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This work is dedicated to the pioneers of Bangladeshi LIS professionals who had tremendous efforts on how the library played a pivotal role to establish a knowledge-based society and its legacy towards civilisation, and the LIS professionals showing a light on this profession.



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Message from the Program Chair Professor Dr S. M. Mannan

It is my great pleasure to congratulate TLT on its 4th anniversary. I am honoured to celebrate this special anniversary, and I applaud how TLT is upgrading the LIS community's image in Bangladesh.

The Librarian Times has been playing an essential role in reporting on the LIS agenda, informing its readership about librarianship beyond its borders and connecting the audiences to the world since its establishment in 2017. The Librarian Times, over the years, has done commendable works in bringing information, reports and opinions to its readers which is so vital in this age of media.

It has been an excellent vehicle for disseminating precise and accurate government policy information regarding libraries and their communities through social and cultural awareness. There is no doubt in my mind that TLT has played a significant role in informing readers both nationally and internationally for bringing the librarianship profession to an international standard and a respectable position.

As we celebrate the fourth year of TLT's success, we all can take great pride in the TLT team's contributions to making it such a special place to learn, work and grow.

I appreciate your efforts and wish you a lot of prosperity for many years ahead!

Professor Dr S. M. Mannan

Department of Information Science and Library Management
University of Dhaka



Message from the Editor-In-Chief, The Librarian Times Prodip Roy ALIA (DCP)

On behalf of The Librarian Times editorial committee, I warmly welcome you to TLT's fourth anniversary and award celebration of 2021. We are celebrating this event in the 50th year of independence of Bangladesh, so this celebration is especially memorable for us.

As part of national and global mission and vision, we have collaborated with many individuals and organisations to celebrate TLT's 4th anniversary. In continuation of this, The candidate receiving the Academic (University and college) Librarian Award and the Special Librarian of the Year Award are nominated by the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), the candidate receiving Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Academic/Librarian of the year award is nominated and selected by the Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID), the candidate receiving the Public Librarian of the Year Award is nominated and selected by the Dept. of Public Libraries, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, the candidate receiving the School Librarian of the Year Award is nominated and selected by the School Library Association of Bangladesh (SLABD), the candidate receiving the Medical Librarian of the Year Award is nominated and selected by the Medical Library Association of Bangladesh and the candidates receiving Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Award (LIS Student of the year, two awards) are nominated and selected by the Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka, and University of Rajshahi. On behalf of TLT editorial members and the event committee, I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank everyone, for your excellent collaboration and outstanding support. I am taking this opportunity to congratulate both the award winners and the selection committee members from different institutions who successfully completed the nomination process.

Putting the event of this magnitude together is not a small task. To that end, I wish to special congratulate and thank the event coordinator, Syeda Muka Begum for her tremendous support and the successful arrangement of the program. Over the last more than four years, TLT members have made tremendous contributions to librarianship practices, resulting in impacts in the LIS sector in Bangladesh. I would also like to thank TLT members for all the excellent work you have done for the last four years to foster goodwill amongst LIS community in Bangladesh. I convey my greetings and good wishes for the future too.

On behalf of TLT, I thank Christine Mackenzie President of, IFLA for joining the event as the chief guest and for her wisdom. The LIS community is grateful for her attendance at the event. Here, I want to mention her IFLA slogan, "Let's work together."

We want to thank Loida Garcia-Febo, International Library Consultant American Library Association President 2019-2020; Viv Barton, President Australian Library and Information Association; Katy Manck, President – International Association of School Librarianship (IASL); Lydia S. Middleton MBA, CAE, Executive Director Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T); Selina Sharmin, Coping Skills Librarian, Queens Public Library, New York, United State, Former President Ethnic Services Round Table at New York Library Association (2019-2020) President & Founder Nolak Women for Bangladeshi Women Inc. the USA; Kirsty Crawford, Programme Director, Libraries Unlimited, Devendra Potnis, PhD Chair, ASIS&T SIG-III Associate Professor, School of Information Sciences, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, USA; Sapna Banerjee, Dean, Faculty Council for Post-Graduate Studies in Education, Journalism, Library & Inf. Science & Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta; Dr Naresh Agarwal, Associate Professor and Director, Information Science & Technology Concentration, School of Library & Information Science, Simmons University, Boston, USA, President-elect, ASIS&T; Dr Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Information Science and Library Management, the University of Dhaka (DU), Mostafa Azad Kamal, Professor & Dean, The School of Business, Bangladesh Open University, Dr Dilara Begum Chairperson & Associate Professor, Information Studies and Library Management, East-West University; Dr Md. Mofizur Rahman, Professor, Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, DU; Dr Md. Nasir Uddin Munshi, Professor & University Librarian, DU; Bijoy Basak, BPM, PPM (BAR) Deputy Police Commissioner (North) Chittagong Metropolitan Police; Dr Md. Mizanur Rahman, President, LAB; and others for their excellent contributions including sending wishing messages, attending as panellists, funding, and continuous supports.

A big thank you again to our event partners, sponsors, award selection committee members, all guests, panellists, and volunteers who have contributed to the success of the event and all our activities during the past four years.

We look forward to working together in the future.

Prodip Roy AALIA (DCP)

Editor-In-Chief, The Librarian Times





Message from the Program Coordinator

TLT Awards 2021

Syeda Mukta Begum

Dear All,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and acknowledge to all the guest speakers, LIS faculties, students, and professionals in Bangladesh, the USA, Australia, India, Singapore, and others on the occasion of the TLT Awards ceremony to celebrate its 4th founding anniversary.

