



# NEWSLETTER

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## A Note from the Editor

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh is one of the leading research institutes in the country. For more than seven decades, this institute has been relentlessly pursuing fundamental research on the man and nature of Asia. As a result of the continuous efforts of the illustrious people and researchers associated with the Asiatic Society, it has already gained a reputation at home and abroad as a center of intellectual and academic pursuits.

After taking charge, the present Council (2022 & 2023) has endeavored to work earnestly and diligently to continue the tradition of research and uplift the glory of the Society. However, due to financial constraints caused by global and domestic crises, it has not been possible for the Society to initiate new and large-scale research projects during the tenure of the current Council. Even completing old research projects becomes difficult. However, despite numerous challenges, monthly and special lectures have been organized regularly, including a day-long national seminar on "The State of Development in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges" to mark the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. K.M. Khalid MP, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the day-long seminar.

It is a matter of pleasure for us that the Society turns 71, keeping behind a rich, boastful, intellectual legacy. We celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup>. Foundation Day of the Society with delight and enthusiasm on January 03, 2023, with a Foundation Day Lecture on "From the Polis of Athens to the Benches of the Commons: The Development of Law and Democracy– An Overview" by A.B.M. Khairul Haque, Former Chief Justice of Bangladesh and currently the Chairman of the Bangladesh Law Commission.

The 5th foundation anniversary of the Asiatic Society Heritage Museum was celebrated on October 22, 2023 with a grand festivity. Professor Samshul Alam, Honorable State Minister of the Ministry of Planning of

the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest at the event. Professor Hafiza Khatun, Vice-Chancellor of Pabna University of Science and Technology and Vice-President of ASB presented a paper titled *পুরান ঢাকার সমাজ, সংস্কৃতি ও ঐতিহ্যঃ বিবর্তনের আলোচনা*।

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organizes various programs to encourage and train young people in research. A Research Methodology Workshop on Epigraphy and Numismatics was organized for the first time during the tenure of the current Council to train young researchers. In addition, the Society organizes a two-day training course titled Research Methodology for Arts and Social Sciences as part of its regular activities.

Several new scholarly research books have been published and reprinted. Some other manuscripts are in the final process of publication. The work on the English version of the book titled *বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জ্ঞানকোষ (১০ খণ্ড)*, published under the editorship of Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid, is progressing rapidly. All three research journals of the Society are published regularly.

It has also been possible to complete the long overdue work of the felicitation volume of Professor Sirajul Islam, former President of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, currently Fellow and Chief Editor of Banglapedia. A felicitation volume, Professor Sirajul Islam: Tribute to an Icon, edited by Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid has been published .

Publication of newsletters is a regular activity of the Asiatic Society. Through this, the honorable members are informed about the regular activities of the Asiatic Society. However, we could not publish the newsletter on time for various reasons. I'm sorry for that. To maintain the continuity of the newsletter, we are publishing the Four issues together as a combined issue volume this time. I hope to publish newsletters regularly from now on.

Before I end, I wish all the honorable Fellows, Council Members, and Life and General Members of the Society a happy and healthy life.

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Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

## ASB Celebrates its 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary

The 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) was observed on January 03, 2023 with great admiration and colorful festivity.

Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, President of the Society presided over the function. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiquir Rahman Khan, General Secretary of the Society gave a welcome address to the audience on this propitious day. Paying tribute to the founders of the Society, he presented a short report on the progress that took place in the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh during the last two years.



**The Inauguration of 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh**

The General Secretary pointed out that the Council 2022 & 2023 took charge of the Society with the mission of ensuring accountability and transparency in ASB's all kinds of activities. Defeating all kinds of abridgement, the Council tried to attain its goals these with great efforts.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiquir Rahman Khan mentioned that the Society turned 71 keeping behind a rich boastful and intellectual legacy.

He further added that our endowment program which started in 1984 to promote knowledge and research in arts and sciences, has earned name and fame at home and abroad. We are now managing a total of 46 Trust Funds in the Society. We invite all philanthropic individuals, families and institutions to participate in the Society's endowment program and join us in promoting knowledge by establishing learned Trusts after their names or their near and dear ones.

He also added "we assure you that the present Council (2022-2023) will leave no stone unturned to make the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh an ever growing center of academic and scholarly excellence. I look forward to your kind cooperation in this regard".

The General Secretary expressed his gratitude to Advocate Abdul Hamid, Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh who is the Chief Patron of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh for extending his kind support to the Society. Before concluding the address, the General Secretary reiterates his commitment to the institutional capacity through digitalization of ASB's functions and strengthening its human resources.



