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### **Biography/Memoirs**

Journey to Silence : Memoirs of a Surgeon / Ajmal Sobhan (Illustrator)

Archana Hande

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2020

x, 214p.

9789845062831

\$ 15.00 / PB

308gm.

Ajmal Sobhan's journey to silence is filled with noise: the clamor of emergency rooms, wails from the ICU, rattles from throats of dying friends, yells and bustle of Dhaka streets, moans of addicts, laments of abused women, whimpering of abandoned dogs and the hushed yet piercing cries of his selfseeking release from prisons of social conditioning and thought. The cacophonies of his life diminish during his marathon runs and mountain treks but he will not know complete peace until he lives the truth of who he believes he really is: the silent awareness that gives rise to all. Sobhan recounts his inner and outer journey on two continents with great candor and humility.

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### **Ecology/Environment**

Vascular Flora of Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Volume 1 :

Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms & Liliopsida / (Eds) Dr. Sarder Nasir Uddin &

Dr. Md. Abul Hassan

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Herbarium, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 2018

928p.

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Survey of Vascular Flora of Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts Project.

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Uddin & Dr. Md. Abul Hassan

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Herbarium, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 2018

1072p.

Includes Index

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Magnoliopsida Part 2 (Hippocrateaceae-Asteraceae) / (Eds) Dr. Sarder Nasir

Uddin & Dr. Md. Abul Hassan

Dhaka: Bangladesh National Herbarium, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 2018

984p.

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Exploration, documentation and preservation of vascular plant species of Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

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## **Politics**

Role of the State in Bangladesh's Underdevelopment / Muinul Islam

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2020

xvi, 436p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789845062770

\$ 35.00 / HB

634gm.

The book is the outcome of five years of painstaking research by the author on the role of the state in Bangladesh's underdevelopment following the methodology of the political economy of underdevelopment. Theoretically, underdevelopment is conceptualised as 'retarded development'. The roles of the colonial state of the British East India Company and the direct colonial rule by the British state, the neo-colonial bondage under the Pakistani state and the role of the Bangladesh state in the post-independence forty-five years up to 2016 in the underdevelopment of Bangladesh have been analysed in the nine chapters of the book in the light of appropriate theoretical framework and with the help of elaborate facts and evidences. The main hypothesis of the book is that Bangladesh state remains neo-colonial, peripheral capitalist, bureaucratic and extractive, which is responsible for the underdevelopment of the country. Therefore, the main task before the people of Bangladesh is to transform the system that runs the country from 'an agent causing underdevelopment' to 'an agent of development'.

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Neoliberal Development in Bangladesh : People on the Margins / (Ed)

Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan & Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2020

xii, 356p.

Includes Index

9789845062664

\$ 35.00 / HB

602gm.

This book is a collection of eleven critical essays covering some of the implications of neoliberal development in Bangladesh. One of the major themes of this book is how the paradigm of neoliberalism, with its sole focus on free market, has transformed the very nature of the state. For the

neoliberal states, market is both the ends and means of social wellbeing. While this 'market-directed' development approach can ensure certain levels of economic growth, it also brings out degrading quality of life, ecology and political governance. Bangladesh's experience with neoliberal development is an important case study because the country has already been recognized as a 'development paradox'. While some hail the development spree and bask in the glory of a fast-growing economy, critics of the traditional economic growth-oriented model of development point their fingers at the downsides of the same economy.

The topics discussed in this book, among others, include microfinance, energy, higher education, agriculture, gender and, corruption. The editors hope that this book will serve as a useful guide and resource for understanding contemporary critical scholarship on neoliberal policies in Bangladesh.

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