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Anthropology

Water and Culture in Bangladesh : Past and Present / Anwarul Karim
Dhaka: Murdhonno, 2016
478p. ; ill. ; 22 cm.
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Ecology/Environment

Compendium of Bangladesh Folk and Tribal Medicinal Plants / Dr. Mohammed Rahmatullah, Prof. Dr. Rownak Jahan & Dr. Taufiq Rahman
Dhaka: A H Development Publishing House, 2016
398p.
Includes Index
9789849146773
\$ 40.00 / HB
762gm.

The use of plants for medicinal purposes date back a long time ago and probably happened when primitive people noticed that animals like chimpanzees partake of certain plants when they got sick. It has been reported that even around some 3000 years B.P., human beings were aware of the medicinal properties of plants. A

number of important modern pharmaceuticals have been derived from, or are plants used by indigenous people. Modern drugs like aspirin, atropine, ephedrine, digoxin, morphine, quinine, reserpine and tubocurarine are some examples, which were originally discovered through observations of traditional cure methods of indigenous peoples. Bangladesh has also a rich history of traditional medicinal practices (alternately known as alternative or complementary medicine). Besides the established systems of Ayurveda and Unani, traditional medicinal practitioners in Bangladesh (known variously as Kavirajes or Vaidyas) follow their own system, which can be termed as 'folk medicinal system'. Various tribes in Bangladesh also have their medicinal systems, which can be considered as variants of folk medicine. In folk or tribal medicine, each Kaviraj or tribal medicinal practitioner has his or her own unique formulations of medicinal plants based on partly his or her own experience, and partly on the basis of plants growing in his or her own vicinity. Documentation of medicinal plants is important not only to identify the medicinal plants of a country but also to initiate further research, which may lead to discovery of new drugs. Such discoveries are important because of the emergence of new diseases like Ebola or AIDS and because of the emergence of existing drug-resistant vectors. Bangladesh is lacking in this respect for there is not much data available on medicinal plants of the country and their uses. This volume and subsequent volumes will be an attempt to fill up this gap on folk and tribal medicinal practitioners.

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Economics/Development Studies

Bangladesh in a New Growth Trajectory : Opportunities and

Challenges / Dr. Shamsul Alam

Dhaka: Pearl Publications, 2017

192p.

9789844952851

\$ 20.00 / HB

332gm.

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Towards Regional Integration in South Asia : Promoting Trade Facilitation and Connectivity / (Ed) Mustafizur Rahman
Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), 2015
xxii, 194p.
9789843399038
\$ 20.00 / HB
406gm.

This compendium focuses on some of the most pressing issues that are critically important to advancing the cause of South Asian economic integration. Whilst in recent years SAARC policymakers have taken important decisions to enhance market access, promote trade facilitation and deepen transport linkages in the region, formidable challenges continue to undermine the possibilities of realising the full potentials of such initiatives. In this backdrop, the chapters in the volume, which are based on research carried out at the CPD, have come up with a number of concrete proposals to address some of these major challenges. These proposals are drawn on evidence and knowledge generated through analysis of data, field-level investigations, wide-ranging consultations and perception surveys. The volume articulates the elements of a framework SPS Agreement to deal with non-tariff barriers to trade with India, identifies border measures and infrastructure that need to be put in place to reduce trade transaction costs, and spells out how the recently signed sub-regional Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) could be implemented by drawing on insights and experiences of global best practices. It is hoped that experts and policymakers will find the volume useful as will the broader audience who has an interest in issues concerning broadening and deepening of economic cooperation in South Asia at bilateral, sub-regional and regional levels.

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Economy of Bangladesh / Abul Maal A Muhith
Dhaka: Somoy Prakashan, 2016
152p.
9789849179825
\$ 15.00 / HB
300gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336061>

Bangladesh Priorities : Ranking the smartest solutions by their benefits and costs / Bjorn Lomborg

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2017

xix, 128p.

9789842005152

\$ 18.00 / HB

248gm.

Bangladesh has made spectacular progress over recent years, halving poverty and growing the economy by 6 per cent annually. But many challenges remain. This book highlights and ranks the policies that can help the most to achieve an even brighter future. Copenhagen Consensus, together with BRAC, has worked with dozens of teams of economists from Bangladesh and abroad to research the costs and benefits of 76 concrete ways to help Bangladesh, taking into account not just economic effects but also the social, health and environmental impacts. This is a unique summary of the 1100+ pages of academic, peer-reviewed research. It describes the smartest policies to not only achieve Bangladesh's goal of becoming a middle-income category by 2021 and implement Vision 2021, but also ensure better lives and a healthier environment.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336062>

Estimating Women's Contribution to the Economy : The Case of Bangladesh / Fahmida Khatun (et al.)

Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), 2015

xviii, 102p.

9789843399847

\$ 15.00 / HB

284gm.

A large part of economic activities undertaken by women in Bangladesh including household chores, care and agriculture work remain unaccounted for. This is due to limitations of conventional measures such as gross domestic product (GDP) that primarily considers goods and services produced for markets. As a result, wrong signals are transmitted to policymakers whose allocative and distributional decisions are then influenced by this. CPD in partnership with the Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) undertook a study that applied time use survey technique to understand time use patterns of 8,320 women and 5,334 men in 5,670 households across the 64 districts of Bangladesh. This study contributes several new findings that have implications for the System of National Accounts (SNA). • Time spent per day on non-SNA activities by a female member in a household is about three times higher than that by a male member. • On an average, on a typical day, a woman works for about 7.7 hours on non-SNA activities undertaking 12.1 non-SNA tasks, while a man works for about 2.5 hours and does 2.7 non-SNA tasks. • The estimated value of women's unpaid non-SNA activities was equivalent to 76.8 per cent of Bangladesh's GDP in FY2013-14 based on the replacement cost method and 87.2 per cent of GDP based on the willingness to accept method. It is hoped that, by recognising women's real contribution to the economy, policymakers and relevant stakeholders will be motivated to play a more proactive role to advance women's position in different spheres of socio-economic life in Bangladesh.

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The Power of Social Business / M.F.M. Amir Khashru

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Situational Analysis of Strengthening the National Menstrual Regulation (MR) Programme in Bangladesh / M. A. Mannan (et al.)

Dhaka: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, 2017

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Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations in the Ready Made Garments (RMG) Industry in Bangladesh / Zaid Bakht & Monzur Hossain

Dhaka: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, 2017

vi, 44p.

BIDS Research Report 188

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History

Crescent and Lotus : A Study on the Intellectual History of the Muslims of Bengal (Up to 1947) / Mahmud Shah Qureshi

Dhaka: Andre Malraux Institute of Culture & Ahmed Publishing House, 2016

280p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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A Military Diary ... Begins / Maj. Mahbub Saber

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Grameen Bank : The Struggle of Muhammad Yunus / Siraz Uddin
Sathi

Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2016

xxvi, 304p.

Includes Index

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"Collection of interviews given by Muhammad Yunus, founder and
managing director of Grameen Bank, to the national and foreign
press in Bangladesh."

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Bangladesh from Ancient Age to Modern Era / Shamsul Alam Belal

Dhaka: Dibyapokash, 2016

486p.

9789849167150

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818gm.

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The Rohingyas : a short account of their history and culture / Dr.

Abdul Karim

Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2016

116p. ; ill., maps ; 23 cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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1. Rohingya (Burmese people) -- History.
2. Arakan State (Burma) -- History.

\$ 10.00 / HB

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On Rohingya, Burmese people from Arakan State.

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The Enlightened Soul : In Search of Kungal Legacy, Second Edition

Revised & Enlarged / Dr. Amanur Aman

Second Edition Revised & Enlarged

Dhaka: Eti Prokashon, 2016

112p.

9789848974797

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Bangladesh 1971 : Dreadful Experiences / (Chief Ed) Munawar
Hafiz
Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash, 2017
384p.
9787012402542
\$ 40.00 / HB
648gm.

This book contains 50 personal experiences from March 1971 to December 1971, during the liberation war of Bangladesh. The narrators come from different walks of life, from renowned authors to front-line freedom fighters and common citizens. The original book was published in December 1989 in Bengali, and was titled "১৯৭১: ভয়াবহ অভিজ্ঞতা". The editor of the book was Rashid Haider. The near forty translators and contributors of this English book are all born after Bangladesh's liberation. The editors, translators and contributors come from different backgrounds themselves and are spread across the world. This collaborative work was initiated by the editors from the need of translated documentation and non-fiction work on Bangladesh's liberation war and the genocides of 1971 in Bangladesh.

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Literature

Tales from the Heart / Mohammad Badrul Ahsan
Dhaka: Mowla Brothers, 2015
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9789849091967
1. English-short stories
\$ 25.00 / HB
484gm.

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Church Bells and Darjeeling Tea / Zeena Choudhury

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2017

100p.

9789845062541

\$ 15.00 / HB

242gm.