**Justice A.B.M. Khairul Haque delivering speech on the 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary program of ASB**

The General Secretary concluded his speech thanking the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, honorable Members of ASB and wishing a belated 'Happy New Year' to all.

A.B.M. Khairul Haque, Former Chief Justice of Bangladesh was the Foundation Day speaker. He delivered the lecture on From the Polis of Athens to the Benches of the Commons: The Development of Law and Democracy- An Overview.



**Flower bouquet handing over to Justice A.B.M. Khairul Haque, the speaker of 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary of ASB**

National Fellows, academics, scholars, educational luminaries, public figures, high officials, distinguished personalities, guests and members of the Society attended the Founding Anniversary program.

## ASB Participated in the Amar Ekushey Book Fair

Keeping practice with the old custom, the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh participated in the Amar Ekushey Book Fair on February 01, 2023 at the Bangla academy premises. The stall numbers were 764 & 765. Numerous people visited ASB stalls at Bangla Academy premises on this occasion. A large number of ASB publications amounting to TK. 4,56,662 only were sold in 2023 in the Amar Ekushey Book Fair.

## Day-long Seminar

To mark the 50 years of independence of Bangladesh, the Council of 2022-2023 has organized a day-long Seminar titled **The State of Development in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges** on March 18, 2023.



**Day-long Seminar on The State of Development in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges**

Honorable State Minister **K.M. Khalid**, MP, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the day-long seminar. In this Seminar, six reputed scholars of the country presented their research papers on **Bangladesh's accomplishments and challenges over the last 50 years in the domains of science, technology, governance, economy and society**. We are working to publish a book compiling these research papers.

### Research Methodology Workshop

One of the objectives of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh is to train and inspire young people in research and the Society is uncompromisingly working to achieve this goal. To this end, the present Council of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organized a Research Methodology Workshop titled **Epigraphy and Numismatics** on February 11, 2023 for young researchers.



**Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary, ASB delivering speech**

This was the Society's first workshop on the topic to be held thus far and over fifty young researchers from different parts of the country participated in it.

In addition, the Society held a two-day training course titled **Research Methodology for Arts and Social Sciences** on October 27-28, 2023 as part of its regular activities.

Participants with Humanities and Social Sciences background such as Independent researchers, Development workers, MPhil, PhD students, Lecturers, Assistant Professors from Public as well as Private Universities attended the workshop.



**Two-day training course on Research Methodology for Arts and Social Sciences**

### Book Launching Ceremony

The ceremony of launching the book titled Professor Sirajul Islam: Tribute to an Icon edited by Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid and Professor Dr. Ahmed A. Jamal (Associate Editor) was held on October 30, 2023. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB delivered the welcome speech. Professor Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Former Advisor of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid presented his speech as the Editor of the book.



**Participants at the Book Launching Ceremony held on October 30, 2023**

Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, President of the Society presided over the ceremony and delivered his closing speech at the end of the program.

### Asiatic Society Heritage Museum

The Asiatic Society Heritage Museum (ASHM) is the Society's pride and unique asset. On October 22, 2023 Asiatic Society Heritage Museum celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day with pompous festivity.

**Dr. Samsul Alam**, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest.



**Chief guest Dr. Samsul Alam delivering speech on 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Asiatic Society Heritage Museum**



**Chief guest Dr. Samsul Alam visiting Asiatic Society Heritage Museum**

Professor Dr. Hafiza Khatun, Vice-Chancellor, Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) and Vice-President of ASB presented a paper on: পুরান ঢাকার সমাজ, সংস্কৃতি ও ঐতিহ্যঃ বিবর্তনের আলোচনা।

## Panel submitted for the ensuing ASB Council Election 2024 & 2025

The Council Election of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh falls after two years. According to Article 34 of the Society's Constitution, the last date for submitting panel for the election of the Council (2024-2025) was November 30, 2023. One was proposed by Mr. Mofidul Hoque (Membership No: 1305) and seconded by Dr. Md.Didarul Alam (Membership No: 1444). The other panel was proposed by Mahfuza Khanam (Membership No: 982) and seconded by Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque (Membership No: 863). Both panels were submitted on November 30, 2023. The names of the Candidates of both panels are as follows:

### Muldhara Panel

Name of the post	Name of the Candidates	Membership No:
<b>President</b>	Harun-or-Rashid	857
<b>Vice President</b>	Sajahan Mia	1199
	Hafiza Khatun	1205
	Yearul Kabir	1526
<b>Treasurer</b>	Muhammad Abdul Mazid	595
<b>General Secretary</b>	Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan	2432
<b>Secretary</b>	Md. Abdur Rahim	2302
<b>Members</b>	Mijanur Rahman	2791
	Najma Khan Majlis	806
	Mahbuba Nasreen	1759
	Asha Islam Nayeem	1678
	Bishmadeb Choudhury	2232
	Md. Lutfor Rahaman	2547
	Arifa Sultana	1210
	Sabbir Ahmed	2295
	Abdul Bashir	1565
	Sikder Monoare Murshed	1594