I am glad and express my acknowledgement to the TLT editorial members, especially Prodip Roy, for selecting me to organise this event for the first time as a program coordinator. It is a challenging and struggling experience with new a learning journey in my professional carrier. I want to thank Christine McKenzie, President of, IFLA to grace the event as the Chief Guest and Ms Loida Garcia-Febo, International Library Consultant and former President, American Library Association, for their kind participation in the TLT Awards 2021 ceremony.

Their participations create a milestone history in Bangladesh and make this event a grand success.

I highly appreciate Dr Nazim's family for aiding and supporting me to synchronise as a new category in the TLT Awards called Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Awards. Additionally, a special thanks to Raiyan Nazim & Redwan Nazim helped me consolidate this event an accomplishment.

I also would like to show ingratitude to my dearest friend Md. Yousuf Ali Anim, organising secretary, and Muhammad Hamidur Rahman (Tushar), Secretary-General, Library Association of Bangladesh and Md. Abubakar Siddique, Director-General, for assisting TLT with the selection and nomination for the TLT Excellence Academic, Special, and Public Librarian of the year awards for 2021. Mr Tushar engrained with me with his supporting hands to reach the award winners within a short time. I also would like to acknowledge Mr Abid Hasan, General-Secretary (Acting), for his heartfelt support to liaise with the School Library Association of Bangladesh and be actively involved with the best school librarian selection process, School Librarian of the year 2021. Besides, I also would like to thank Mr S M Humayun Kabir Tutul, Organizing Secretary, Medical Library Association of Bangladesh (MedLAB), for showing extraordinary support for the selection process of TLT Excellence Medical Librarian of the year 2021. I also would like to show my heartfelt gratitude to Professor Dr Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq, Chairman, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka and A.K.M. Eamin Ali Akanda, Chairman and Associate Professor, Department of Information Science and Library Management, the University of Rajshahi for their whole-hearted support in selecting Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Awards (the Student of the Year, DU & RU).

Likewise, I also like to thank Ms Hazera Rahman, Chairperson of BALID and EC Committee members of BALID, for their effort in nominating Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Award (Best Academic/Librarian of the Year 2021).

I also would like to indicate my sincere gratefulness to Ms Razina Akter, Head of the library, Bangladesh Shishu Academy & Vice-President, BALID, for her support and guidance for the event. I am grateful to Selina Sharmin, Coping Skills Librarian, Queens Public Library, and former president of the New York Library Association, for her assistance to proceed further with this event.

It's an opportunity to epitomise my gratefulness and acknowledge all the National & International Global LIS leaders for sending their wishing message with kind words to embolden the TLT family to proceed further and nurture TLT with broader networking.

I also show my heartfelt gratitude and acknowledge Mr MM Shoeb, who always like my eldest brother, for being very supportive and cooperative to conduct TLT Awards ceremony.

I also want to acknowledge Dr Md. Anwarul Islam for assisting TLT panel discussion session as a moderator and all the panellists for their willingness to share knowledge on the discussion topic.

I want to thank TLT team for making this event successful, especially Ms Mir Adiba Awlad for moderating the award ceremony, Mr Prodip Aich for making the TLT Media and Marketing video, Mr Rajesh Kumar Dash for helping with the souvenir and Ms Amrita Dash for arranging the event sponsors. I also like to show my respect to the personal sponsors for the TLT awards money for their dedication, excellence, and devotion for the TLT and this profession.

In the end, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the award winners; the reason we are gathering here today and wish you the best of luck.

Syeda Mukta Begum
Events, & Assistant Editor, The Librarian Times
& Library Officer, Tanglin Trust School, Singapore





Message from the Chief Guest President, IFLA Christine Mackenzie

Dear colleagues and friends of libraries in Bangladesh,
Congratulations to The Librarian Times for reaching your fourth anniversary!
2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us, and the impact of COVID 19 has required us to be even more innovative and inventive as we continue to provide services to our communities despite lockdowns and safety concerns.

In September and October last year, the IFLA regional office for Asia and Oceania and the National Library Board of Singapore presented a series of conversations about libraries in the post COVID world. These conversations covered national, public, and academic libraries, and I was honoured to be part of the discussions. Library leaders from around the region, including Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, China, Indonesia, the Philippines as well as the British Library participated. The participants described what was happening in their libraries and how they were managing through the pandemic and also how they think that the future will look. You can see videos of the highlights of these conversations if you go to the National Library Board of Singapore Facebook page.

After participating in all three conversations, with national, public and academic library leaders, there seems to be a number of common themes emerging which can help us understand how we go on from now. We are working together more and sharing information; we are increasing our innovation and creativity; librarians are upskilling; there is a new appreciation of libraries – we are being seen as partners, and there are serious concerns about resourcing into the future. We are all adapting and changing and we need to continue to be resilient and stay committed to achieving literate, informed, and participative societies.

As you celebrate your achievements at The Librarian Times Awards and Fun Night 2021, I wish you all every success and please stay safe and healthy.

Christine Mackenzie

President

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)



Message from the former ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo

Dear LIS professionals from Bangladesh:

I join dear colleagues recognizing your enthusiasm, dedication, and excellence to the library profession. Best wishes for a bright future where we all strengthen national, regional, and global collaborations to continue positively impacting our profession, libraries, and the communities we serve.

Librarians, LIS students, in the midst of the big shift to digital rushed in by the pandemic, Librarians, we, are the ones we have been waiting for to position libraries as key players within global and national bodies to develop partnerships to strengthen libraries to provide essential services during the pandemic, the aftershocks and beyond.

