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## Dr Md Nasim Iqbal has joined TAFE NSW in the role of Records and Information officer

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**Dr Md Nasim Iqbal** 

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Dr Md Nasim Iqbal has recently joined TAFE NSW west region in the role of Records and Information officer. TAFE NSW is Australia's leading provider of vocational education and training with over 500,000 annual enrolments. As the NSW public provider, it comprises 130 campuses grouped in five geographic areas. Over 1,200 courses are offered annually including certificates, diplomas and Bachelor degrees. Courses are available in different study format, such as full-time, part-time, work-based learning and online. Prior to moving in NSW, he lived in Perth with his son and wife until the end of 2015 and then lived in Melbourne where he stayed for two years.

He will be responsible for the implementation, compliance, coordination. support and maintenance of TAFE NSW's Records and Information Management framework for the west region. He will also provide subject matter expertise (SME) for the region, in all elements of the information lifecycle creation, capture, classification, usage, security, storage, disposal and preservation.

Mr Iqbal went to Australia in 2000 for higher study and completed his PhD in Information Studies at Curtin University in 2004.

Dr Iqbal is an accomplished OpenText Content Server (EDRMS) administrator, information management specialist, retention & disposal expert, archivist, librarian and library educator with over 20 years' experience working in corporate, academic and government environments in Australia and Bangladesh. He completed a B.A. degree in Library and Information Science in 1994, and an M.A. in Library and information Science in 1996 at the University of Dhaka. After graduating from the University of Dhaka, he worked as a lecturer of Library and Information Science at the University of Rajshahi for three years. He went to Australia in 2000 for higher study and completed his PhD in Information Studies at Curtin University in 2004. He also completed a Graduate Certificate in Records Management at Curtin University in 2009.



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In his most recent position at Aurecon as a records management officer Aurecon Australasia, Dr Igbal managed physical and digital records, provided EDRMS support, provided a centralised records management advisory service, implemented information management policies and procedures, provided advice and assistance to staff in assessing and preparing material for archiving, digitised information for long-term preservation, managed records disposal programs, and made document lifecycle decisions in Records Retention.

Previously, at Synergy as an Information Specialist he monitored Service Desk, created and maintained Open-Text - Content Server user accounts and security groups, provided EDRMS database functional support to users including one-to-one training, provided advice and assistance to staff in assessing and preparing material for archiving, maintained consistency and integrity of the Document Management system and tested OpenText Content Server system web reports/forms.

At AECOM as a Research and Information Management Coordinator, he provided specialist reference and information management services to staff in Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory, facilitated knowledge sharing through effective project records systems; developed, monitored, and continuously improved information management and records tools and processes; arranged, described, preserved and made accessible born-digital materials and archived hard copy project files. He was involved in indexing, sentencing, storage, disposal, tracking and archive management tasks to ensure records are managed effectively to meet compliance, organisational, legislative and customer needs.

Outside of his professional and family lives Dr Iqbal served as one of the office bearers of the Bangladesh-Australian Association of Western Australia for six years including as General Secretary between 2012 and 2014.

During his time in Perth, Dr Iqbal was passionately involved unteer of Pathshala Bangla School in Perth from the beginwith the local Bangladeshi-Australian community. He served as ning, and served as registrar of the school for two years and one of the office bearers of the Bangladesh-Australian Associa- chaired the School management committee for a year. tion of Western Australia for six years including as General Secretary between 2012 and 2014. He was also an active vol-

## Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) Election2017: An analysisAhasan Habib | Dhaka | Jan 14, 2018

#### Part one

LAB election 2017 was completed successfully on 30 December 2017. The Librarian Times (TLT) broadcasted updated election news till the completion of the final result. The Librarian Times has decided to analyse the overall statistics, comparison, and different dimension of the LAB Election 2017. The main focus of this analysis is to keep this record for the future reference.