### Muktabuddhicharchar Panel

Name of the post	Name of the Candidates	Membership No:
<b>President</b>	Sharif Uddin Ahmed	985
<b>Vice President</b>	Mesbah Uddin Ahmed	718
	Mosud Mannan	1108
	Eshani Chakraborty	1220
<b>Treasurer</b>	Abdullah Al Mahmud	2814
<b>General Secretary</b>	Md. Hakim Arif	1651
<b>Secretary</b>	Mohammad Humayun Kabir	2058
<b>Members</b>	Sadeka Halim	1700
	A.K.M. Golam Rabbani	1756
	Md. Abdul Karim	1608
	Nusrat Fatema	1460
	S.M.Shameem Reza	2501
	Z.M. Parvez Sazzad	2718
	Md. Kamrul Alam Khan	1368
	Khan Mahbub	2209
	Shuchita Sharmin	1900
	Md. Mokammal Hossain Bhuiyan	1657

## Formation of Election Commission

The Council meeting held on December 05, 2023 formed an Election Commission (EC) comprising the following members:

Sl. No:	Name	Credential	Designation
01	Professor Sharifullah Bhuiyan	Professor (Retired) Department of History University of Dhaka	Election Commissioner
02	Dr. Sirajul Hoque	Professor (Retired) Department of Soil, Water and Environment University of Dhaka	Member
03	Dr. Md. Majibur Rahman	Professor Department of Microbiology University of Dhaka	Member

## Monthly General Meeting

### The 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on January 19, 2023

The topic of the Monthly Lecture was *Refugees and Unfinished Partition: A Saga of the Marginal Migrants*. Dr. Anindita Ghoshal, Associate Professor, Department of History, Diamond Harbour Women's University, Kolkata, West Bangla, India was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.



Dr. Anindita Ghoshal delivering lecture in 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting

Following the presentation, some of the audience took part in an open discussion on the topic and made brief comments.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque presented his closing speech and thanked Dr. Anindita Ghoshal for her valuable presentation. He also thanked everyone present for making the program successful and then concluded the meeting.

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on February 28, 2023

The topic of the Monthly Lecture was *বাংলাদেশে বাংলাভাষার অবস্থানগত এবং অবয়বগত উন্নয়নঃ প্রত্যাশা, বাস্তবতা ও করণীয়*। Dr. Hakim Arif, Director General, International Mother Language Institution and Professor, Department of Communication Disorders, University of Dhaka was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.



Professor Dr. Hakim Arif greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

Following the lecture, some from the audience asked various questions about the topic and they were answered by the speaker.

Finally, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah thanked Professor Dr. Hakim Arif for his valuable presentation. He also thanked everyone present for making the program successful and then concluded the meeting.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on May 30, 2023

The topic of the Monthly Lecture was *ধর্মনিরপেক্ষতা (সেকুলারিজম) চর্চায় পঞ্চাশ বছরের বাংলাদেশ*। Dr. Mamun Al Mostofa, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.

Following the presentation, some of the audience took part in an open discussion on the topic and made brief comments.

While summing up the discussion, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, thanked Dr. Mamun Al Mostofa for his luminous presentation. He also thanked everyone present for making the program successful and then concluded the meeting.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on July 30, 2023

The topic of the Monthly Lecture was *বাংলা ভাষার বানান পরিবর্তন কতটা প্রয়োজন ?* Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Biswas, Professor (Retd.), Department of Sanskrit, University of Rajshahi was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.

At the end of the lecture, some of the audience asked several questions to the speaker and they were answered by the speaker.

Finally, the Chairperson Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque thanked Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Biswas for his valiseful lecture as well as everyone present for making the program successful and then concluded the meeting.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on August 29, 2023

The topic of Monthly General Meeting was *বঙ্গবন্ধুর নারীনীতি ও পদক্ষেপসমূহ*। **Dr. Syed Anwar Husain**, Chair Professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.



**Dr. Syed Anwar Husain delivering lecture in 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting**

Following the presentation, some of the audience participated in an open discussion on the topic and made brief comments. At the end of the discussion, the Chairperson, Dr. Professor Sajahan Miah, presented his closing speech and thanked Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain for his valuable presentation.