We have the knowledge, the capability, and the power to together with IFLA, national and regional library associations, libraries and librarians help rebuild a fair and just society.

Together, United, We Can!

Loida Garcia-Febo

International Library Consultant

American Library Association President 2019-2020

Chair, ALA 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Task Force

Chair, ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)

IFLA Management of Library Associations Section, Information Coordinator

IFLA New Professionals Co-Founder, Adviser

Founder, New Librarians Global Connections online series

IFLA Governing Board Member 2013-2017



Message from the Director-General, Department of Public Libraries Md. Abubakar Siddique

Dear colleagues and LIS professionals!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Department of Public Libraries on the Librarian Times Awards Night 2021. I would like to congratulate The Librarian Times editorial members for organising its 4th anniversary scheduled on 9th April 2021. I believe this award event will reach the heart of the LIS academics, students, and professionals in Bangladesh. I am so happy to know that Christine Mackenzie, the IFLA president, is joining the event to encourage our LIS professionals, participants, and award winners. It seems the event brings together international colleagues and relevant field experts from around the world.

I am highly obliged and glad that TLT editorial members have invited me as one of the guest speakers in this ground-breaking event. It is my privilege and honour to become a part of this event. I consider that TLT can establish successful broader networking with global LIS leaders an international platform with Bangladeshi LIS professionals to exchange pioneering ideas.

I am also delighted to hear and acknowledge that TLT is declaring the TLT Excellence Public Librarian Award (Best Public Librarian of the Year), which an excellent recognition for encouraging the library staff is working within the Department of Public Libraries.

I hope that this event will bring memorable outcomes through the collaboration for the LIS professionals and students and faculty members in Bangladesh. Again, I would like to appreciate the organising committee for their dedication and outstanding contribution to the LIS community in Bangladesh.

I also would like to congratulate the awards winners, participants, and others in these unforgettable moments and hope for a grand success of the TLT Awards 2021.

I look forward to the unique opportunity to learn and networking with professionals from this event.

Md. Abubakar Siddique

Director-General (Additional Secretary)
Department of Public Libraries, Dhaka.



Message from the Dean National University of Bangladesh Dr. Md. Nasiruddin Mitul

It's a new normal situation. The Coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact on Bangladesh. Within this havoc situation, it has given me immense inspiration that TLT is going to organise 'The Awards Giving Ceremony-2021' on 9th April 2021 through on-line. Off Course this program will boost-up the immunity of the library professionals.

I welcome the team who publishes "country's one and only English Weekly Bulletin particularly on LIS professions. I strongly believe that some initiators are making something innovative. TLT is one of them. It always connects country's library professionals from every corner without any distinction.

People's perceptions about this profession are being changing gradually. Meanwhile, Government has given status to the school librarian as a teacher. It's a big achievement that has come into light after a long struggle where every professional has played a very dynamic role. Like others TLT also expedited the issue as well.

On this occasion, I take the opportunity to congratulate our entire professional and academics who are working for the advancement of library and information science in Bangladesh. Their sincerity and devotion will enhance the quality of the library services which will help the government to achieve SDG-4 in time.

I wish all the success to The Librarian Times (TLT) and the organisers of the TLT Awards Ceremony 2021.

Professor Dr. Md. Nasiruddin Mitul

Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies

&

Head

Department of Library and Information Science

National University Bangladesh.



Message from the President-elect, ASIS&T Dr Naresh Agarwal

I'm very happy to learn about all the work that the TLT foundation has been doing since its founding in 2017. Bringing LIS professionals of Bangladesh together as a community and connecting them to people, opportunities, and associations worldwide is not a small task, and you have achieved it in four short years. Collaboration and knowledge sharing among LIS professionals helps fulfil the innate human need of connection while contributing towards unhindered access to knowledge and information that LIS professionals strive for.

I'd want to highlight the opportunities provided by the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) for all TLT members, information professionals, and LIS students in Bangladesh. ASIS&T recently announced a free 1-year membership for South Asian countries. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to network with ASIS&T members worldwide and find world-class researchers to collaborate with. The ASIS&T South Asia chapter is an important venue for TLT members where you can contribute and grow further.

I would like to congratulate all the great achievers and recipients of the 2021 TLT awards. Your work is an inspiration to a lot of people, and I thank you for your perseverance. I wish you all happiness always!

Dr Naresh Agarwal

Associate Professor and Director, Information Science & Technology Concentration
School of Library & Information Science, Simmons University, Boston, USA
President-elect, Association for Information Science & Technology



Message from the Deputy Police Commissioner Bijoy Basak, BPM, PPM (BAR)

I convey my sincere congratulations to the editors and staff of The Librarian Times as it marks its 4th anniversary.

The success TLT has brought to Bangladesh and the global community is remarkable, and I hold it as a top priority to encourage this progress by increasing support for this voluntary cause. TLT's activities and achievements over the past four years are a testament to how information, news, and access can change communities and generations. I applaud the work and effort of all the team members of TLT who continue to move forward with their commitment to publishing in such standard. Once again, I commend TLT for 4 years of great success and look forward to continuing to encourage the growth of this publication and the future success it will bring to the LIS community.

Over the years, the news bulletin has taken a worthy place in the information space of the country, having established itself as an authoritative source of timely and reliable information in the heart of the LIS community. It is gratifying to note that The Librarian Times also makes a significant contribution to promoting the image of Bangladeshi library phenomena in the international arena.

I pause, look back and realise that in the past 4 years TLT has grown tremendously with representing and upholding the image of the LIS community country and abroad, there's still so much to do! With all my heart I wish you great works, creative victories, health, and prosperity!

