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Biography/Memoir

Pursuit of Excellence in Teaching : A Memoir / Jalal-ud-Din Ahmad

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xxiv, 290p.

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\$ 25.00 / HB

560gm.

The autobiography chronicles Headmaster Jalal-ud-Din Ahmad 's odyssey from impoverished beginnings to his winning the Presidential award for the "Best Headmaster in Pakistan" in 1967, the inaugural year of the award. In the process, he recounts how he pursued secondary education through scholarships and "Jagir"(a resident-tutor who received food and lodging in exchange of tutoring the children of the household), and continued his higher education with the help of scholarships and loans. In his professional life he faced and overcame daunting challenges posed by the powerful who wanted him to break the school rules in their favour. He dedicated his life to educating the mostly poor students of Bangladesh. To him, the interest of his students was paramount.

His students were his top and only priority. Headmaster Jalal-Din Ahmad also delves into how he practiced his teaching philosophy which eventually won him national recognition.

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Economics/Development Studies

Development Re-Examined : Construction and Consequences
of Neoliberal Bangladesh / Anu Muhammad

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xviii, 262p.

Includes Index

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\$ 30.00 / HB

482gm.

This book is an attempt to examine the dynamics of neo-liberal development model in Bangladesh with special focus on global institutions, energy, industrial growth and workers' rights, on GDP growth and environment. The book is divided into six parts. First part investigates organic links between global institutions (GIs) representing global monopoly capitalism and the peripheral state, the process of constructing this development path. Second part focuses on natural resources, energy and power. An alternative model for power generation is also discussed. Third part deals with the global chain of Bangladesh garments industry, its remarkable growth along with conditions of workers. Fourth part examines model of neoliberalism in Bangladesh along with role of microfinance and NGOs. Fifth part further clarifies different aspects related to global capitalism, development, NGO and South Asia. Finally, an alternative approach to development is outlined to visualize a feasible and humane future in the concluding part.

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Numbers and Narratives in Bangladesh's Economic
Development/Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir
Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021
245 p,148 x 210 x 17.53mm
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USD : 139.99 / HB
498 gm.

This book focuses on socio-economic developments of Bangladesh by challenging the dominant international narrative of the case being termed as "development surprise", "development paradox" or "development conundrum," given the absence of good governance. In doing so, the book examines the political economic dynamics and offers valuable insights into the current state of the Bangladeshi economy in light of stability, transformability and sustainability. Pointing to the 'high' rate of growth in gross domestic product (GDP) in Bangladesh, there is wide belief that economic growth can be obtained even without functioning institutions, and is more important than an inclusive political system. Advocates go on to argue that authoritarianism may be condoned as long as a steady course of development is pursued. However, the inadequacy of comparative analysis in to the state of the economy of Bangladesh vis-a-vis other relevant economies makes such claims myopic and parochial. This book thus investigates the numbers and narratives to ascertain the validity of such assertions and lamentations by looking at the necessary and sufficient conditions of development. The necessary conditions imply an incisive inquiry into the factors of economic growth- land, labour, capital and technology while sufficient conditions warrant a penetrating incisive inquiry into the factors of economic growth- land, labour, capital and technology. As such, the book explores development by drawing variables of politics and economics to find out a causal relationship, and interjects these variables have on themes

such as growth, agriculture, manufacturing industry, financial sector, health, education, poverty and inequality.

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Structural Transformation of Bangladesh Economy : A South Asian Perspective/Mustafa K. Mujeri; Neaz Mujeri

Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021

279 p, 155 x 235 x 19.05mm

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USD : 139.99 / HB

629 gm.

This book examines the theory and global evidence on structural transformation along with stylised facts and implications using, among others, a dynamic panel model, for South Asia. The characteristics of the structural transformation process in Bangladesh bring out the relevance of a comprehensive and inclusive South Asian 'brand' in view of the challenges of large population size, high burden of poverty, rising inequalities and its compulsion to achieve rapid and sustained inclusive development. The analysis highlights several distinct characteristics of Bangladesh's structural transformation including changes in value added, trade, employment, productivity, formal-informal jobs, and opportunities for low-skilled workers. The book suggests that the manufacturing sector could not create the required number of jobs and generate rapid absolute and relative productivity gains in the Bangladesh economy. Although the services sector has largely led output and employment growth, services subsectors with strong labour absorptive capacity have low average productivity. Hence, growth-enhancing structural transformation led by these subsectors is likely to be less dynamic than required for rapid employment-creating growth in the economy. The book's analysis on COVID-19 and cyclone Amphan shows that an integrated disaster and

development paradigm is needed for Bangladesh. An inclusive and health and well-being focused structural transformation presents the pathway to advance the people-centred approach to development in Bangladesh through both vulnerability reduction and investments in sustainable development that would offset both known and unknown disaster threats. The key for Bangladesh is to skillfully manage the 'developer's dilemma' of achieving both structural transformation in terms of large productivity gains and inclusive growth for reducing poverty and rising inequalities. This book is relevant to students, academicians and development practitioners and others interested in contemporary development.