Finally, the Chairperson thanked everyone for making the program successful and concluded the meeting.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on September 19, 2023

The topic of Monthly General Meeting was *Great Power Politics and the Indo-Pacific Conundrum*. **Dr. Delwar Hossain**, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka and the honorable member of Bangladesh Public Service Commission (BPSC) was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.

Following the presentation, some of the audience participated in an open discussion on the topic and made brief comments.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, presented his closing speech and thanked Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain for his valuable presentation.

Finally, the Chairperson thanked everyone for making the program successful and concluded the meeting.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on October 19, 2023

The topic of Monthly General Meeting was *ফাতেমার সুরতনামা ও স্কিনা বিলাপঃ পান্ডুলিপি-পাঠ এবং লিখন বৈচিত্র*। **Mr. Sahidul Hasan**, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka was the speaker. Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary of ASB conducted the meeting.

Following the presentation, some of the audience participated

in an open discussion on the topic and made brief comments. At the end of the discussion, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, presented his closing speech and thanked Mr. Sahidul Hasan for his interesting presentation.

Finally, the Chairperson thanked everyone for making the program successful and concluded the meeting.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly General Meeting held on November 28, 2023

The topic of Monthly General Meeting was *কাদম্বিনী গাজুলীঃ প্রথম বাঙালি নারী চিকিৎসক*। Dr. Mohammad Ali Khan, Researcher and Writer was the speaker.



**Dr. Mohammad Ali Khan greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session**

After the presentation, Some of the audience raised their questions regarding the topic and placed their brief comments.

While summing up the discussion, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque thanked Dr. Mohammad Ali Kahn for his informative presentation. He also thanked everyone present for making the program successful and concluded the meeting.

## Special Lectures

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Special Lecture held on March 02, 2023

**Dr. Anja Desiree Senz**, Professor, Institute of Chinese Studies, Center of Asia and Transcultural Studies (CATS), Heidelberg University, Germany was the speaker.



**Professor Dr. Anja Desiree Senz greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session**

The speaker delivered her lecture on *Debating China's Rise and Decline: Political, Socio-Economic and Cultural Aspects*.

### The 6<sup>th</sup> Special Lecture held on July 13, 2023

**Dr. Nazmul Sultan**, Assistant Professor of Political Theory, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Canada was the speaker.

The speaker delivered his lecture on *What is Colonialism? The Dual Claims of a Twentieth-Century Political Category*.

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Special Lecture held on August 10, 2023

**Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury** (Poet Kamal Chowdhury), Former Principal Secretary to the Honorable Prime Minister was the speaker.

The speaker delivered his lecture on *বাংলা কবিতায় বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব*।

### The 8<sup>th</sup> Special Lecture held on September 27, 2023

**Dr. Abdul Bashir**, Professor, Department of Islamic History & Culture and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Dhaka was the speaker.



**Professor Dr. Abdul Bashir** greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

The speaker delivered his lecture on *বাংলার কৃষক বিদ্রোহ*।

## Trust Fund Lectures

### National Professor Atwar Husain Memorial Lecture 2023 held on 5 January 05, 2023

**Dr. Kenneth Robbins**, Author, Scholar and Archivist, United States of America (U.S.A) was the speaker.



**Dr. Kenneth Robbins** delivering lecture on January 05, 2023

In this program he delivered the lecture on *Habshi Kingdom of Bengal and Africa-India Connectivity in the Middle Ages*.

Mr. Mofidul Hoque chaired the lecture.

### Maulvi Shamsuddin Ahmed Memorial Lecture 2022 held on February 04, 2023

**Dr. Shahnaj Husne Jahan**, Professor of Archaeology and Director, Center for Archaeological Studies, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhaka was the speaker. She delivered the lecture on *Merchants and their Working Environment in Ancient Bengal: Investigating through Inscriptions*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. A K M Shahnawaz.

### Faizunnessa Kabiruddin Rahmani Memorial Lecture 2022 held on February 09, 2023

**Mr. Mohd Azim Buksh**, Director, Dhaka Kendra was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *পুরান ঢাকার হারিয়ে যাওয়া পঞ্চায়েত ও সরদারিপ্রথা*।

Professor Dr. Md. Fazlul Haque chaired the lecture.

### Noor Jehan and Khan Sarwar Murshid Trust Fund Lecture 2022 held on February 18, 2023

**Mr. Mofidul Hoque**, Essayist and Cultural Activist was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *খান সারওয়ার মুরশিদের জীবনকর্ম এবং সমাজ বিকাশে বুদ্ধিজীবীর ভূমিকা*।

The lecture was presided over Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen.