Good luck team.

Bijoy Basak, BPM, PPM (BAR)
Deputy Police Commissioner (North)
Chittagong Metropolitan Police



Message from the Chairman,
Dept. of Information Science
& Library Management
University of Dhaka
Dr Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq

I would like to congratulate TLT on its many achievements in its four years of existence. It has emerged as a great platform for librarians and allied professionals to share news, information, and ideas and to celebrate the joy of learning and knowledge sharing. For the LIS professionals, TLT has provided tremendous opportunities to learn and grow, to build fellowship, and to strive together for achieving the common good. Its role in building and enhancing the knowledge base of LIS professionals and make them aware of the key issues related to LIS professionals in the 21st century has been phenomenal.

It has been relentless in its efforts to build a network, explore new topics and generate ideas-to the great benefit of the LIS professionals. I am sure that, with time, TLT will establish itself as an even more robust platform for bringing greater changes to the profession of librarianship.

Today's LIS professionals are in need of achieving new skills and capabilities to cope with a rapidly changing global landscape. They have to work in unison not only with fellow LIS professionals from home and abroad but also with other professionals and specialists. I am sure that TLT will help them immensely in cementing their position as global leaders of the evolving knowledge society.

I wish TLT continued success in its quest to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the field of librarianship.

Dr Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq

Professor and Chairman

Department of Information Science and Library Management

University of Dhaka



Message from the Chairman,
Dept. of Information Science
& Library Management
University of Rajshahi
A. K. M. Eamin Ali Akanda

It gives me immense pleasure that TLT is going to organise TLT Award and Fun Night 2021 on the occasion of its 4th anniversary. TLT offers a premise for LIS professionals and experts to gather and interact intensively on the development of LIS field as well as profession. I am privileged to say that this event will definitely offer recognition to the professionals of LIS who are showing extra-ordinary performances in their respective fields.

TLT itself is a niche of opportunities to all aspiring LIS students and practitioners. This event is a unique forum for exchanging innovative ideas and technical expertise for the advancements of this evergreen field. The program promises to transcend to a new and unprecedented level of excellence. It is thus the zenith where expertise and skill meets opportunities and guidance.

I hope that the program serves as a space for discourse and collaboration. I would like to express my appreciation to the organising committee for their dedicated efforts to materialise the event. I hope all the participants will have a fruitful and beneficial experience.

I would like to congratulate TLT team, representatives, award winners and participants for their efforts in organising and participating in this event.

Eventually I express my special thanks and appreciation to all. I wish TLT Award and Fun Night 2021 a great success in all of its future endeavours.

A. K. M. Eamin Ali Akanda

Chairman and Associate Professor

Department of Information Science and Library Management

Rajshahi University, Bangladesh



Message from the Dr. Nazim's Family

That bittersweet moment I wish I never had to endure, yet I feel compelled to engage because of the dedication that my late father, Dr. Md. Nazim Uddin had on the library profession. Over the course of his academic and professional life, Dr. Nazim poured his heart and soul into laying the groundwork and resources to provide access to digital information. He worked tirelessly to adopt a decentralised system and build the best collaborative digital library collection and circulation system in Bangladesh. He volunteered, mentored, and pushed the library community to undertake projects that would promote the well-being of the current and future members of the library and information science. The Librarian Times's (TLT's) vision is no different.

While this is the first time in four years that Dr. Nazim is unable to partake in the activities of TLT Awards, I am glad to step in to support this wonderful initiative and build upon his life's work of developing the library institution in Bangladesh. I hope the Student of the Year and the Librarian of the Year awards in honour of Dr. Md. Nazim Uddin uplifts the recipients and empowers them to be servant leaders to continue his legacy.

I admire the volunteers of The Librarian Times (TLT) for their time and effort and appreciate the drive to celebrate and remember one of our very best, Dr. Md. Nazim Uddin.

Raiyan Nazim

(On behalf of Dilruba Nazim and Redwan Nazim)



Message from the Chief Editor Dr. Md Nazim Uddin Memorial Book Razina Akther

My warmest congratulations to The Librarian Times on reaching it's 4th anniversary.

In 2017, when The Librarian Times started it's journey, it was an urgent need for a forum for Librarians, educators, young professionals to discuss their concerns and celebrate their many achievements. Since then, it has been at the forefront of representing the news and views of the Library and Information Science community and what matters to them most. I'm delighted that it has reached this milestone, and even more pleased that it manages to reach so many people in our communities and beyond.

A functioning and vibrant media gives us the information and analysis we need to inform our viewpoints, and can be a huge force for discussion, debate and robust disagreement. TLT has played its part in allowing us to hear meaningful voices and insight into a range of issues affecting information professionals of Bangladesh and around the world – and has played a vital role in ensuring that LIS communities have their stories told. The publication also provides an important, distinct perspective on domestic and global events. Moreover, by giving a balanced view of information phenomena and having free circulation, it has become a must read to young and emerging information scientists over the years.

The best part is from its beginning, The Librarian Times has grown from strength to strength through the creation of immense value in highlighting many of the unsung heroes of the LIS communities who have made great contributions to librarianship as well as wider society. This anniversary is a credit to the publication's editor, Prodip Roy, its members, contributors and its many thousands of readers online. I congratulate all the stakeholders associated with this initiative for their devotion to their work, and for continuing to build their reach online even in the challenging times for the whole world. I commend you for all your hard work and look forward to connecting with you over many more anniversaries.

Keep up the excellent work!