Church Bells and Darjeeling Tea tell a story from a different era, of different lives. It's a tale of a ten year long stay in a land filled with shivering mist and dense clouds... the land of Orange Pekeo Lopchu Tea, Toy Train and the Kanchenjunga _ Darjeeling! Zeena Choudhury recollects the time she spent in Loreto Convent Darjeeling. Her journey as a 'Loreto Girl' began at a time when the Indian subcontinent was experiencing a significant political shift that would eventually leave a traumatic scar on the combined consciousness its people. Despite that the jovial child that still plays inside the author's heart makes the red rhododendrons, green tea gardens and the glowing snow covered Kanchejungha at dawn burst with vivid colors in the reader's imagination. Church Bells and Darjeeling Tea is indeed a tale of innocence.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336075>

Between Two Worlds : Selected Short Stories of Selina Hossain /
Khashruzzaman Choudhury (et al.)
Dhaka: Adorn Publication, 2016
xi, 120p.
9789842004254
\$ 12.00 / HB
230gm.

Translated from the Bengali

Between Two Worlds is an anthology. Here is included eleven notable short stories of Selina Hossain. Translations have been done by seven translators of Bangladesh and West Bengal. These original Bengali short stories had earlier been published in different journals. Even after conceding that it is not easy to communicate the thoughts and feelings of one language in another, it will appear that the translations are lucid and highly readable. No doubt this Anthology will be a significant addition in the realm of the translation genre of Bengali literature. Selina Hossain holds an unassailable position as one of the leading writers of Bangladesh. Though pre-eminently a novelist, she is equally celebrated as a writer of short stories. We believed that translation works of Bengali literature into English is a pressing necessity and deserves more attention on the part of all concerned.

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When the Seagull Smiled Back : A Novel / Shounak Reza

Dhaka: Bishwashahittya Bhaban, 2016

168p.

9789849193852

\$ 15.00 / PB

184gm.

Meeta and Shubhom, both in their early 20s, live happy, carefree lives in Dhaka, having known each other since they were children and dreaming of a bright future together. However, when Meeta has to go to London for her PhD, a series of misunderstandings, mistakes and wrong decisions changes the courses of their lives. Years later, a coincidence happens, a coincidence that can correct the past mistakes and clear the misunderstanding...

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Fakir Lalon Shah and his Songs / Abu Ishahaq Hossain
Dhaka: Afser Brothers, 2015
562p.
Includes Bibliography
978984902990062
\$ 30.00 / HB
760gm.

Lalon also known as Lalon Sain, Lalon Shah, Lalon Fakir or Mahatma Lalon (Bengali: লালন; c. 1772 – 17 October 1890; Bengali: Kartik 1179) was a prominent Bengali philosopher, Baul saint, mystic, songwriter, social reformer and thinker. Considered as an icon of Bengali culture, he inspired and influenced many poets, social and religious thinkers including Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, and Allen Ginsberg although he "rejected all distinctions of caste and creed". Widely celebrated as an epitome of religious tolerance, he was also accused of heresy during his lifetime and after his death. In his songs, Lalon envisioned a society where all religions and beliefs would stay in harmony. He founded the institute known as Lalon Akhrah in Cheuriya, about 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) from Kushtia railway station. His disciples dwell mostly in Bangladesh and West Bengal. Every year on the occasion of his death anniversary, thousands of his disciples and followers assemble at Lalon Akhrah, and pay homage to him through celebration and discussion of his songs and philosophy for three days.

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Official Publications

Statistical Year Book Bangladesh 2016, 36th Edition/ M. A. Mannan Howlader
Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 2017
xxx, 564p. ; 24cm.
9789845190909
\$ 60.00 / PB
1160gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335111>

Bangladesh National Bibliography – 2012 / (Chief Ed) MD. Shahab Uddin Khan
Dhaka: Bibliography Section, National Library of Bangladesh, 2016
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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336079>

Bangladesh National Bibliography – 2014 / (Chief Ed) MD. Shahab Uddin Khan
Dhaka: Bibliography Section, National Library of Bangladesh, 2016
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Politics

The Partisan Practice of Leadership at Local Level in Bangladesh
Purpose & Reality / Dr. Amanur Aman
Dhaka: Eti Prokashon, 2017
210p.
9789848974940
\$ 18.00 / HB
376gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=336081>

Miscellaneous Writings / Badruddin Umar

Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2016

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1. Bangladesh -- Politics and government -- 1971-

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Articles, chiefly on political issues of Bangladesh.

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Bangladesh State of Minorities Report – 2016 : Paving the Way to

Liberation / Afsana Amin, Muhammad Al Amin & Zakir Hossain

Dhaka: Nagorik Uddyog, 2016

viii, 64p.

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Religion - Islam

Islamist Radicalization : Actors, Drivers and Approaches / Md.

Mostafizur Rahaman

Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani, 2017

xix, 248p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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2. Radicalism -- Religious aspects -- Islam.
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