### Hamim Khan Memorial Lecture 2022 held on March 13, 2023

**Dr. Khondkar Siddique-e-Rabbani**, Honorary Professor, Department of Biomedical Physics and Technology, University of Dhaka was the speaker.



**Dr. Khondkar Siddique-e-Rabbani** greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

He delivered the lecture on *Science and Religion – from the perspective of a Physicist*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Anisuzzaman.

### Sarathi Research Grant Lecture 2020 (First Lecture) held on March 23, 2023

**Mr. Md. Rifat-Ur-Rahman**, Chairman, Department of Sociology, Rabindra University, Bangladesh was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *Possibilities and Obstacles to Develop Sustainable Cultural Heritage Based*

*Tourism in Khirtala Village, Sirajganj.* Professor Dr. Md. Afjal Hossain and Professor Dr. Santus Kumar Deb, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, University of Dhaka were present as discussants.

Professor Dr. Syed Azizul Huque chaired the lecture.

**Professor Mohammad Moniruzzaman Memorial Lecture  
2022 held on May 02, 2023**

**Dr. Abu Dayen**, Professor, Department of Bangla, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *মোহাম্মদ মনিরুজ্জামানের কবিতাঃ কবির চেতনায় স্বদেশ ও সমকাল*।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Sadrul Amin.

**Mustafizur Rahman Khan and Saleha Khanam Trust  
Fund Lecture 2022 held on May 10, 2023**

**Dr. Jamila A. Chowdhury**, Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *Accelerating Access to Justice through Mediation: Gender Justice and Distributive Justice in Perspective*.

Professor Mahfuza Khanam presided over the lecture.

**Sarathi Research Grant Lecture 2020 (Second Lecture)  
held on May 18, 2023**

**Dr. Yearul Kabir**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka delivered the lecture on *Association of GRIN1 Gene Polymorphisms with the Risk of Drug Addiction in Bangladesh*.



**Dr. Yearul Kabir delivering lecture on May 8, 2023**

Professor Dr. Sitesh Chandra Bachar, Department of Pharmacy, and Professor Dr. Md. Anwarul Azim Akhand, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, University of Dhaka were present as discussants.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Syed Azizul Huq.

**Dr. Md. Mainul Islam and Mr. Waliul Islam Memorial  
Trust Fund Lecture 2023 held on May 25, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Hashibul Alam Prodhan**, Professor and Chairman, Department of Law, University of Rajshahi was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *স্বাধীনতার ঘোষণাপত্র ও মুজিবনগর সরকার*।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen.

**Professor Muhammad Nurul Karim Trust Fund Lecture  
2023 held on 1 June 01, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Abul Kalam Sarker**, Professor, Department of Persian Language and Literature, University of Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *ফারসি-বাংলা অনুবাদ সাহিত্যঃ মনিরউদ্দীন ইউসুফের সাধনা*।

The lecture was chaired by Professor A. B. M. Dr. Siddiquir Rahman Nizami.

**Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Research Grant Lecture 2020  
(First Lecture) held on June 08, 2023**

**Most. Zannatul Ferdous**, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health and Informatics, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker. She delivered the lecture on *Effectiveness of the Chronic Care Model in Type 2 Diabetes Management in a Diabetic Clinic, Bangladesh*.



**Most. Zannatul Ferdous greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session**

Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, former Chairman, National Board of Revenue (NBR), and Dr. Rokhsana Yeasmin, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Ibrahim Medical College were present as discussants.

Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah chaired the lecture.

**Professor Muhammad Ishaq Trust Fund Lecture 2022  
held on July 06, 2023**

**Dr. Sharif Uddin Ahmed**, Professor, Department History and Philosophy, North South University, Dhaka was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *50 Years of Dinajpur City since Independence in 1971 – A Study in Urban History of Bangladesh*.

Professor Dr. Najma Khan Majlis chaired the lecture.

**Dr. Anwar Dil and Dr. Afia Dil Trust Fund Lecture 2023  
held on July 20, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Emran Jahan**, Professor, Department of History, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *বাঙালি জাতীয়তাবাদের জটিলরূপ ও একটি জাতি-রাষ্ট্রের জন্ম*।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Nurul Islam Manjur.



**Professor Mofassil Uddin Ahmed Trust Fund Lecture  
2023 held on July 27, 2023**

**Dr. Muhammad Kamruzzaman Mozumder**, Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Dhaka was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on Indigenous Psychotherapy for Bangladesh: Lesson Learned from Medistic Psychotherapy.

Professor Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam chaired the lecture.

