

International Conference
on
Indo-Bangladesh Multi Sectoral Cooperation

Date: January 23-24, 2016

Place: New Delhi

Day 1

3.00 PM – 4.00 P.M.: **Registration**

4.00 PM – 5.30 P.M.: **Inaugural Session**

Chairperson: Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan (TBC)
(Minister of State-Independent Charge), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas,
Govt. of India

Key Note Address: Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, JS (BM), GOI (TBC)

Chief Guest: Mr. Mozammel Haque (TBC)
Hon'ble Minister of Liberation War Affairs, Government of Bangladesh

Guest of Honour: H. E. Mr. Syed Muazze m Ali (TBC)
High Commissioner Bangladesh to India

Guest of Honour: Prof. Bibek Debroy (TBC)
Member, NITI Aayog, New Delhi

6:30 PM- 8:00 P.M.: **Group Meeting of Journalists**

Day 2

09.00 PM – 10.00 A.M.: **Registration**

10.00 A.M. – 11.30 A.M. **Plenary Session I**

Theme: Revisiting Muktiyuddho (Liberation War): 45 year of friendship between India and Bangladesh

Chair: **Ambassador Rajeev Mitter** (TBC)

Speaker 1: **Ms. Aroma Dutta**, Executive Director, PRIP Trust (Bangladesh)

Speaker 2: **Mr. Willian Sloan** (Canada)

Speaker 3: India-Bangladesh Cooperation: Revisiting Bangladesh War of Liberation-71
Lt. Gen. M. Harun-Ar-Rashid, Former Chief of Army Staff, (Bangladesh)

Speaker 4: **Hiranmay Karlekar**, Consultant Editor, The Pioneer and former Editor of Hindustan Times (India)

Speaker 5: **Maj Gen Dhruv C. Katoch**, SM, VSM (Retd), Editor: SALUTE Magazine, Secretary General, IWVA (India)

11.30 A.M.-01:30 P.M.

Plenary Session II

Theme: Indo–Bangladesh Economic Cooperations: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: **Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi**, DG, RIS

Speaker 1: **Dr. Rashmi Singh**, Editor, Telecom Live, New Delhi (India)

Speaker 2: **Pratim Ranjan Bose**, The Hindu Business Line, Deputy Editor and Chief of Bureau, Kolkata (India)

Speaker 3: **Prof. Abul Barkat**, Deptt. of Economics, University of Dhaka (TBC) (Bangladesh)

Speaker 4: Economic Dimensions (focusing on trade and investment) of Bangladesh-India relations **Dr. Mahfuz Kabir**, Acting Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS)

Speaker 5: TBC Bangladesh

1.30. P.M. – 2.30 P.M.

Lunch

02.30 A.M.-04:00 P.M.

Plenary Session III

Theme: Indo-Bangladesh cultural relations: A shared legacy

Chair: **Ambassador Veena Sikri**,

Ford Foundation endowed Chair, Bangladesh Studies Programme, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh and Malaysia

Speaker 1: Bay of Bengal Buddhist Network: A Shared Maritime Space between India and Bangladesh & South East Asia – **Dr. Suchandra Ghosh**, Professor, Ancient History Department, University of Calcutta (India)

Speaker 2: **Prof. Muntassir Mamoon**, Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Speaker 3: The Sundarbans: cultural sharing can take a catalyst role for promoting Indo-Bangla partnership **Mr. Rafiqul Islam Khokan**, Founder & Executive Director, Rupantar (Bangladesh)

Speaker 4: Indo-Bangladesh cultural relationship: Opportunity and challenges **Dr. Sarwar Ali**, Trustee, Liberation War Museum, Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Speaker 5: **Dr. Anirban Ganguly**, Director, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi (India)

04.00 PM – 4.30 PM **Tea Break**

04.30 A.M.-06:00 P.M. **Plenary Session IV**

Theme: Security Challenges to Indo-Bangladesh Relations: A review

Chair: **Ambassador Rajib Bhatia**, Former Director General, ICWA (TBC)

Speaker 1: **Mr. Shahriar Kabir**

General Secretary, South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism & Communalism, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Speaker 2: **Major General Abdur Rasid** (Bangladesh)

Speaker 3: **Dr. Sreeradha Datta**, Director, MAKAIAS

Speaker 4: **Mr. Shyamal Dutta**, Editor, Bhorer Kagoj (Bangladesh) TBC

Speaker 5: **Mr. Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury**,

Assistant Editor (Foreign Affairs), The Economic Times, Delhi

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM: **Valedictory Session**

Chairperson: Mr. A. H. M. Kamal (TBC)

Hon'ble Minister for Planning, Government of Bangladesh

Chief Guest: Mr. M. J. Akbar (TBC)

Hon'ble Minister of State (MOS), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Guest of Honour: Mr. Shakti Singha (TBC)
Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi