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THE LIBRARIAN TIMES VOLUME 03,

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The Librarian Times 1st founding anniversary: Celebrations held on 2nd February, 2018 at Faculty of Business Studies Auditorium, University of Dhaka



The first ever, and only professional weekly news bulletin in Bangladesh for the library and information profession The Librarian Times yesterday celebrated its 1st founding anniversary with the promise to keep up continuing its quality publication. The Librarian Times editorial board organised this colourful event on Friday, 2nd of February 2018 at, Faculty of Business Studies Auditorium, University of Dhaka.

Speakers at the programmes lauded the bulletin contribution to the library and information sector which they say performs electively. They

hope that the nationally and professionally recognised Bangladeshi library professional bulletin would continue its efforts for larger contribution in future. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka, was present as the Chief Guest at the event, which was chaired by Prodip Kumer Roy, the editor of The Librarian Times.

Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman Director General, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (DSHE) was present as the special guest at the occasion. In his speech, Akhtaruzzaman thanked Prodip Kumer Roy

and the editorial board members for organising such a wonderful event in

the country. While speaking as the special guest, Prof Mahbubur said that we need to increase organising this type of activity in Bangladesh to spread the significance of librarians.

A number of library professionals from different institutions were present in the ceremony. Among them...

Begum Akter Jahan, MP, Bangladesh Parliament (Jatiyo Sangshad); Professor Dr Nasiruddin Mitul, Dean National University, Bangladesh; Professor Dr S.M. Zayed Ahmed, Chair of the discussion panel and University Librarian, University of Dhaka; Sayed Ali Akbar, 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; Dr Md Anwarul Islam, Assistant Professor, Information Science & Library Management, Dhaka University; Mr. Shamsul Islam Khan, Advisor, Department of Library at Bangladesh University of Health Sciences; Dr. Md. Anwarul Islam, General Secretary, Library Association Bangladesh (LAB); Mr. Sasanka Kumar Singha, General Secretary, BALID; other Executive Members of Library Association Bangladesh (LAB); Executive members of Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID); faculty members of Dept. of Information Science and Library Management,

Dhaka ; many departmental heads, TLT board members and many other professionals were present at the event.

The program was divided into three parts; part one is the Welcoming, Inauguration, and Award Ceremony; part two was the Panel discussion, and part three was FUN Night and dinner that included Quizes, Networking games, and a raffle draw.

This year TLT announced awards in four categories; these are:

1. TLT Excellence Student Award: Mst. Tazrin Khatun was nominated for TLT Excellence Student Award 2018. The Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi nominated Mst. Khatun for this award for excellence in her studies. She stood First in her B.S.S (Honours) Part-4 Examination, 2016 with a CGPA 3.560 out of 4.0. She is now pursuing her Masters final examination in the same.

2. TLT Young Excellence Innovation Award: Awardee was nominated by Executive Committee members of Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID). Mr. A K M Nurul Alam, Deputy Director,

Bangladesh Bank Library received this award for recognising the attainment of an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and a distinguished contribution to the practice of library and information science.

3. TLT Excellence Library Professional Award: Awardees were nominated by Executive Committee members of Library Association Bangladesh (LAB)

This year the following professionals received award for serving library profession for a longer period of time, leading the profession and had a legendary contribution to the library and information and social service sector by an individual.

- i. Begum Akhter Jahan, MP
- ii. Abdul Gafur Dewan
- iii. M Shamsul Islam Khan
- iv. Muhammad Saadat Ali

4. TLT Excellence Entrepreneurship Award (Library of The Year Award): Nomination was given by TLT editorial board. This year The Ayesha Abed Library, BRAC University received the award for getting the highest score of set variables of nomination criteria.



Begum Akhter Jahan, MP
Winner of TLT Excellence Library Professional Award 2018



Abdul Gafur Dewan
Winner of TLT Excellence Library Professional Award 2018



M Shamsul Islam Khan
Winner of TLT Excellence Library Professional Award 2018



Muhammad Saadat Ali
Winner of TLT Excellence Library
Professional Award 2018



TLT Young Excellence Innovation
Award 2018 winner **A.K.M. Nurul
Alam (Apu)**



TLT Excellence Student Award
2018 winner **Mst. Tazrin Khatun**



TLT Excellence Entrepreneurship
Award (Library of The Year Award)
2018 winner **Ayesha Abed**
Library, BRAC University



Audience

Russia to give 700 rare books to DU

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Feb 4, 2018



Russia would give about 700 rare books on various subjects, including literature, culture, history and science to Dhaka University (DU) very soon.

Dhaka University central library will be enriched more by receiving those.

Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander Ignatov informed DU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Md Akhtaruzzaman during a courtesy meeting at the latter's university office on Sunday, said a Press Release here.

The Ambassador said such type of collabora-

tion specially with Dhaka University would be enhanced further in the future, the release added.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest and exchanged views regarding how to strengthen further the existing friendly ties between Bangladesh and Russia. They also discussed about a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed soon between DU and MGIMO University, Russia.

Under the MoU professors, scholars, students, publications, textbooks and research

materials would be exchanged between the two universities.

At the meeting, the Russian ambassador was accompanied by Director of Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Dhaka Alexander P Demin and Attache of the Embassy Ekaterina Tyurina.

The VC thanked the Russian Ambassador and his members for their visit to the university and expressing keen interest in providing help and cooperation on academic and research activities of the university.

Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) Election 2017: An analysis

Part Four

In the last issue at part three, we analyzed highest-lowest votes, nomination form and its price and election code of conducts etc. Now we would like to emphasis on comparative study between 2017 and 2014 of LAB election.

Bravery candidate: Besides panel, self-reliantly compete to election is required confidence. Mr. SM Mohammad Ali, Vice-president candidate of 2017 LAB election is a bravery candidate. Here it is also mentioned that he also competed in 2014 LAB election as Central Councilor. In 2014, he got 222 votes whereas in 2017 he got 158 votes.

Election Campaign: Earlier we found leaflet, banner, SMS to voter, telephonic request, meeting with the voters, group e-mail etc. But in 2017 we found, comprehensive uses of social media especially facebook. Voice-SMS is first ever used in 2017. In the election date of 30 December 2017, both the panel had individual tent, followers wear colourful tea shirt, cap, flyers, and transport facilities and services for voters (some cases) etc.

Celebration: LAB election 2017 is one kind of huge celebration and enjoyable event for voters. Election commission provided lunch box to each of the voters. Different panels also provided daylong tea, mineral water etc. It was an excellent get together event too among the library professionals.

Comparison:

2017	Highest votes	2014
ADM Ali Ahmed 1219	Difference Between	Muhammad Hamidur Rahman Tushar
Syeda Farida Parvin 1219	419	(Research and Publication Secretary) 800
Md. Emdadul Haque (Research and Publication Secretary) 1218	420	Kazi Abdul Majed (Vice President) 798

2017	Lowest votes (except divisional councilor)	2014
SM Mohammad Ali (Vice President) 158	Difference Between 64(decreased)	SM Mohammad Ali (Central Councilor) 222
Zebun Nessa (Vice President) 714	412	Khandokar Millatul Islam (Vice President) 302
Dr. Azizul Islam Manik (Central Councilor) 804	346	Abdur Razzak (Central Councilor) 458

Above table shows that respective candidates received higher votes than 2014 but it is not up to the mark to win. As because the consequence of number of voters had been increased.

For more clear view we can see the table below:

Won in 2014 but lost in 2017

Name	Candidate 2014	Received Votes	Candidate 2017	Received Votes	Increased votes in 2017
Mr. SM Humayun Kabir (Tutul)	Organizing Secretary	721	Joint Secretary General	906	185
Mr. Md. Ahiduzaman Liton	Joint Secretary General	767	Secretary General	882	115
Shamima Akter Chowdhury	Women's Affairs Secretary	673	Vice-President	902	229
AKM Anwarul Kabir	Councilor (Central)	662	Councilor (Mymansingh Division)	44	-----
Dr. Nikhil Chandra Sarker	Councilor (Central)	618	Councilor (Central)	914	296
Asuma Begum	Councilor (Khulna Division)	45	Councilor (Khulna Division)	71	26
Dilip Kumar Saha	Councilor (Sylhet Division)	18	Councilor (Sylhet Division)	27	09

Above table shows that respective candidates received higher votes than 2014 but it is not up to the mark to win. As because the consequence of number of voters had been increased.

In 2014, candidate won but not compete in 2017

Mohammad Shakhawot Hossain Bhuiyan, Councilor (central) received 2nd highest votes, 667

Abdul Momin Akonda, Councilor, Rangpur Division, received 37 votes. *Later on he died in a tragic road accident. He was a freedom fighter too.*

Md. Rezaul Karim Bhuiyan, Councilor, Chittagong Division, received 65 votes.

Reazul Hannan Md. Yousuf, Councilor, Dhaka Division, Received 406 votes.

Tie vote: in the year 2014 we found tie i.e. both the candidates got same no. of votes and it happened in Rajshshi Divisional Councilor candidate position where both the voters got 58 votes. They are Md. Abdullah Al Bashir and Abul Mahfuz Mazder Ahmed. So, the result was undecided.

Will be continued... Keep turned on The Librarian Times

"Librarian Voice" Launched on 1st February 2018

Monthly news bulletin of the Librarian Voice launched on 1st February, 2018. A potential editorial board members including Mr. Shahajada Masud Anwarul Haque, BRAC University, Mr. Kazi Farhad Noman, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Kanok Monirul Islam, Prime Minister's Office, Ede Amin, North South University, Antora Anwar, Md. Ashikuzzaman working behind this. We believe that library professionals will get new flavour by this bulletin.

On behalf of TLT we wish "Librarian Voice" grand success

Dr. Dilara Begum has been honoured as a Guest Speaker in Library Technology Conclave (LTC 2018), Goa, India

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Feb 4, 2018



Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of Information Studies and Library Management & Librarian (In-charge), East West University was invited as a Guest Speaker by Goa University Library, Panaji, Goa and Informatics Group, Bangalore to attend the Library Technology Conclave (LTC 2018) that was

held on January 23rd-25th, 2018. LTC 2018 is a continuation of Koha Conclave instituted by Informatics in 2016 as an annual event.

She also participated as one of the Panelists for a Round Table Program on "Technology Challenges for LIS" which was moderated by Prof Marshall Breeding, the creator and editor of Library Technology Guides. She

talked about "Remote Access: Globalisation of Electronic Resource Access" and highlighted the various experiences in implementing different Open Source Software (OSS) for Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals. She represented Bangladesh through this platform and apprised the opportunities and challenges of using OSS by libraries in Bangladesh.

Programme on UGC Digital Library (UDL) held at Green University

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Nov 22, 2017



The UGC Digital Library (UDL), established under Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), organised an awareness program on its services at the seminar room of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) on 24th January 2018. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was present at the program as the Chief Guest with Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Vice-chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh in the chair. Dr Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project

(HEQEP) attended the event as Special Guest. Professor Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Khan, Pro-vice chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh, delivered welcome address while Mr. Shah Abdul Kabej, Deputy Librarian, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) delivered a presentation on the on e-Resources. Muhammad Jaminur Rahman, Senior Program Officer of UDL, presented the services of UDL at the event. Faculty Members and students of GUB, and officials and consultants from HEQEP and UGC were present on the occasion.

Interactive Session held among the LIS Students of East West University, Bangladesh and the Netaji Subhas Open University, India

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Feb 4, 2018



Dr. Dilara Begum, Chairperson & Associate Professor, Department of Information Studies and Library Management, & Librarian (In-charge) East West University and Md. Hasinul Elahi and Tamanna Hossain, Lecturers East West University, were invited to the Netaji Subhas Open University (Kalyani University Campus), India on 20th January 2018. Dr. Dilara Begum was invited as a Special Guest at the mentioned session. The Chairperson and the faculty members along with 16 students from the Department were present there. An

“interactive session on LIS education between the students of the Netaji Subhas Open University and East West University” was the topic of the talk.

The Chairperson, Dr. Dilara Begum in her speech emphasised on the mixture of Eastern and Western touch in the curriculum, the interactive teachings methods and ways of assessment at the department of Information Studies and Library Management, East West University.

In the technical session, Md. Hasinul Elahi, Lecturer at the Dept. highlighted four basic aspects of the curriculum, activities of the department and club, and also enumerated the need for information professionals in the modern age.

Four students from both East West University, Bangladesh and Netaji Subhas Open University, India shared their experiences about the department, its facilities, curriculum and teaching methods.

New assignment of Mr. Saifur Rahman Shahib at Notre Dame University Bangladesh

Mr. Saifur Rahman has started his career as an Assistant Librarian at Notre Dame University Bangladesh since 1st February 2018. Before that he worked for Stamford University, Bangladesh as a Library Officer about 2 and half years. He started his career with Bangladesh Islamic University(BIU), and he played his pivotal role for Integrated Library Management Software Koha at BIU. He completed his BA (Hons) degree in Information Science and Library Management from University of Dhaka in 2011 and Master from the same department in 2012. Mr. Saifur completed his Higher Secondary Certificate from Notre Dame College.

A farewell program was held at Stamford University Bangladesh Library for the honour of Shahib on 31st January 2018. Mr. Muhammad Abdul Karim, Acting Deputy Librarian, Aklima Akter, Junior Assistant Librarian and other fellow colleague of Stamford University Library were presented of the said farewell program.

On behalf of TLT, congratulation to Mr. Saifur Rahman Shahib.



Dr. Dilara Begum has been honoured as an Invited Speaker in the International Seminar on “Digital Humanities and Digital Societies in the Contemporary World”, University of Calcutta, India

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Feb 4, 2018



Dr. Dilara Begum, Chairperson & Associate Professor, Department of Information Studies and Library Management, & Librarian (In-charge) East West University has been honoured as an Invited Speaker in two days International Seminar on the theme, “Digital Humanities and Digital Societies in the Contemporary World” (DHDS 2018). The International Seminar was held between 18th January – 19th January 2018, at Asutosh Hall, University of Calcutta, India. Dr. Begum presented her paper titled: “Building

Sustainable Digital Libraries in Bangladesh: Look in the role of East West University Library”. On the same event, two other faculty members, Md. Hasinul Elahi and Tamanna Hossain, Lecturers at the Department of Information Studies and Library Management, East West university also presented their paper titled “Public Engagement in Nation Development through Open Data Platform: Bangladesh Government Initiatives”. Moreover, 16 students of different semesters from the Department of Infor-

mation Studies and Library Management, East West University have also attended as participants in the International Seminar at University of Calcutta, India.

Among the students, Jannatul Ferdous and Shahelee Barua Momo, performed in the cultural event at Inaugural Session of the DHDS-2018. The students were academically benefitted by availing such an international exposure in the very early stage of their academic career

Library launched at passenger bus in Dhaka



Passengers of the VIP Paribahan, a city bus shuttling between Gazipur and Azimpur, Dhaka can now enjoy reading books as the authorities have installed small libraries inside the bus. The libraries were installed under a project called Boibandhu Paribahan Pathagar.

Under the project, the VIP Paribahan authorities are supplying books to all the VIP Paribahan buses with the support of Social Chain for Development (SCD), a social voluntary organisation. Lawmaker Kazi Rosi has recently inaugurated the Baibandhu Paribahan Pathagar at the Azimpur Bus Stop, while inaugurating Kazi Rosi said book is a garden of a mind and everyone has to enter

it. The new initiative of the authorities will help the passengers to earn some knowledge by reading books during their travel period.

Initially about 20 libraries will be installed on the VIP buses. Reading books costs no money. Managing Director of VIP Automobiles Md Razzak, President of SCD Aminul Islam, Researcher Kamruzaman and Word Councilor Hasibur Rahman Manik also spoke on the occasion.

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Message



Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman
Vice Chancellor
University of Dhaka

I write this message with a feeling of immense pleasure and satisfaction that the editorial board of The Librarian Times is going to host a social and professional gathering called 'TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018' to celebrate the one year anniversary of TLT.

I am very delighted to know that, TLT is going to inaugurate a number of awards to encourage library professionals and current library and information science (LIS) students to recognize their enthusiasm, dedication and excellence to the library profession and the accomplishments of exceptional services at school, college, university and public libraries. I must appreciate of this great initiative taken by the young library professionals in the country.

Organizing such a wonderful professional event does not come without an effort. It requires vision, mission and hard work. I am proud to mention that under the guidance of the Editor and the dedicated board members have been able to organize this event in a shortest possible time.

It needs to be emphasized here that, Librarianship is most pious but highly demanding profession over the world. It has revolutionized over the last few decades.

On this occasion, I take the opportunity to congratulate all library professionals, academics who have been working for emerging the library and information sector in Bangladesh with their sincerity and dedicated contributions towards excellent librarianship practice.

I extend my greeting to the all organizers and participants and convey my best wishes for the success of the TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018.

Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman



Message



Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman
Director General
Directorate of Secondary and
Higher Secondary Education (DSHE)

It gives me pleasure to note that The Librarian Times (TLT) editorial board is organizing 'TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018' to celebrate the one year anniversary of TLT where a large number of eminent library professionals, faculty members and students are participating.

In the modern age, library programs and services seek to create and develop motivating, flexible physical and digital learning spaces, equipping students with the skills necessary to succeed in a constantly changing technological, social and economic environment.

I believe the aim of this event will be reached in a way that reflects a positive approach towards library profession in the country. I trust that The Librarian Times (TLT) will not only provide with a useful platform to the library professionals to share their expertise for extending collaboration in the library and information sector but also be professionally beneficial to them. I am sure the event will be an incentive for the participants from various stages and the souvenir brought out on this occasion will be useful and informative for library and information professionals.

I wish all the success to The Librarian Times (TLT) and the organizers of the TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018.

Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman



Message



I would like to welcome you all to the TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018. This event is an initiative by a group of young LIS professionals from Bangladesh. The online magazine TLT seeks out stories which showcase the successes of the library profession and professionals in the digital age. TLT stimulates informed debate and a lively exchange of ideas. I hope it continues to encourage young professionals to contribute to new ideas and explore new opportunities.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many more such TLT events in the months ahead.

Prof. S.M. Zabeed Ahmed

Department of Information Science and Library Management
University of Dhaka
&
University Librarian
University of Dhaka



On behalf of IFLA I congratulate The Librarian Times for this wonderful initiative to celebrate libraries and librarians in Bangladesh. Happy, enthusiastic and passionate library professionals who are well networked can drive the agenda and make such a positive impact on people's lives by providing excellent library services. It is gratifying that such a distinguished person as Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, will be at the inauguration. I wish you all a most successful and enjoyable evening and send my very warm wishes to you all.

Christine Mackenzie

President-Elect
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Executive Committee INELI-Oceania
ALIA Fellow



Message



I welcome to the team who publishes "The Librarian Times" (TLT) a weekly bulletin that highlights country's LIS profession to the global community. It shares our current trends, challenges and successes. I know that every LIS professionals enjoy reading each issue of the TLT. It is a matter of great pleasure to me that TLT Editorial Board is going to celebrate its one year birth anniversary through a social gathering namely "Awards and Fun Nights 2018". I am really delighted for being a part of it and extending my heartiest congratulations to the Editorial Board on their challenging tasks and all the participants of today's programme to make TLT's birthday a grand success. I strongly believe that some initiator's can make something different. In Bangladesh, people's perceptions about this profession are changing day by day due to transforming the lives and livelihoods of the people by the innovative approach of a library. At present, very young dynamic and knowledgeable generations are entering into this profession who will be our future change maker. Today's event will stimulate our young professionals. I believe that TIT will steadily progress by upholding its motto of creating knowledge- based society. This birthday anniversary formally acknowledges the yearly much gathering of the LIS professionals and bestows responsibilities upon them for the nation and the country as well.