**Bangabandhu Memorial Lecture 2022 held on August  
03, 2023**

**Dr. Sanjay K Bhardwaj**, Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India was the speaker.



**Dr. Sanjay K Bhardwaj** greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

The speaker delivered the lecture on *Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: A Champion of Freedom and Emancipation*.

The lecture was presided over by Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid.

**Professor Dr. Muhammad Dilawar Husain Trust Fund  
Lecture 2023 held on August 17, 2023**

**Dr. Shuchita Sharmin**, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka was the speaker. She delivered the lecture on *Recent Trends in Behavioral Analyses for Development: The Case of Bangladesh*.

Professor Dr. Arifa Sultana chaired the lecture.

**National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam Memorial Lecture  
2023 held on August 26, 2023**

**Dr. AK Azad Khan**, National Professor and President, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *Prevention of Diabetes through Faith-based Leaders*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. M. K. I. Quayyum Choudhury.

**Halima Begum and Shaikh Sharafuddin Trust Fund  
Lecture 2023 held on August 31, 2023**

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Prof. **Dr. A S M Matiur Rahman**, Fellow, Bangladesh Academy of Sciences was the speaker. He delivered

the lecture on *AMR: A Global Challenge*.

Professor Dr. Yearul Kabir chaired the lecture.

**Noor Jehan and Khan Sarwar Murshid Trust Fund  
Lecture 2023 held on September 02, 2023**

**Dr. K A S Murshid**, Economist and former Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, was the speaker.



**Dr. K A S Murshid** delivering his lecture on September 02, 2023

The speaker delivered the lecture on *The Quest for Social Justice: A Bangladeshi Perspective*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen.

**Dr. Serajul Haque and Mahzuzah Haque Trust Fund  
Lecture 2022 held on September 07, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Fazlul Haque**, Professor, Department of Islamic History and Culture, and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Rajshahi was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *ইসলামী সমাজব্যবস্থাঃ একটি পর্যালোচনা*.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdur Rashid chaired the lecture.

**Dr. R. A. Ghani and Mrs. Hosne Ara Ghani Trust Fund  
Lecture 2023 held on September 14, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Golam Sharower**, Professor and Head, Department of Entomology, National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *Challenges to Control Aedes Mosquitoes for Prevention of Dengue Fever in Bangladesh: The Way Forward*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan.

**Shafiqur Rahman Research Grant Lecture 2021 (Second  
Lecture) held on September 21, 2023**

Ms. Asma Ul Husna, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker. She delivered the lecture on *পাকিস্তান রাষ্ট্র ও বাঙালি নারী*.

Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah chaired the lecture.

**FINAS Foundation Lecture 2023 held on October 05, 2023**

**Dr. Shariff Enamul Kabir**, UGC, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Jagannath University was the speaker.



**Dr. Shariff Enamul Kabir delivering his lecture on October 05, 2023**

The speaker delivered the lecture on *Bimetallic Osmium-Tin and Osmium-Germanium Carbonyl Complexes: Precursors to Nanoscale Heterogeneous Catalysts*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor.

**Professor Ahmad Kabir Memorial Lecture 2023 held on October 07, 2023**

**Professor Gulam Mustafa**, former Teacher, Department of Bangla, University of Chittagong was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on একুশ শতকের বাংলা ও বাঙালিঃ বাংলাদেশের প্রেক্ষাপট।

Professor Dr. Bhishmadeb Choudhury chaired the lecture.

**Kabi Syed Shamsul Haq Memorial Lecture 2023 held on October 12, 2023**

**Dr. Syeda Motahera Banu**, former Head, Department of Bengali, Asian University of Bangladesh, Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on বাংলা ভাষার শিশু সাহিত্য (বিশ শতকের প্রথমার্ধ)।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Nilufar Begum.

**Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Research Grant Lecture 2020 (Second Lecture) held on October 21, 2023**

**Dr. Md. Ruhul Amin**, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, Comilla University, Comilla was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *Women's Livelihood and Adaptation Patterns in Response to Climate Change in Two Districts of Bangladesh*. Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Bangladesh Open University was present as discussant.

Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah chaired the lecture.

**Munshi Aftabuddin Memorial Lecture 2023 held on November 02, 2023**

**Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman**, Professor, Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Rajshahi, and former Vice-Chancellor, Khulna University was the speaker.

The speaker delivered the lecture on মুক্তিযুদ্ধের স্মৃতিকথাঃ অভিব্যক্তি ও ভাবনার তারতম্য।



**Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session**

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Abdul Bashir.