Razina Akther

Head of the Library

& Vice-President, BALID

Standing Committee Member, IFLA





Message from the Executive Director (ASIS&T) Lydia S. Middleton MBA, CAE

On behalf of the Board and members of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), we wish The Librarian Times (TLT) congratulations on its 4th anniversary.

ASIS&T applauds the work that TLT has done to bring professional recognition to the Library and Information Science profession in Bangladesh. We are proud to offer membership at no cost to librarians, information scientists, and researchers in Bangladesh.

Best wishes for a successful celebration on April 2nd.

Lydia S. Middleton MBA, CAE

Executive Director

Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)



Message from the Program Moderator M. M. Shoeb

Being a moderator of this prestigious event of TLT Awards 2021, it's my immense pleasure to congratulate the winners of our LIS academics, professionals, and students on their outstanding contributions to their respective fields.

I also thank everyone who has been involved with the nominations and selection process during the panic time of the Coronavirus pandemic around the world.

My best wishes to the fellow library leaders, academics, and students who are taking part in The Librarian Times Awards and fun night 2021. Please remain safe and well during this difficult time.

M. M. Shoeb

Senior Assistant Librarian (Deputy Director)
North-South University Central Library





Message from the President, LAB Md. Mizanur Rahman

Dear all,

On behalf of the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), it is my pleasure to heartily congratulate The Librarian Times (TLT) on its 4th anniversary. It is great to know that TLT, with its goal of bringing together the highlights of library things from all over the world, particularly Bangladesh, and presenting and exchanging breakthrough ideas, has been thriving in the local scene for the last 4 years. It has also been promoting the image of the LIS profession of Bangladesh and globalizing the dialogue by making discussions and presentations more international, and focusing attention on the recent outstanding achievements in library science.

My special appreciation goes to the team that promotes national development priorities for inclusive and sustainable development, towards which LAB and other professional associations strive for, with the ultimate goal of improving the image of the LIS community in Bangladesh.

On this extraordinary moment of TLT, I wish once again a fruitful and memorable event, and the members of TLT continued success in their future endeavours.

Md. Mizanur Rahman

President

Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB)



Message from the Chairman, BALID Hazera Rahman

TLT has been working on emphasizing professional achievements and promotional activities since its inception. It's great pleasure to see TLT has continued the activities during this difficult time, the world is going through.

It has been very difficult for us as professionals and the BALID family since we have lost many BALID family members. Our prayer and thoughts are with their family. May Allah grant them the best place.

On behalf of the BALID family, I would like to wish TLT activities and celebrations all the best.

Hazera Rahman

Chairman

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

&

Librarian (Head of Library)

BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology

Nishatnagar, Turag, Dhaka



Message from the Secretary-General, LAB Muhammad Hamidur Rahman (Tushar)

Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings! On behalf of the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), I convey my warmest greetings to The Librarian Times (TLT) on celebrating its 4th Anniversary to be held on 9th April 2021. As the Secretary-General of LAB, I am honoured to welcome you to this important event for the LIS community in Bangladesh.

It is also a great pleasure to see that TLT is continuing to recognise the LIS professionals, students, and academics to encourage us by organising TLT Awards 2021 virtually during this unprecedented crisis time.

It's great to see that The Librarian Times has been working in publishing news, arranging professional events including awards and a fun night, arranging panel discussions, conducting webinars, collaborating with global LIS leaders and associations to enrich the LIS community's ideas and opportunities since February, 2017.

I am also thrilled and delighted to participate in the nomination and selection process for the TLT Excellence Special Librarian Award (Special Librarian of the Year) and TLT Excellence Academic Librarian (Academic Librarian of the Year) for 2021.

I congratulate everyone associated with TLT on their untiring efforts in making this regular awards program in our professional era a grand success.

I look very much forward to meeting you on the award nights and wish you all a successful event!

Muhammad Hamidur Rahman (Tushar)

Secretary-General

Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB)





Message from the President, ALIA Viv Barton

“Congratulations to The Librarian Times of Bangladesh on this fourth anniversary of its founding, from your colleagues in Australia.

As the professional body for Librarians and Library Technicians, the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) knows the value of professional recognition and we applaud this initiative to introduce awards for enthusiasm, dedication, and excellence.

In my role as President of ALIA, I find it inspiring to meet library students starting out on their careers. Knowing that these clever, engaging and committed individuals are ready to lead our institutions speaks well about the future of libraries.

Our very best wishes to the library leaders, academics, and students who will be taking part in The Librarian Times Awards and Fun Night.

Viv Barton,
President
Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)"



Message from the President, IASL Katy Manck

Greetings from the International Association of School Librarianship and IASL members from 51 countries around the world on this auspicious occasion.

I believe that “Every child deserves a great school library and a qualified school librarian,” so I am especially pleased to note the TLT Awards nominations for aspiring school librarians, teacher-librarians, and library education professors.

As your path continues from these Awards, I encourage you to connect with your professional peers around the world and invite you to the online IASL Annual Conference in July 2021 <https://iasl2021.unt.edu/conference-info>.

Congratulations once again to the TLT nominees and Award winners!

Katy Manck

President

International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)



Message from the former President, Ethnic Services Round Table New York Library Association Selina Sharmin

I would like to thank the entire team of The Librarian Times that provides abundant opportunities to learn, teach, mentor, and share information to advocate, give back to the library profession, and meet many opportunities to network and socialise with colleagues all over the country and world. Since the Pandemic around us and whether social, political, technological, scientific, economic, or otherwise require that we help our professionals navigate through new and increasing demands of informational needs which profoundly impact the Library world. In many instances, we are responsible to help shape those new informational landscapes. Our terrific library community of professionals, including all our sponsors, is a network on which we have become increasingly reliant when facing these new challenges and opportunities.

