances. They have their own answers to the questions related to Islamic and theatre.]

Official Publications

Statistical Pocket book of Bangladesh 2002
23rd Edition.
Dhaka : Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 2004
xix, 485 p.; 14cm.
$ 10.00

Statistical Yearbook of Bangladesh : 2001
22nd Edition
XXIV, 742 p.; 29cm.
Includes Index.
984-508-507-5
$ 15.00

Dhaka : Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 2004
viii, 59 p.; 29cm
Strengthening National Accounts and Poverty Monitoring Project
984-508-525-3
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