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Architecture

Fifty Years of Architecture in Bangladesh / (Eds) Nasreen Hossain & Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021
372p.
9789845063845
\$ 150.00 / HB
2216gm.

Story of architecture in the then East Pakistan with reference to the critical condition that prevailed in British India.
To commemorate the five decades of formal architectural education in the country, the Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) launched a proposal for a publication on 50 years of architectural works in Bangladesh. The book *Fifty Years of Architecture in Bangladesh* primarily showcases 50 significant works of architecture, created in Bangladesh between 1962 and 2012. It gives an insight into the shaping of a new trend of Bengali modernism through 7 significant works of Muzharul Islam and 50 nationally and internationally recognized projects by BUET alumni and a few expatriate architects. It depicts the trends of architecture that have consistently developed with the passage of time. The editors presented fifty significant architectural projects spanning the first five decades since the inception of institutional architectural education in this country and made a successful attempt of setting the framework against which architectural practice and pedagogy flourished in Bangladesh.

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Biography/Memoirs

My Seven Decades' Journey Through British India, Pakistan and Bangladesh :

Memoir / Mirza Nurul Huda

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xviii, 218p.

Includes Index

9789845062992

\$ 25.00 / HB

430gm.

This memoir encapsulates the essence of the life of Professor Mirza Nurul Huda over seven decades. His formative years and student life were spent in British India. Pakistan saw Professor Huda in his prime. Ignoring threats from the highest quarters of Pakistan's Central Government, Professor Huda fought valiantly for Bangladesh's (then East Pakistan) economic rights and was one of the main proponents of the "Two Economies" theory for Pakistan's two disparate wings. During the Bangladeshi period of his life, Professor M. N. Huda served his homeland over a period of six and a half years, as an Advisor to the government, the Minister of Finance and Planning, and the Vice President of Bangladesh.

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Diplomacy in Obscurity : A Memoir / Hemayet Uddin

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xiv, 210p.

Includes Index

9789845063739

\$ 35.00 / HB

418gm.

Hemayet Uddin depicts the positives, the thrilling, and as well as exasperations in the conduct of diplomacy. In this transcendental diplomatic memoir, Hemayet Uddin uses an aphorism- diplomacy in obscurity-- to explain the life of a diplomat in making and unmaking history.

Hemayet Uddin's diplomatic career crisscrosses many of the significant political events spanning between the 1970s and the millennium that witnessed quantum leaps. In those formative years - when the country was struggling with resource constraints, economic backwardness, fragile social infrastructure, and some in the

outside world yet to visualize the potential of the newly independent country— efforts by the country's professional diplomats played a big role in securing a seat in the global stage which did not receive due appreciation. While for many practitioners, this was one of the reasons for severe frustrations, Hemayet Uddin never relented in sharing his knowledge and experience and offering his advisory notes from a neutral platform. This book is a dispassionate analysis of the events and policies taken by governments on global and regional issues that had direct or indirect impacts on Bangladesh.

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Economics

Agricultural Transformation and Rural Poverty in Bangladesh : Essays in Memory of Dr. Mahabub Hussain / (Ed) K A S Murshid & Atiqur Rahman

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2021

xxxiv, 342p.

Includes Index

9789845062855

\$ 40.00 / HB

586gm.

This book is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Mahabub Hossain, a highly respected scholar and researcher who was Bangladesh's best-known expert in agricultural economics and rural development. It draws upon a commemorative volume put together by his colleagues, friends and admirers drawn from Bangladesh and other parts of South Asia. The Bangladeshi contributors have written on Bangladesh's fast changing rural context while others have written either on the Indian experience or taken a broader pan-South Asian view. The topics span a large canvas but are joined together with a common refrain around agriculture and rural development.

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Official Publications

National Accounts Statistics (Provisional Estimates of GDP, 2020-21 and Final Estimate of GDP, 2019-20) [Bangladesh]

Dhaka: National Accounting Wing (GDP and Foreign Trade), Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Statistics and Informatics Division, Ministry of Planning, 2021

1v.

9789844750548

\$ 30.00 / PB

306gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800426>

Flow of External Resources into Bangladesh (As of 30 June 2020) / Compiled & Ed)
Foreign Aid Budget and Accounts Wing

Dhaka: Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, 2020

1v.

\$ 60.00 / PB

916gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800427>

Report on Bangladesh Sample Vital Statistics 2020

Dhaka: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Statistics and Informatics Division (SID), Ministry of Planning, 2020

1v.

9789843508164

\$ 45.00 / PB

746gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800429>

Bangladesh National Bibliography 2017/ (Chief Ed) Md. Shujayet Ullah

Dhaka: National Library of Bangladesh, 2020

1v.

Bengali & English Languages

9789843490483

\$ 50.00 / PB

1348gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800430>

Politics

Political Parties in India / Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2022

xxxiv, 184p.

Includes Index

9789845063814

\$ 35.00 / HB

584gm.

The title of the project, "Political Parties in India", is a bit limiting. While it may have been the early focus of the exercise, it eventually evolved into an exploration in social, economic and intellectual history of 19th and early 20th century India that went far beyond its original intent. In this study he explores the changes in class formations under British rule in India, investigates the spread of "modern" (particularly English) education and the new discourses it generated, and examines the increasing Indian presence in the bureaucracy, military as well as the Central and Provincial legislatures, that led to new opportunities and demands expressed in the lively media environment that had come into existence. He suggests that the political movements and organizations that were vague and inchoate in the beginning gradually became more formalized and animated later, and opines that political parties did not drive these popular movements but were actually shaped by them. He also discusses the increasing "distancing" between the Hindu and Muslim communities in the context of the competition among the educated middle classes for political and economic advancement that had far-reaching consequences later. It provides an informed and engaging review of that period – comprehensive in scope, shrewd in observation, rich in insight, unconventional in analysis, and astute in judgment.

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More Than Meets The Eye : Essays on Bangladeshi Politics / Ali Riaz

Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2022

viii, 232p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789845063777

\$ 30.00 / HB

438gm.

In the past decade and a half Bangladeshi politics has undergone a dramatic shift, as it has witnessed the gradual erosion of democracy and weakening of the social cohesion. New political settlement among political actors has emerged. Institutions have decayed and radicalization of various kinds have become the norms of politics and society. Geopolitical changes and expedient politics of the incumbent have influenced the domestic politics and the country's foreign relations.

More Than Meets the Eye examines these developments and offers incisive explanation with hints of the future direction. It documents the pathway of the past decades and contextualizes them within the broad trends since the independence of the country 50 years ago. Written in a lucid and accessible language, the book's analyses are theoretically grounded and empirically supported.

This book is a must-read for observers of Bangladeshi politics, academics of Bangladesh studies, policymakers at home and abroad as well as wide audience with interests on Bangladesh.

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