I'm proud of our TLT successes over the last couples of the year, particularly in providing more opportunities for meaningful engagement of its members and sponsors, introducing innovative programming formats and topics, and providing professional development and outreach opportunities.

In the year ahead, I hope TLT would continue these initiatives, as well as adding programming designed for the different stages of library professions and careers, virtual programs, and events held in collaboration with other organisations and beyond. Thank you TLT members for your continued participation and enthusiasm in Library professions for your incredible support and advice. Finally, Wishing you a good and successful 2021, and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Selina Sharmin,

Coping Skills Librarian, Queens Public Library, New York, United State,
Former President Ethnic Services Round Table (ESRT)
at New York Library Association (2019-2020)
President & Founder Nolak Women for Bangladeshi Women Inc. USA



Message from the Program Director Libraries Unlimited Kirsty Crawford

Many congratulations on the 4th Anniversary of The Librarian Times, and on this awards night souvenir.

I regret I am unable to join you on this occasion but I have fond memories of the time we were able to celebrate together in person, for not only awards but fun too.

After a year out of beautiful Bangladesh, I'm missing it more than ever, and I'm sad that our Libraries Unlimited project is coming to an end.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world in so many ways, but libraries remain places of knowledge, learning, and information, and will be places of recovery, empathy, and assistance when communities can come together again.

At the same time, I'm delighted that there will be this celebration of libraries and librarians, and that The Librarian Times is able to organise these awards virtually and continue the recognition that the award winners sincerely deserve.

Although my work in Bangladesh is almost over, I will never forget the support our project has had, the many librarians who contributed to our work, and the delicious food and warm hospitality from everyone I encountered.

Here's to better days ahead, the continued good work of TLT, and heartiest congratulations to all the award winners.

Best wishes to all attending, and for a successful event.

Kirsty Crawford

Programme Director, Libraries Unlimited



Message from the Dean, FCPGSE University of Calcutta, India Sapna Banerjee

I am very happy to know that THE LIBRARIAN TIMES is organising the TLT Awards 2021 on 9th April. I am very happy to learn that they have launched an award- Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Award: Best Academic/Librarian of the year award, in the name of Dr Nazim Uddin, who expired recently.

The Librarian Times has done commendable work in the area of Library and Information Science in Bangladesh, and they are carrying this work today too. I am sure The Librarian Times will carry on their great work in the future also in the same way.

I congratulate the pioneers and all professionals of The Librarian Times in their endeavours, and my best wishes to them for their significant contribution to the library and information science field.

Sapna Banerjee

Dean, Faculty Council for Post-Graduate Studies in Education,
Journalism, Library & Inf. Science
&
Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science,
University of Calcutta, India



Message from the Chair, SIG-III (ASIS&T) Devendra Potnis, PhD

Heartiest congratulations to the Librarian Times for celebrating the fourth anniversary in 2021!

Most of the librarians and information science professionals are unsung heroes in several developing countries. I appreciate and applaud the Librarian Times for recognizing the contributions and service of librarians and information science professionals to their patrons, institutes, and society. Such public recognition at a national level is likely to (a) encourage award winners to continue serving their stakeholders, (b) elevate the social image of the library and information science profession, and (c) attract more talented people toward this profession.

I invite you all to join the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) for representing your country on the global platform. You can join ASIS&T and SIG-III for free. SIG-III is a win-win opportunity for everyone involved. For more information feel free to reach out to me at dpotnis@utk.edu.

Devendra Potnis, PhD

Chair, SIG-III, ASIS&T

Associate Professor, School of Information Sciences

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Panel Discussion

Crafting a Resilient Future of Library and Information Science Research and Services in Bangladesh: A Panel Discussion



Abstract

It is obvious that we fail to navigate our voice in many areas where LIS researchers and practitioners could be the major actors in education and research activities. Researchers from other sectors lament that LIS researchers and practitioners are not the major part of many activities either in academia or other research organisations. In addition, inside and outside libraries are pinched on both sides. Increasing user demand and budget shortage make this situation harder. For addressing this, libraries must accept and embrace change and have to think about how to create change that benefits the organisation. The panel will explore the opportunities that they feel for the future of Library and Information Science (LIS) research and practices in Bangladesh. For example, improving research activities and university ranking, providing library services during and after the pandemic time, access to digital scholarship activities, and incorporating new courses, lessons learned from the developed world could help libraries to be relevant. We must also continue in advocacy roles within our institutions to maintain strategic leadership for the sustainability of LIS education and professions. On the 50th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh, instead of looking back, we should be looking around and looking forward. How do libraries fit into it now, and in the future? The call to action is clear. We need more collaboration between the library and other sectors; adapt to business challenges and new needs that our consumers want and prove our necessity for how the library can add value based on organisational objectives.

Panel Discussion Continue...

The panel seeks the following questions and probable recommendations

- How do LIS faculties, researchers and practitioners can create value based on the organizational objectives?
- How do libraries in Bangladesh cope-up with the COVID and Post-COVID situation?
- How can libraries support Open Access?
- How is the LIS curriculum changing and how is it preparing resilient information professionals with the leadership and practical skills needed for the future?

Panel overview

This panel put together the key stakeholders to discuss their experiences and come forward with ideas on how libraries could reshape the future. This panel will also seek the active involvement of the audiences to foster the discussion between the panelists and audiences. We aim for meaningful dialogue at the panel.