**Dr. A. R. Mallick and R. N. Mallick Memorial Trust Fund Lecture 2023 held on November 07, 2023**

**Dr. Syed Anwar Husain**, Chair Professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was the speaker.



**Dr. Syed Anwar Husain delivering lecture on November 07, 2023**

He delivered the lecture on ড. এ. আর. মল্লিক: একজন মেধাবী ইতিহাসবিদ ও সফল প্রশাসক।

Professor Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal chaired the lecture.

**Professor Shafiqur Rahman Memorial Lecture 2022 held on November 09, 2023**

**Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam**, Professor Emeritus, Department of English, University of Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on কৃত্রিম বুদ্ধিমত্তার যুগে মানববিদ্যা চর্চা।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah.

**Amina Bashir and Murtaja Baseer Memorial Lecture 2023 held on November 11, 2023**

**Dr. A K M Shahnawaz**, Professor, Department of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University, was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on ইতিহাসের বিতর্ক নিরসনে সুলতানি বাংলার মুদ্রা ও শিলালিপিঃ কয়েকটি নির্বাচিত বিতর্ক।

Professor Dr. A T M Atiqur Rahman chaired the lecture.

**Mustafizur Rahman Khan and Saleha Khanam Trust  
Fund Lecture 2023 held on November 16, 2023**

**Dr. Asha Islam Nayeem**, Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka was the speaker.



**Dr. Asha Islam Nayeem** greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

The speaker delivered the lecture on *A Historical Trajectory of Women and Empowerment in Bangladesh: Where does Rhetoric Intersect with Reality?*

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Z. N. Tahmida Begum.

**Professor Dr. A. B. M. Mahmood Trust Fund Lecture  
2023 held on November 18, 2023**

**Dr. Aksadul Alam**, Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on 'বাংলা' ইতিহাসতত্ত্বের পরিচয় বিনির্মাণের ধারা, সাধারণীকরণ এবং যুগবিভাজন সমস্যাঃ একটি সমালোচনামূলক অনুসন্ধান।

Mr. Ali Ahmed presided over the lecture.

**National Professor Dr. Sufia Ahmed Memorial  
Foundation Inaugural Discussion Program 2023 held on  
November 21, 2023**

The discussants were **Ms. Aroma Dutta**, Honorable Member of Parliament, **Dr. Habiba Khatun**, Professor (Rtd.), Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Dhaka, **Dr. Jahanara Haque Chowdhury**, Professor (Rtd.), Department of History, University of Dhaka and **Mr. Arif Khan**, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.



**Justice Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed** delivering speech on November 21, 2023

Honorable Justice **Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed** delivered special remarks.

The discussion program was chaired by Professor Mahfuza Khanam.

**Inaugural Lecture of Professor Dr. Fazlul Halim  
Chowdhury Memorial Trust Fund held  
on November 23, 2023**

**Dr. AK Azad Chowdhury**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology, University of Dhaka and former Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka was the speaker.



**Dr. AK Azad Chowdhury** greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session

He delivered the lecture on অধ্যাপক ড. ফজলুল হালিম চৌধুরীর বিজ্ঞান ভাবনাঃ পরিপ্রেক্ষিত ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।

Professor Dr. A. K. M. Nazrul Islam chaired the lecture.

**Mohammad Wajed Ali Trust Fund Memorial Lecture  
2022 held on November 30, 2023**

**Dr. Narayan Chandra Biswas**, Honorary Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Dhaka was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on নজরুল ইসলামের মানস ভুবনে মানুষী সত্তা।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Sikder Monoare Murshed.

**Bangabandhu Memorial Lecture 2023 held on December  
05, 2023**

**Dr. Muntassir Mamoon**, Bangabandhu Professor, University of Chittagong and Chairman, 1971: Genocide-Torture Archive & Museum was the speaker.



**Dr. Muntassir Mamoon** delivering speech on December 05, 2023

He delivered the lecture on কী চেয়েছিলেন বঙ্গবন্ধু ?

Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid chaired the lecture.

**Maulvi Shamsuddin Ahmed Memorial Lecture 2023 held on December 07, 2023**

**Maliha Nargis Ahmed**, Professor, Department of Archaeology, Jahangirnagar University was the speaker. The speaker delivered the lecture on *Architectural Features of Mughal Mosques at Periphery: A case study of Bayezid Bostami Mosque and Wali Begh Mosque Chittagong*.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. A K M Shahnawaz.

**Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Research Grant Lecture 2020 (Third Lecture) was held on December 20, 2023.**

**Dr. Md. Mohiuddin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environment, Jagannath University was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on *The Impact of Climate Change on Coastal Forced Migration in South Eastern Part of Bangladesh*. Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Bangladesh Open University, was present as discussant.

Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah chaired the lecture.