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Tourism Products and Services in Bangladesh = Concept Analysis and Development Suggestions/Azizul Hassan
Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021

XXVI, 448 p. 108 illus., 21 illus. in color.

9789813342781

USD : 159.99 / HB

This book provides the latest research in the application of innovative technology to the tourism industry in Bangladesh, covering the perspectives, theories, issues, complexities, as well as opportunities and the challenges present. This book provides a blend of comprehensive and cross disciplinary as well as international insights from contributors to cover the various technologies in tourism. This book focuses on the importance of technologies in tourism, specifically the application and practice of such technologies including the relevant niches in tourism. This book also comprehensively highlights technologies that are impacting the tourism industry in Asia as well as reveals the specific constraints. The contents of this book deal with distinct topics such as mobile computing, new product designs, innovative technology usages in tourism

promotion, technology-driven sustainable tourism development, location-based apps, mobility, accessibility and so on. This book is a significant contribution towards the very limited knowledge and under published area of tourism in Bangladesh. This book is designed to accommodate readers that from both both qualitative and quantitative research theory and practices. This book identifies specific examples of the existing tourism products and services in order to better promote and boost the tourism industry by suggesting tourism products and services available in Bangladesh. This book addresses a number of key issues and solutions by examining the products and services and the need for improved tourism marketing and development in Bangladesh as the central themes.

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Youth Employment in Bangladesh = Creating Opportunities—
Reaping Dividends/Fahmida Khatun; Syed Yusuf Saadat
Singapore : Springer Singapore 2020
XXIV, 181 p. 26 illus., 7 illus. in color.
9789811517525
USD : 59.99 / PB

This book brings together pioneering and evidence-based research that focuses on youth employment—one of the foremost development challenges of our time—and fills a critical research and knowledge gap alongside consolidating existing relevant literature. Comprehensive in scope, the book provides an overview of trends in youth employment in Bangladesh, empirically analyses the determinants of youth unemployment, covers relevant economic theory, and recommends policy measures for employment creation in Bangladesh. The new evidence from Bangladesh on the aforesaid issues will inform relevant and concurrent policy discourse, add value to related research in the field, and inspire

future research. The insights gathered through this study will serve as an important lesson for other developing countries on what works and what does not in policy-making.

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History

Bangabandhu and State Formation in Perspective : From 1947 Partition to Bangladesh / Harun-or-Rashid

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xvi, 292p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789845062947

\$ 30.00 / HB

548gm.

Starting from the British colonial rule (1757-1947) through 1947 partition, creation and subsequent break-up of Pakistan down to the emergence of Bangladesh as a nation state in 1971, the present book is about the state formation in South Asia involving the three countries, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh with a special focus on the creation of the Bangladesh state from a historical perspective. Very often than not scholars and academicians raised the questions: Was the 1947 Indian's partition (un)avoidable? Similar question is raised in case of Pakistan: Was the break-up of Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh inevitable? The state of Pakistan that came into being in 1947 was not in commensurate with the state vision of the progressive section of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League including Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, later on creator of Bangladesh. Then, what was their vision of state? The book seeks answers to these questions. Along with these, the book may be seen as a treatise on why and how Bangladesh. This is a kind of follow-up to the author's earlier widely read and referred book, *The Foreshadowing of Bangladesh* being published by UPL. Beyond

a long introduction and a modestly drawn conclusion, the book includes 11 chapters under three parts and 7 appendices, which are also very pertinent to the subject matter. It is hoped that the readers will find the book very useful for their further understanding of the gamut of state formations in South Asia especially the creation of the State of Bangladesh in 1971 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
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Law

The Politics of Land Law : Poverty and Land Legislation in Bangladesh / S M Masum Billah
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021
xxxiv, 290p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789845062893
\$ 25.00 / HB
550gm.

The land question is a politically emotive yet constitutionally forgotten issue in Bangladesh. In this seminal work, the author examines the major land laws of Bangladesh and presents a thorough story of land law politics as a central thrust to the colonial and post-colonial enterprise. The author shows how the land enactments in a developing post-colonial jurisdiction like Bangladesh, have gone towards the disadvantage of the peasants and suggests what further role the law can play in addressing their poverty.

After the 1947 Partition, the abolition of the zamindari system (landlordism) offered an opportunity to carry out radical redistributive land reform in Bengal. So was the case with post-independence settings after 1971. Unfortunately, both opportunities went astray. The Bangladeshi land laws are complex, vague and dominated by politics. The land law regime has structural loopholes and ideological drawbacks, which are enough to make reform attempts dysfunctional.

The author interprets poverty as a mutually reinforcing deprivation where the land law is a major participant. He argues that poverty will persist unless the law addresses the true reasons for poverty and a pro-poor approach to land reform is pursued. The author effectively situates the land law in the context of legal history and poverty, exposes the gap between "law" and "land", and proposes a redistributive land reform for Bangladesh.

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The Dhaka Law Reports (A Monthly Journal), Vol. LXXII (72), 2020 [Bound Ed] / (Ed) Md Khurshid Khan
Dhaka: Esrarul Huq Chowdhury, Dhaka Law Reports, 2020
1v.

USD 180.00 / HB

2020gm.