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Professor & University Librarian, University of Dhaka



Message from the Moderator, Panel Discussion Md. Anwarul Islam, PhD

I am delighted to know that The Librarian Times (TLT) is going to celebrate its 4th anniversary. TLT is the first-ever professional news bulletin in Bangladesh which becomes the nexus of information professionals at home and abroad.

Since its journey, a group of young LIS professionals, researchers, and students are working consistently for bringing all LIS-related news and events under this platform. They have been happily working for it as if it is their professional cottage where noble ideas are nursed for the well-being of the LIS community. TLT Awards, grants, scholarships, workshops, seminars, and webinars are some of those activities. Bringing the news from LIS spheres from home and abroad, TLT keeps the community updated. For me, this bulletin is working as a bridge between Bangladeshi and overseas LIS professionals for fostering professional development.

In sum, I am thanking all the wonderful people who are working behind this bulletin. I am sure in the coming days TLT will be more active and become the flagship platform for the LIS community. Being a Chair of SIG-KM, Co-Chair (Elect) SIG-III, and immediate past chair of the South Asia chapter of ASIS&T, I welcome all the TLT members to join ASIS&T at no cost.

I congratulate all the award-winning LIS professionals and enjoy the Award and Fun Night 2021.

Stay close and connected!

Md. Anwarul Islam, PhD

Associate Professor, Dept. of Information Science and Library Management
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&

Chair, SIG-KM, and Co-Chair (Elect) SIG-III

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Message from the Panellist Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin Munshi

Congratulations to the Librarian Times for 4 years of remarkable service in bringing together the LIS events to the audience. As the first and digital of its kind in Bangladesh, TLT has led the way in publishing and also preparing the people for rewarding futures. I am confident this proud tradition will continue for many years to come.

The news agency has established itself as a reliable source of up-to-date information for readers in a very short time. It has been doing great work to inform the general public regarding the library development of Bangladesh. This is vital during an outbreak such as COVID-19, when people require up-to-date, verified, and timely information.

Ever since its founding in 2017, TLT has become a highly recognised hub of nurturing professional commitment through publication, research, training in Bangladesh and beyond. It has admirably committed itself to triangulate information provision, research, and community engagement. I am happy to see that TLT has gained global outreach and recognition and also recognise the contribution of students, academics, and professionals through awards, grants, and scholarship. We are very happy to have such ongoing relationships and look forward to seeing a stronger connection for the enrichment of the LIS profession.

The 4th anniversary is a time for reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the future. I keenly look forward to witnessing the continuous achievements of the TLT along its mission of social commitment and its vision to become a world leader in upholding and showcasing library development across the country.

On this commemorative occasion, we wish The Librarian Times team greater success in times to come. Keep bringing to us the good stories and keep expanding your readership!

Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin Munshi

Professor

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





Message from the Panellist Dr. Dilara Begum

Best wishes to the Librarian Times as it marks its fourth anniversary in 2021!

I appreciate TLT's efforts and dedication to promote the diversified roles of LIS profession around the world. The role of LIS professional is not limited to the pages of books. We are responsible for bringing about various social reforms. During this unprecedented crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we can realise that how authentic information is essential for helping citizens to be well-informed about their own and community's health to stay safe. Innovation and adaptability are paramount for sustaining our works during this crisis.

We are the change agent and we can make a difference by our knowledge and skills!

Dr. Dilara Begum

Associate Professor and Chairperson

Department of Information Studies and Library Management

And Librarian (In-Charge)

East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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TLT Award Winners, 2021



Shah Abdul Kabej wins
TLT Excellence Academic Librarian Award 2021
(Academic Librarian of the Year Award)

The award selection committee of the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) has nominated Shah Abdul Kabej for “TLT Excellence Academic Librarian of the Year Award for 2021” to contribute toward the Arena of Academic Library in Bangladesh.

He is currently working as Deputy Librarian at the Central Library of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). Mr Kabej started his career as an Assistant Librarian at DUET in 1992 and later in 2000, he joined BUET and promoted to his current position. During this period, he was involved with numerous activities to make BUET Central Library a modern one. In 2003, institutionally, he registered the research4life and DOAJ, which were the first e-resources for the BUET Central Library. He also worked as a team member of the BUET Library to develop and customise the software named BUETLIB, which was established until the KOHA implementation. As a Sub-project Manager of HEQEP (2nd Phase) titled “Digitisation of the Central Library of BUET,” he played a vital role in establishing the RFID systems and digitisation systems in the BUET Library. Besides, he has played a crucial role in being a member of LiCoB (BIPC) in the year 2007 and set up the systems which is a big e-resource of BUET Central Library.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Gurudoyal Govt. College, Kishoregonj, and a Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from the University of Dhaka. He attended a three-months international training program on “Scientific and Technological Information Management in Universities and Libraries: an Active Training Environment” (STIMULATE 2) at Vrije University Brussels, Belgium, organised by the University of Development Co-operation, Brussels, held from October 2002 to December 2002. Besides, he participated in numerous training programs in other countries like Taiwan, India on various occasions. He also attended several seminars, training, and workshop arranged by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh Academy of Science (BAS), Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Association For Survey & Programming Systems Center, Multifarious Technical Institute and many more.

He has held leadership positions on many professional association committees, including the Library Association of Bangladesh (Vice-president, 2012-2014), The Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (University Sub-Project Manager). He is also a Life member of “Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB)” and a soul devotee to the library profession.

TLT Award Winners, 2021



ABM Shafiq Alam wins
TLT Excellence Special Librarian Award 2021
(The Special Librarian of the Year Award)

The Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) has selected ABM Shafiq Alam for the Special Librarian of the Year 2021 Award for his excellence in contributing to the Special Library arena.