**\*\*Election Manifesto**: There were two panels namely 01. Dr. Nasiruddin Mitul-Ahiduzzaqman Liton- Muhammad Mohiuddin Hawlader and 02. Syed Ali Akbar-Dr. Md. Anwarul Islam-Mohammad Hamidur Rahman Tushar. In short, Mitul-Liton-Mohiuddin and Akbar-Anwar-Tushar.

Mitul-Liton-Mohiuddin	Akbar-Anwar-Tushar
01. To take initiative for establishment of a Ministry or sep- arate division of a ministry for Library and Information Ser- vices Affairs.	01. To take initiative for incumbent library professionals as to arrange for teacher equivalent position, hierarchy creation for promotion and relevant scale arrangement of all Government, non-government school, Teachers Training College, Medical,
02. To take initiative for Cadre Service of Librarianship.	Polytechnic , VTI, Technical, Vocational, Teaching School and college, all Educational organization.
03. To take initiative and appropriate contribution for teacher equivalent position of all educational institutions.	02. To take appropriate step, and solving Salary Scale, position etc of Nationalized School, College, and incumbent Assistant
04. To take initiative for solving, grade, salary, honorium,	Librarian, Librarian position.
scale and existing discrimination of Nationalized Education- al Institutions.	03. To take initiative for solving adjourned recruitment gazette for Assistant Librarian and Librarian position at Madrasa.
05. To take initiative for increase of professional expertise of library professionals, such as regular training, seminar arrangement at central and divisional level. To cooperate and modernize the libraries by ICT application.	04. To take steps for gazette amendment of Education Board, and to work with government as per National Education Policy 2010.
06. To take initiative for infrastructure and technical facili- ties, manpower structure and promotion system of aca- demic and Special library.	05.To work for Public and Private Universities library manpow- er structure development, promotion and scale equalization. 06. To work for establishment Separate Ministry of Library
07. To take initiative to reach epic position of National Li- brary. Development & Modernization of the public Library and spread out it at the union level.	Affairs/Division/Permanent Library Commission for develop- ment of library professionals and to introduce Library and In- formation Science Cadre by continuing negotiation with the Government.

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08. To take initiative for created position recruitment at Alim Madrasa, Technical Education Institution, Gov- ernment High School, Government and primary High School. To be treated like as General Educational Insti- tution of the said Institution and to create new library professional position.	07.To take initiative to spread out public library at Upazilla and Union level and to patronize non government public library 08. To work for establishment of Librarianship as a technical position and to introduce the Library and Information Science subject at School and College level.
09. Appropriate step would be taken so that Book Publisher, Distributor, and book seller will not use the term "Library".	09. To work for modernization of library and to form Library development cell by the professionals with the support of LAB and to contribute for establishment of Digital Bangladesh. Es- tablishment of Training Institute and to arrange training for professionals on regular basis.
10. Steps will be taken to attend ICT Affairs Teachers Registration examination for the Library and Infor- mation Science Degree holder and to open the Depart- ment of Information Science and Library Management at different Public universities and Higher Secondary level.	<ul> <li>10. Appropriate initiative would be taken so that book seller would not use the term "Library".</li> <li>Motto:</li> <li>Purpose of this panel is no Unrealistic development rather that to solve existing problems and standard along with modernized</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>To make Eastern Librarian journal as International Standard and to publish Upatta regularly</li> <li>To make proper celebration of National and Inter- national Day including National Library Day and for this purpose, regional, national and international symposi- um, seminar arrangement.</li> </ol>	library services.
Motto:	
Committed to development and modernization of Library profession along with right and dignity creation.	

There is an individual Vice President candidate namely Mr. SM Mohammad Ali, Librarian and Faculty Member of Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogra. He has also given 10 points.