I wish the endeavor every success.

Professor Dr. Md. Nasiruddin Mitul

Dean (School of Undergraduate Studies)

National University, Bangladesh

& Head of Library and Information Science Department

& Head of Central Library, National University



I had a high hope when I heard some Bangladeshi young and promising Library Professionals have started publishing an online weekly bulletin The Librarian Times (TLT) "to connect Bangladeshi academics, professionals, and researchers working all over the world in library, records and information industry and the bulletin will be an open platform to all to exchange ideas". My that day's welcome message was "Go ahead, you will be able to change ... তোমরাই পারবে".

My hope has come true just after a year today, you have announced TLT excellence awards in four categories in the field of Library and Information Science. These awards winners will receive TLT excellence awards from the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University on 2 February 2018. I congratulate all the TLT excellence awards winners and the young who have started making change in our beloved library profession not limited within the country but all over the world.

Wish you all the best.

Dr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman

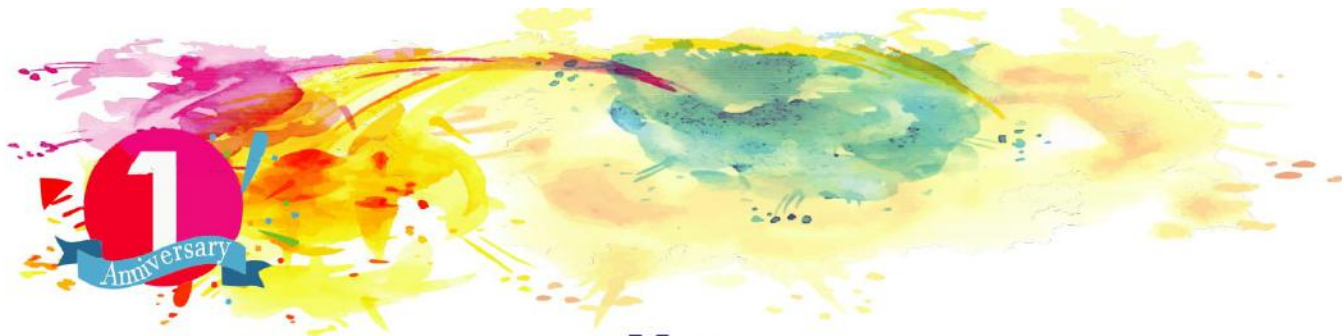
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Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) &

Chairman and Associate Professor

Department of Library Management and Information Science

Royal University of Dhaka



Message



It is my pleasure to show the gratitude to TLT editorial board for arranging the TLT award & fun night 2018. Most probably this type of ceremony in LIS professionals is the first time in Bangladesh. Undoubtedly its impact will bring a great professional success in near future. I hope it's grand success, and also its continuation in Bangladesh.

Dr. Md. Awarul Islam
General Secretary
Library Association Bangladesh (LAB)



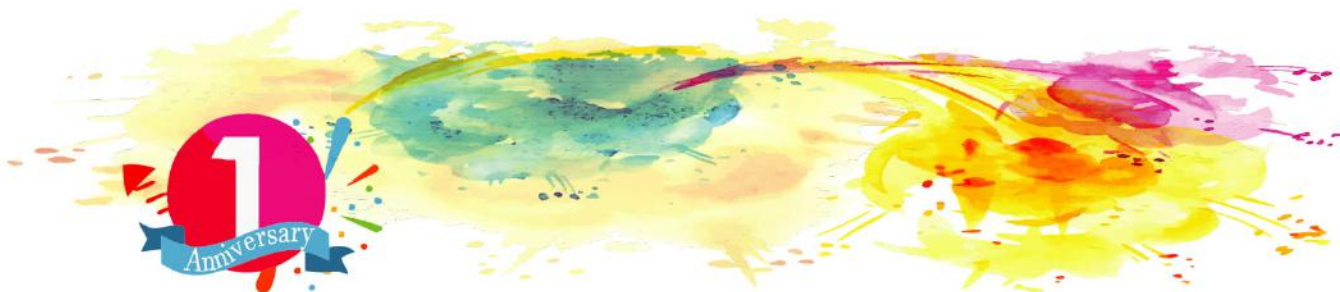
This is a wonderful initiative to create important new volunteering opportunities to support and build network of library professionals. I am particularly keen for more young librarians to get the opportunity to contribute to the library community and share their knowledge and expertise. I look forward to sharing and learning more from this impressive Network. I wish TLT all success for the future.