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Official Publications

Bangladesh Economic Review 2020

Dhaka: Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, 2020

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1050gm.

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National Accounts Statistics (Provisional Estimates of GDP, 2019-20 and Final Estimate of GDP, 2018-19) [Bangladesh]

Dhaka: National Accounting Wing, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Statistics and Informatics Division, Ministry of Planning, 2020

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\$ 30.00 / PB

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Annual Development Programme 2020-2021 [Bangladesh]
Bangladesh: Programming Division, Planning Commission,
Ministry of Planning, 2020

1v.

\$ 70.00 / PB

1530gm.

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Politics

Public Service Delivery in Bangladesh : Parliament, Public
Policy and Local Government / (Ed) Nizam Ahmed
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2020

xxvi, 398p.

Includes Index

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\$ 30.00 / HB

634gm.

Delivering public services to the satisfaction of the citizen is an important challenge confronted by democratic governments everywhere in the modern world. Unlike authoritarian rulers who may conveniently ignore public opinion, democratic governments can do it at their peril. As a natural rule, they have to be responsive to legitimate claims and demands of their citizen.

It is, however, now widely recognized that the government alone cannot make available different kinds of services that people may need. Although the responsibility for making macro-level policies and legislation regarding different kinds of services rests mostly with the government, there are several other actors such as local government, NGOs, and the private sector that are involved in the delivery of services. Alternative mechanisms such as public-private partnership, government-

NGO collaboration, and government and local government cooperation in service delivery are more often noticed now than in the past. The extent to which one is superior to the other is difficult to ascertain.

This edited volume explores a number of important issues related to the planning and delivery of public services in Bangladesh. It examines the role of national level institutions in planning and policymaking (e.g. parliament, party and bureaucracy) as well as institutions directly responsible for delivering services on the ground (e.g., government departments, local councils and NGOs).

The book should be of interest to academics, policymakers, practitioners, researchers, students, donors and civil society representatives.

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Bangladesh in Bondage : Tarique Rahman, SQC, LB, and Other Essays/Q M Jalal Khan

Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021

185 p, 148 x 210 x 12.7mm

9789811612350

USD : 109.99 / HB

406 gm.

This book brings together a collection of essays about the untenable political status quo in Bangladesh under Sheikh Hasina. Since democratization in the 1990s, Bangladeshi political life has been characterized by fierce battles over the role of religion in society, corruption, and the obstacles to constructing a society with freedom of expression and rule of law, independent from the influence of powerful neighboring countries. Academic freedom and other human rights issues have hindered the study of Bangladesh heretofore, and corruption, police abuses, and election rigging are common as well as widely documented. In this passionate, sometimes personal exploration of the issues of social justice, rule of law,

and the democratic process in Bangladesh, the book offers a valuable case study of how an Asian developmental state is otherwise regressing backwards morally, socially, and politically. The Bangladeshi struggle for sovereignty, prosperity and democracy documented in this book will be of interest to political scientists, scholars of South Asia, and those of Islam.

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Islam and Politics in Bangladesh = The Followers of Ummah/Mubashar Hasan

Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021

XVI, 215 p.

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USD : 79.99 / PB

308 gm.

This book conceptualizes the politics of Bangladesh through an Islamic concept called ummah or the global brotherhood of Muslims. It demonstrates that, against the backdrop of geopolitics, capitalism and free flow of ideas, localization of this global religious concept at individual level, institutional level, major party platforms and state has cemented the current political condition in Bangladesh in which religiosity, religious intolerance, Islamization and extremism take place. By exploring the effects of ummah in Bangladeshi politics, this book shows how major political parties have mainstreamed political Islam in the country. The book rejects the long standing scholarly claim of religious-secular distinction in Bangladeshi politics and argues that with most Muslim-dominated states, there are no major secular parties in Bangladesh. There are only Islamic parties, which are more or less Islamic. The purely 'rational' domain of politics in Bangladesh is long lost, and political Islam sets the framework for politics in the country. The reason behind this logic of

Bangladeshi politics is formed, contained and expanded by ummah.

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Sociology

Biomedicine, Healing and Modernity in Rural Bangladesh/Md.

Faruk Shah

Singapore : Springer Singapore 2021

XIV, 323 p. 1 illus.

9789813291454

USD : 59.99 / PB

This book provides an ethnographic account of the ways in which biomedicine, as a part of the modernization of healthcare, has been localized and established as the culturally dominant medical system in rural Bangladesh. Dr Faruk Shah offers an anthropological critique of biomedicine in rural Bangladesh that explains how the existing social inequalities and disparities in healthcare are intensified by the practices undertaken in biomedical health centres through the healthcare bureaucracy and local gendered politics. This work of villagers' healthcare practices leads to a fascinating analysis of the local healthcare bureaucracy, corruption, structural violence, commodification of health, pharmaceutical promotional strategies and gender discrimination in population control. Shah argues that biomedicine has already achieved cultural authority and acceptability at almost all levels of the health sector in Bangladesh. However, in this system healthcare bureaucracy is shaped by social capital, power relations and kin networks, and corruption is a central element of daily care practices.

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