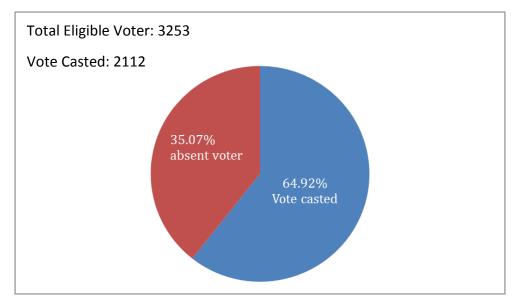
#### Vote casting Centres:

Dhaka: Government Teachers Training College, Dhaka Barishal: Government Barishal College, Barishal Chittagong: Government Teachers Training College, Chittagong Khulna: Government Majid Memorial City College, Khulna Rajshahi: Government Teachers Training College, Rajshahi

Sylhet: Sylhet Government College, Sylhet

Rangpur: Government Teachers Training College, Rangpur

Mymensingh: Government Teachers Training College (Woman), Mymensingh



Percentage of vote casting: 64.92%

Vote Centre	Total Voter	Casting Vote	Percentage of Vote Cast-
Dhaka	1745	944	54.097%
Chittagong	406	291	71.674%
Barishal	184	183	99.456%
Khulna	256	161	62.890%
Rajshahi	241	193	80.082%
Mymensingh	184	153	83.152%
Sylhet	138	122	88.405%
Rangpur	99	74	74.747%

The above table shows that in terms of percentage lowest vote casted in Dhaka (54.097%) and highest vote casted in Barishal (99.456%)

#### To be continued:

More analysis on this election will be published on 21st January, 2018 in volume 2, issue 25. Please stay tuned with TLT.

\*\*NB: Election Manifesto is translated from Bangla to English and some terms might be changed slightly so please refer to the original manifesto if necessary.

Training workshop on KOHA: Integrated Library Management Software

> 12-14 January 2018 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Computer LAB-306 Campus-B, ULAB

Jointly Organized by:

### Training on "Koha and RDA" started

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A three-day long training program started at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhanmondi in collaboration of BALID Institute of Information Management (BIIM) on Friday, 12 January 2018.

Forty participates from Twenty-two organisations.

In includes: Bangladesh National Parliament Library; American International University of Bangladesh; South Breeze School; Bangladesh National Museum; Bangladesh Shishu Academy; Patuakhali Science and Technology University; Rainagar Mohila College; Northern University of Bangladesh; Primeasia University; University of Science and Technology; Chittagong; National Institute of Population Research and Training; Eastern University; Sonargoan University; Sylhet Govt. Women's College; Bangladesh Bank Library; Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission; Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation; University of Asia Pacific; Institute of Science and Technology; Planning Commission of Bangladesh; Uttaraon; Institute of Science and Technology; University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh; University of Dhaka.

Resource persons: Two resource persons:

**Kazi Farhad Noman**, Deputy Librarian, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Member, BALID ICT wing, Publications and Public Relations Secretary, BALID. Library automation and digitisation project of different National, International and Private Organisations. One of the DSpace ambassadors. &

**AKM Nurul Alam Apu**, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank, Country Coordinator, Senayan Library Management Software(SIIMS), Finance Secretary, BALID, and Member BALID ICT wing, Member, The Librarian Times Editorial Board. Library automation and digitisation project of different organisations.

Two Assistant Trainers: 01. **Ms. Fatema-Tuz.Johra**, Library Officer, ULAB and 02.**Mr. Abu Zafor Bhuiyan**, Library Officer, ULAB

Training Coordinator: Dr. Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam, Librarian, Islamic University of Technology (IUT) and former Chairman, BALID.

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Others Management Team: Mr. Mofizur Rahman, Principal, BALID Institute of Information Management (BIIM), and Member, Governing Board, BIIM . Ms. Hazera Rahman, Librarian, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, VicePresident, BALID, EC, Mr. KM Hasan Emam, Joint Librarian, ULAB, Mr. Humayun Kabir, Deputy Librarian, IUB, and Mr. Kanok Monirul Islam, Librarian, Prime Minister's Office. Md. Ahasan Habib, Establishment Secretary, BALID



#### **Training outcomes:**

Participants to this training will be able to develop their skills about the following:

Start-up	Patron Management
$\rightarrow$ Introduction to Linux Operating System	$\rightarrow$ Creating and editing member records
$\rightarrow$ Key Linux commands	$\rightarrow$ Finding and viewing patron records
$\rightarrow$ Installation of Linux OS	
$\rightarrow$ Prepare the system for koha	$\rightarrow$ Checking out an item
$\rightarrow$ Installation of Koha	$\rightarrow$ Renewing an item
Administration and Tools	$\rightarrow$ Placing hold on an item
$\rightarrow$ Setting up libraries	$\rightarrow$ Checking in an item
$\rightarrow$ Setting up item types	OPAC
$\rightarrow$ Setting up patron categories	$\rightarrow$ Simple and advanced search
$\rightarrow$ Setting up circulation and fine rules	$\rightarrow$ Place holds
$\rightarrow$ Setting up system preferences	$\rightarrow$ Notification and OPAC massaging
Cataloging	Report
$\rightarrow$ Introduction to MARC and <b>RDA</b>	→ Prepare different Report
$\rightarrow$ How to implement <b>RDA</b> in MARC	$\rightarrow$ Prepare report using SQL commands
$\rightarrow$ Creating and editing bibliographic records following	→ Koha Reports Library
RDA	
$\rightarrow$ Creating and editing holdings records	
$\rightarrow$ Using Z39.50 copy cataloging	
$\rightarrow$ Searching and finding catalog records	
$\rightarrow$ Printing barcode labels	

Closing and certificate award session will be held on 14 January 2018, at 4:00 pm, ULAB main campus, Dhanmondi. Professor Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor, Vice-Chancellor of Islamic

University of Technology (IUT) has given his kind consent to present as chief guest of the session.

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### LAB President greets to DG, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education

President Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), Mr. Syed Ali Akbar, with his team members greeted the newly appointed Director General Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (DSHE) on 10 January 2018 at his office. The discussions between LAB president and newly appointed Director General mainly were focused on the current dignity issue of College and School Librarian in the country.

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### **New Joining at East West University**

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Mr. Md. Ershadul Haque has joined at East West University Library as a Library Circulation Officer. He completed his bachelor (hons) and master degree in Information Science and Library Management from University of Rajshahi.



Mr. Md. Rassal Mollick has also joined at East West University Library as acLibrary Circulation Officer. He received his bachelor (hons) and Master degree in Information Science and Library Management from University of Dhaka.

On behalf of TLT we congratulate to Mr. Ershadul Haque and Rassal Mollick on their new roles.

### **Lively Panel Discussion**

LIS Profession in Bangladesh: What are the big questions?

We are the LIS professionals have been facing in an identity crisis from the time when we began our LIS study. Discussions will be focused on the current issues facing library and information professionals in Bangladesh. Let's explore these big questions route. Join the event; take the chance to ask your questions to any of the panel members!

	Professor Dr Nasiruddin Mitul Dean, National University Bangladesh
	Sayed Ali Akbor Deputy Librarian of Dhaka University and President Library Association Bangladesh (LAB)
	Mr Towhid Hossain Managing Director & CEO,FIFO-Tech & General Secretary, Bangladesh Association of Call Centre and Outsourcing (BACCO)
	Ms Hazera Rahman Vice Chairman, BALID and Head of the Library, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology
rofessor Dr S.M. Zabed Ahmed, Iniversity Librarian, University f Dhaka is the chair of this anel discussion.	Ms Hasina Afroz University Librarian BRAC University
	Mr Bijoy Basak Superintendent of Police (SP) Bangladesh Police
	Dr Md Anwarul Islam Assistant Professor, Information Science & Library Management, Dhaka University

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#### There are number of announcements on IFLA WLIC 2018.

IFLA Green Library Award

Call for Papers for IFLA WLIC 2018

Call for Papers presents great opportunities at WLIC 2018

And many others....

Details: https://www.ifla.org/news/all

https://2018.ifla.org/congress-information



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#### Asia Open Access Survey: A Report on Publication Accessibility

Open Access is playing an important role in developing countries to give equal opportunities for access to necessary E-resources. Open Access has rapidly gained popularity in Europe and the USA, but by comparison its growth in Asia has been very slow.