Ms Hasina Afroz
University Librarian
BRAC University



Congratulations to The Librarian Times for celebrating one year journey in such a trendy manner by socializing professional excellences and encouraging young professionals. Recognition of academic and professional achievements in different categories of Awards is quite advance initiative though TLT is still very young. On behalf of practicing professionals, I am feeling honored to mention that Library Professionals of Bangladesh are becoming more and more dynamic and continue participating extensively in this developing industry through personal and professional ventures. Fresher and fresh graduates are the prospective professionals to keep the trends on and advance track. I would like to thank TLT Board for their passion and courage of making efforts to professional exploration and sharing attributes.

Hazera Rahman
Librarian (Head of Library)
BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology
Nishatnagar, Turag, Dhaka and
Vice Chairman
Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID)



Message



I am immensely happy to learn that The Librarian Times (TLT) editorial board is organizing 'TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018 and a souvenir is being brought to commemorate this occasion.

I have noticed that, TLT is an excellent communication and idea exchanging platform for library professionals, academics and students in our county. I am happy to see that TLT board members are working voluntarily to contribute to the library profession in a positive way.

I extend my thanks to the Editor and all board members who are working for sharing knowledge and professional development in Bangladesh.

I wish the organizers the very best in this and all their other endeavours.

Bijoy Basak

Police Super of Barguna

Bangladesh Police



TLT is the weekly LIS bulletin packed with opinion pieces, events, national and international news of Library and Information Science activities in Bangladesh and abroad. I congratulate all those wonderful people who are working behind for this noble work. I am glad to know that TLT is going to celebrate TLT Awards and Fun Nights 2018. I would like to extend to TLT people all my best wishes for this celebration, and a happy start to 2018.

Dr. Md. Anwarul Islam

Assistant Professor

Dept. of Information Science and Library Management

University of Dhaka



I wish to congratulate The Librarian Times team for organizing TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018.

I came to know about this weekly professional bulletin through social media. As IT professionals I believe TLT is an open platform to exchange news and views of library professionals. The Practicing Professionals should grab the opportunity to utilise this platform in developing the sector and win confidence.

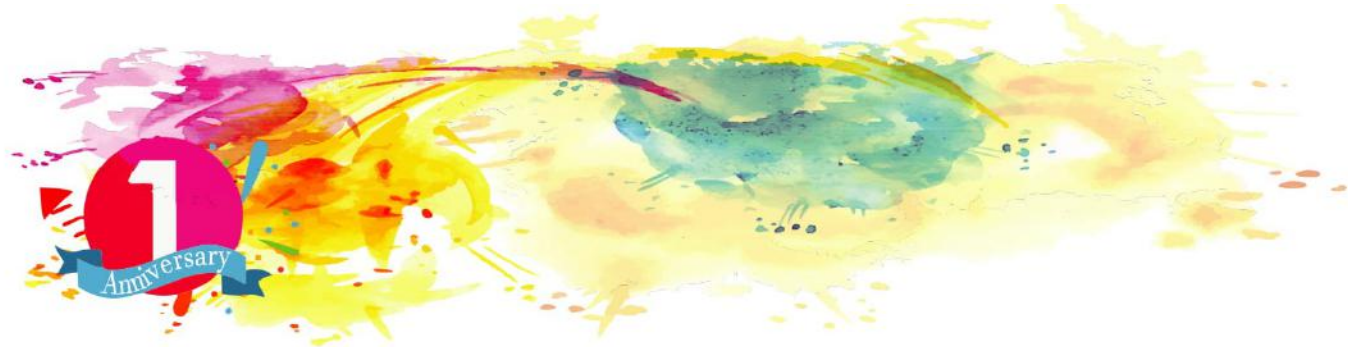
Library professionals have a great role to collaborate with classroom teachers to plan, implement and evaluate inquiry-based programs that will ensure students acquire skills to collect, critically analyse and organise information, problem-solve and communicate their findings. Librarians also have many opportunities to promote quality service to develop and sustain in students the habit and enjoyment of reading for pleasure and to enrich students' intellectual, aesthetic, cultural and emotional growth. All these great ideas can be easily shared through a media like TLT. I am confident that TLT can play a vital role for the libraries and library professionals as a media to collaborate with other related fields.

I convey my best wishes for the success of TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018.

Mr Towhid Hossain

Managing Director & CEO, FIFO-Tech & General Secretary

Bangladesh Association of Call Centre and Outsourcing (BACCO)



Message



Prodip Roy AALIA (CP)
Editor, The Librarian Times

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to participate in The Librarian Times Awards and Fun Night 2018 arranged by the editorial board at Faculty of Business Studies Auditorium, University of Dhaka. It is a huge privilege to have you with us at this special occasion.

The Librarian Times (TLT) is the first ever and only professional news bulletin in Bangladesh for the library and information profession. The board has organized 'TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018' to celebrate the one year anniversary of TLT.

I am immensely happy to introduce a number of TLT excellence awards for the first time in the country to encourage library professionals and the current library and information science (LIS) students to recognize their contribution to the library sector. This is TLT initiative that aims to fill the gaps that lacks professional recognition in Bangladesh.

One of the aims of the event is to have a 'meeting point of the LIS professionals of Bangladesh', where everyone will have the opportunity to get to know the award winners; encourage and cheer them, joining lively panel discussion and inspire some networking and socializing with other professionals' from different organizations. The border aim is to reflect a positive approach towards library profession of Bangladesh.

I extend my thanks to Library Association Bangladesh (LAB); Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID); National University, Bangladesh; Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, Rajshahi University; discussion panellists; TLT board members and others who have been assisting TLT since its establishment and working hard to make the event a grand success.

Finally, on behalf of The Librarian Times editorial board, I will conclude by taking this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to make the event a grand success and to all our activities during the past few days.



TLT Excellence Library Professional Award Winners in 2018

Abdul Gafur Dewan, a veteran Bangladeshi LIS professional



The veteran LIS professional Mr. Abdul Gafur Dewan was born in 1947 and completed his graduation from the University of Dhaka back in 1968. Later in 1969 and 1970, he obtained his LIS diploma and master's respectively from the said university.

In his glorious career he worked in Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Library, Mymensingh from 1974 in various positions to 2008 and retired as a University Librarian. Besides, he was a part-time faculty for the Institute of Library & Information science (ILIS) Mymensingh and Darul Ihsan University, Savar campus. He also acted as an examiner in LIS courses of the University of Dhaka, National University and LAB.

As a veteran LIS Professional, Mr. Dewan participated and presented at numerous national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and symposiums. He visited libraries in the UK and India as an ACU Fellow in 1989 and attended a training course on "Information on Agriculture" in the UK back in 1993. As one of the pioneers Bangladeshi LIS professional, Mr. Dewan occasionally wrote about LIS contemporary issues on the Daily New Nation, the Eastern Librarian and BAU newsletters. He was also an editorial board member of the Eastern Librarian.

As a leading local LIS professional, Mr. Dewan is a life member of LAB and BALID. He was involved with the LAB from its early days and acted as a Vice-President during 1992-94 and President LAB-Mymensingh from 1989-2001. He was also the committee member of numerous organizations and institutions such as BAU Mymensingh; BANSDOC; NASTIP; Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University; Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University.

From The Librarian Times, we wish the best of Luck to Mr. Abdul Gafur Dewan in all of his future endeavors!

Muhammad Saadat Ali- the unsung hero of Bangladeshi LIS profession

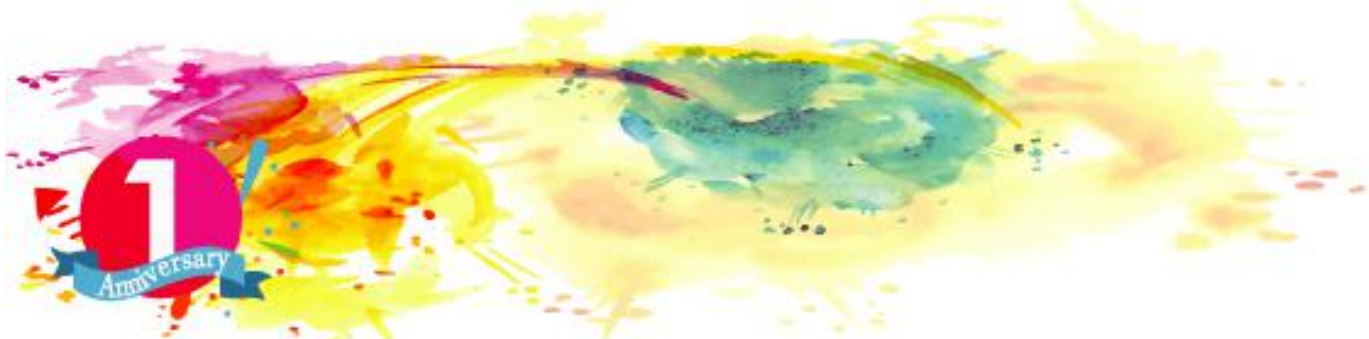


Mr. Muhammad Saadat Ali, one of the untold heroes of the history of Bangladeshi LIS profession. Mr. Ali started his professional career at Bangladesh Army Central Library (BACL) back in 1976 and ended his tenure in 1998 as a Librarian. During his glorious 32 years career at BACL, in addition to his librarianship responsibility, he performed as a co-coordinator and instructor of Army Education Corp (AEC) officers' course (EOBC) under Army School of Education and Administration and Chief Instructor of Junior Commissioned Officers' course (BLC) in Army Education Corp. Later on, in 1998 he joined Bangladesh Open University as a Librarian-In-Charge and retired in 2011.