**Sarathi Education and Research Trust Fund Lecture 2023 held on December 21, 2023**

**Dr. Ashis Kumar Das**, Professor, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India was the speaker.



**Dr. Ashis Kumar Das delivering speech on December 21, 2023**

The speaker delivered the lecture on অর্থ নারীকথা-নারীবাদ, বিশ্বায়ন ও নারী ক্ষমতায়ন।

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Syed Azizul Huq.

**Professor Mohammad Moniruzzaman Memorial Lecture 2023 held on December 26, 2023**

Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Chair Professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Chair, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was the speaker. He delivered the lecture on বঙ্গবন্ধুর ইতিহাস চেতনা।

Professor Sadrul Amin chaired the lecture.

**Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Research Grant Lecture 2022 (First Lecture) held on December 29, 2023**

**Mr. Md. Farhad Hossain**, Associate Professor, Department of Statistics, Comilla University, Comilla was the speaker.

The speaker delivered the lecture on *Climate Change and its Impact on Population Displacement in Bangladesh: Empirical Study of Three Delta Districts*. Professor Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam, Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka was present as discussant.

The lecture was chaired by Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah.

**A. K. M. Azizul Haq and Husniara Huq Trust Fund Lecture 2023 held on December 30, 2023**

**Dr. M.M. Akash**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka was the speaker.



**Dr. M.M. Akash greeted with flowers at the end of lecture session**

He delivered the lecture on *Bangladesh in its Golden Jubilee: An Evaluation of its Socio-Economic Development*.

Professor Dr. Md. Mashiur Rahman presided over the lecture.

**Research Grants Awarded by the Trust Funds**

**Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Research Grant 2023**

**Dr. Dilruba Sharmin**, Associate Professor, Department of Japanese Studies, University of Dhaka had received a grant of Tk. 2,25,000/- (Taka two lakh twenty-five thousand only) for her research project titled *Basic Health Provision and Living Conditions of Women and Children in the Potter's Villages of Bangladesh*. The duration of the research is one year.

**Dr. Md. Alamgir**, former Keeper, Bangladesh National Museum had been awarded Tk. 3,25,000/- (Taka three lakh twenty-five thousand only) for his research proposal titled *বাংলার মাদরাসা শিক্ষাসংস্কার, উন্নয়ন ও আধুনিকায়নে খান বাহাদুর আহছান উল্লাহ অবদান*। The research was planned for a duration of two years.

**Sarathi Research Grant 2023**

**Dr. Yearul Kabir**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Dhaka had received a grant of Tk. 4,00,000/- (Taka four lakh only) for his research project titled *Association of Genetic Polymorphisms as Biomarkers for the Risk of Drug Addiction in Bangladesh*. The duration of the research is two years.

**Dr. Muhammad Shahin Miah CPA**, Associate Professor of Accounting, Department of International Business, University of Dhaka had been granted Tk. 3,50,000/- (Taka three lakh fifty thousand only) for his research proposal titled Sustainable Development Goals, Gender, and Firm Valuation: Evidence from Bangladesh. The research is planned for a duration of two years.

## Opening of a New Trust Fund

### Amena Arshad Memorial Trust Fund

The deed of Trust Signing Ceremony of the Amena Arshad Memorial Trust Fund was held on June 08, 2023 in the Council Room of the Society. It is the 46th trust fund of the ASB. On behalf of the Society, Professor Dr. Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, General Secretary, ASB signed the deed and Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, retired Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and former Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) signed as the founder.



**Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid** handing over a cheque of Tk. ten lakh to the ASB

Professor Dr. Khondoker Bazlul Hoque, President of ASB; Professor Dr. Sajahan Miah, Vice-President of ASB and Professor Dr. Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Secretary of ASB signed as witnesses.

The initial capital of the trust fund is Tk. 10,00,000/- (Taka: ten lakh only). The trust fund has been established with a view to organizing annual lectures and/or awarding research grants on topics related to the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world and a natural tapestry of Asia, in particular, and other forests of Bangladesh in general.

**Asiatic Society of Bangladesh  
received 48 of Bangali books and  
31 of English Books as donation  
from various author or  
individuals.**

## New Recruitment

The Council 2022-2023 formed three different Recruitment Committees for the recruitment of officer and staff at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. An advertisement was circulated to some national daily newspapers. Following the recruitment examination, the Council appointed following three employees at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) Office.



**Md. Foysal Mia**  
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Date of Joining: December 17, 2023



**Tuhina Khatun**  
Accounts Assistant  
Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB)  
Date of Joining: October 15, 2023



**Md. Anisur Rahman**  
Gardener  
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Date of Joining: October 15, 2023

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