Details: https://www.enago.com/academy/asia-open-access-survey -a-report-on-publication-accessibility/



### Asia Foundation Launches Data

#### Portal

January 10, 2018 — The Asia Foundation today launched its new Data Portal at surveys.asiafoundation.org, a key element of the organization's commitment to innovative and evidencebased development program. The new portal provides visualizations of the Foundation's extensive survey collection across Asia and builds on its leadership in data transparency. Data is critical not only to inform public policy decisions, but enables the public to hold governments accountable.

Details: https://asiafoundation.org/2018/01/10/asia-foundation-launches-data-portal/

## 2018 ALLA CONFERENCE GLOBAL IMPACT | | LOCAL FOOTPRINT

The organising committee is delighted to announce that the 2018 conference will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade from Wednesday, 2nd May through to Friday, 4th of May 2018 in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Details: http://allaconference.com.au/2018/



#### London Info International 2018

London Info International, a multi-perspective conference and exhibition for all those engaged in information, knowledge and its dissemination.

2 - 4 MAY 2018, DARWIN

Details: http://info-international.com/

### Annual Conference



## ACL ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 11-14, 2018 ASBURY UNIVERSITY - WILMORE, KY

Details: http://www.acl.org/index.cfm/conference/



#### Editorial: LIS Profession in Bangladesh: What are the big questions?

#### Lively Panel Discussion

#### LIS Profession in Bangladesh: What are the big questions?

#### Dear colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce that, the new addition to The Librarian Times Awards and Fun Night 2018 is, a lively panel discussion which is titled *'LIS Profession in Bangladesh: What are the big questions?'* The panel members have been selected from the senior and top level library professionals, academics and IT industry leaders. The board has also considered identifying someone who can contribute and share ideas to this discussion from different reflections. Who are they?

- Prof. Dr Nasiruddin Mitul, Dean, National University Bangladesh
- Sayed Ali Akbor, Deputy Librarian of Dhaka University and President Library Association Bangladesh (LAB)
- Mr Towhid Hossain, Managing Director & CEO, FIFO-Tech & General Secretary, Bangladesh Association of Call Centre and Outsourcing (BACCO)
- Ms Hazera Rahman, Vice Chairman, BALID and Head of the Library, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology
- Ms Hasina Afroz, University Librarian, BRAC University
- Mr Bijoy Basak, Superintendent of Police (SP), Bangladesh Police
- Dr Md Anwarul Islam, Assistant Professor, Information Science & Library Management, Dhaka University

And as the chair of this panel discussion is;

• Professor Dr S.M. Zabed Ahmed, University Librarian, University of Dhaka

#### Session Goals and Learning Objectives:

The goals for this session are to discuss the current status of various actions by the dept. of ISLM, LAB, BALID and library industry professional related to professional challenges, major problems, collaborations, concerns, hopes, future issues and possible solutions. We are the LIS professionals have been facing in an identity crisis from the time when we began our LIS study. Discussions will be focused on the current issues facing library and information professionals in Bangladesh. How to overcome these? How will LIS professionals move from lacking to one where they can identify and shape the manner in which platform nourishes a culture, an organization or an individual? How might we positively influence the talents potentials LIS students to involve the industry? How can we collaborate with IT leaders to shape library platforms towards digital Bangladesh? We must ask and seek to answer these questions. Let's explore these big questions route. Join the event; take the chance to ask your questions to any of the panel members!

We are looking for bold thinking, insightful, inspirational responses from the experience panel members. This aim of this lively discussion will be reached in a way that reflects a positive approach towards library profession. We are committed to providing a welcoming and inspiring professional discussion without any personal attack and everyone will be respectful to each other.

We do hope this will add an important dimension to what is potentially a very important discussion for the library and information industry in Bangladesh.

We look forward to seeing you in the event and expect your help this session be a success. If you have any question please feel free to contact me. On the behalf of The Librarian Times Editorial Board

Prodip Roy AALIA (CP) Editor, The Librarian Times

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