Besides his librarianship career, he was also involved in teaching and training. During 1982-84, he taught library related courses to the BCS officers' under the supervision of Civilian Officer's Training Academy (COTA). He performed as a part-time teacher and guest lecturer in postgraduate diploma in Library and Information Science conducted by LAB and later on by National University Bangladesh. He built proactive cooperation with Bangladesh Islamic Foundation (BIF) to empower Imams and offered training on Library Management and Services in 'Imam Training Academy' under the auspices of BIF.

Regarding professional affiliations, Mr. Ali is a Life member of Bangla Academy, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, LAB and BALID.

From The Librarian Times, we wish the best of Luck to Muhammad Saadat Ali in all of his hard works!



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Begum Akhter Jahan

The first ever Bangladeshi LIS professional to become Member of Parliament (MP)!

Begum Akhter Jahan-a librarian, politician, freedom fighter and a social worker hail from Rajshahi. She completed her BA (Hons) and master's degree from the University of Rajshahi in 1973 and 1974 respectively. Later on, Ms. Jahan obtained her second master from the University of Dhaka in 1985. After awarding her librarianship degree, she started her career at the University of Rajshahi central library and retired from the same institution as a Deputy Librarian and since then she is actively involved in politics. In her glorious political career, she was responsible for the various position of Bangladesh Awami League from division to central.

However, the highest achievement came in 2014 when she became MP from the women reserved seats.

Her professional affiliations encompass with the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Women Rehabilitation Center and Bangladesh Awami League. Begum Jahan was the elected General Secretary of Rajshahi Divisional Library Association during 1993-1997 and Assistant Secretary of LAB for 1996-97 session.

From TLT, we wish Begum Jahan all the very best in her future endeavors!!

M Shamsul Islam Khan- a living legend of Bangladesh LIS profession



M. Shamsul Islam Khan, one the living Bangladeshi LIS legends who is also a pioneer of editing and publications management industry of the country. Mr. Khan was actively involved with the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) for a decade where he served as a General Secretary and President for two terms each.

In his distinguished professional career over the last 44 years, he worked in three renowned organizations in Bangladesh namely Bangladesh Central Public Library; Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies; Cholera Research Laboratory (CRL), icddr,b; and currently at Bangladesh University of Health Sciences. During this period, he carried out professional responsibilities in organization and management of libraries and high-quality publications.

Mr. Khan completed his higher secondary education from the reputed Saadat College, Tangail and later obtained his postgraduate degrees from the University of Dhaka in Information Science and Library Management. M. Shamsul Islam does research in cultural history and history of science. Their most recent publication is 'Bibliography on diarrhoeal diseases'. Besides a good number of scholarly articles, he was a chapter contributor to a book titled 'Library and Information Science: Parameters and Perspectives, Vol. 1.

We, the TLT family wish long life to our living legend M. Shamsul Islam Khan!!



TLT Excellence Innovation Award 2018



Mr. A K M Nurul Alam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank Library, Motijheel, Dhaka is a member of developer team of Open Source Library Management and Digitization Software - SLiMS (Senayan Library Management System). He has incorporated Bengali interface in SLiMS successfully and has brought our mother tongue in the international arena of open source library management software movement. Mr. Alam is also an active leader of automation and digitization of libraries and contributing to IT skills development of the library professionals in Bangladesh. That's why the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) is nominating Mr. A K M Nurul Alam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank Library, Motijheel, Dhaka for TLT Young Innovative Awards 2018.

TLT Excellence Student Award 2018



Mst. Tazrin Khatun has been selected for TLT Excellence Student Award 2018. The Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi has nominated Mst. Khatun for this award for excellence in her studies. She stood First in her B.S.S (Honours) Part-4 Examination, 2016 with a CGPA 3.560 out of 4.0. She is now pursuing her Masters final examination in the same.

Mst. Tazrin Khatun was born in 1994 at Chapainawabgonj district. Her father Md. Sazahan Ali and mother Mst. Nasima Begum. She wants to contribute her knowledge in the library and information field.

TLT Excellence Entrepreneurship Award 2018



The Ayesha Abed Library at BRAC University aims to become a world-class Knowledge Resource Centre and provide innovative new services and a wider collection of books and resources to the teaching, learning and research communities, using latest technological developments of the 21st century.

BRAC University is the first amongst private and public universities in Bangladesh to implement Koha, DSpace, VuFind, Drupal, Library Mobile Interface and RFID. With this experience the library is now in well positioned to lead any digital information initiatives in Bangladesh. The library is also viewed as a leader in the profession in several selected areas such as digital library development and technology based innovative services.

The library houses approximately 40,000 books in its collection. Library's website <http://library.bracu.ac.bd> provides online access to a wide variety of information resources including 70,000 e-books and 56,000 journals and research databases. The library employs the latest technologies to improve services and to provide fast and easy access to information. It meets its goals by integrating appropriate technologies with skilled and experienced staff committed to customer service.



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