Mr Alam is currently working as a Senior Documentation Officer at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. Earlier, he worked as Librarian at, National Institute of Kidney Diseases & Urology, Sher-e –Bangla Nagar Dhaka. Earlier in his career, he worked as Library Assistant at BIRDEM Diabetic Association Hospital library, Dhaka in and as a research assistant in a couple of projects governed by BRAC research and development. He also worked as a Librarian and lecturer of library science Govt. Shahid Abdur Rab Teachers' Training College, Barisal, Bangladesh.

He obtained his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Dhaka in 1990 and 1994, respectively. Later, he received a Bachelor of Education degree from National University Bangladesh in 2001 and a Master of Education from Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology in 2003.

He wrote a Bengali textbook on library science titled “Gronthagar Biggan” (Library science) for Bachelor of Education students. He also participated in numerous seminars, workshops and training programs on different LIS occasions. He has been actively involved with professional associations, including the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) and Bangladesh Association for Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID).

TLT Award Winners, 2021



Sazzadul Karim wins
TLT Excellence Public Librarian Award 2021
(The Public Librarian of the Year Award)

The Dept. of Public Libraries, Ministry of Cultural Affairs has nominated Sazzadul Karim for the Public Librarian of the Year 2021 Award in recognising his accomplishment in the public library sector in Bangladesh.

He has been working in spreading the public library movement among the country's mass people through the public library's different activities and campaigns since his joining the Dept. of Public Libraries, Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

He is working as an Assistant Director (Library) at the Sherpur District Government Public Library under the Directorate of Public Libraries, People's Republic of Bangladesh. He worked on different Library Automation projects with British Council Dhaka, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Dhaka University Central Library, Seminar library of Department of English and Population Science of the University of Dhaka.

Mr Karim has obtained both a Bachelor and Master degree in Information Science & Library Management from the University of Dhaka in 2014 and 2015. He participated in different seminars, training and workshops on library and information management, office administration, leadership, APA, NIS, innovation, e-nothi, and web-portal.

TLT Award Winners, 2021



Monirul Islam wins
TLT Excellence Medical Librarian Award 2021
(The Medical Librarian of the Year Award)

The Medical Library Association of Bangladesh has selected Monirul Islam for the Medical Librarian of the Year 2021 Award for excellence in contributing to Bangladesh's medical library arena.

Mr Islam is working as Librarian in Army Medical College, Chattogram. He started his career as an Assistant Library Officer at Daffodil International University in 2011, and later in 2013; he was promoted to Library Officer. He was also an adjunct faculty of Library and Information Science at the International Islamic University of Chittagong from 2017 to 2019.

He obtained both a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Information Science & Library Management from the University of Dhaka. Later, he received a Master of Philosophy in Information Science & Library Management from the Department of Information Science & Library Management from the University of Dhaka. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy program in the same discipline.

He has published six journal articles, four book chapters and eight conference papers. He has received several awards, including the Medical Library Association India conference grant 2019, ICAL travel grant 2018 and University of Nottingham Malaysia International Workshop travel grant 2018.

He has been actively involved with the national and international associations, including the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB), Bangladesh Association for Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) and Library Association of Chittagong.

Mr Monir is an editorial member of The Librarian Times and correspondence of The Librarian Voice.

TLT Award Winners, 2021



AFM Kamrul Hasan wins
TLT Excellence School Librarian Award 2021
(The School Librarian of the Year Award)

AFM Kamrul Hasan has been nominated by The School Library Association of Bangladesh (SLABD) for TLT School Librarian of the Year 2021 Award.

He is currently serving as an Assistant Librarian (Assistant Teacher, Library and Information Science, new name) in a reputed high school in Bangladesh. Before that, he was a Junior teacher in a high school and a field officer at Association for Rural Poor (ARP).

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gurudoyal Govt. College, Kishoregonj under the National University of Bangladesh and a Diploma in Library and Information Science from the IshaKha International University, Bangladesh.

He has been actively engaged in ensuring the right and upholding the image of school librarians of Bangladesh since the establishment of the School Library Association of Bangladesh (SLABD).

Mr Kamrul is the President of the School Library Association of Bangladesh (SLABD). His role in establishing the SLABD in 2017 was significant. He has been nominated for the School Librarian of the Year Award for his courageous leadership and a vital role in giving school librarians the teachers' status in Bangladesh.



TLT Award Winners, 2021

Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Awards



Shammy Akhter Shikha wins
Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial LIS Student of
the year Award
(The Student of the Year, University of Dhaka)

The Department of Information Science and Library Management of the University of Dhaka has nominated Shammy Akhter Shikha for Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Student of the Year Award 2021.

Ms Akter completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Information Science and Library Management in 2019 by obtaining the highest CGPA (3.94 on a scale of 4.00). She maintained her outstanding academic performance in each semester from beginning to end. She passed her both SSC and HSC examination from Vikarunnesa Noon School and College with a GPA of 5.00 in 2013 and 2015, respectively.

She is an active participant in different co-curricular activities organised by the department, residential hall, and the University. She completed her internship at Bangladesh National Scientific Technical Documentation Center (BANSDOC) and Central Library, University of Dhaka.

The Librarian Times wishes her a bright future and hopes this award will inspire her future endeavours.



TLT Award Winners, 2021

Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Awards



Rihana Khatun wins Dr. Md Nazim Uddin
Memorail LIS Student of the Year Award
(The LIS Student of the Year, University of
Rajshahi)

The Department of Information Science and Library Management, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh, has nominated Raihana Khatun for the Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Award: Student of the year award, 2021.

Raihana Khatun has completed B.S.S. (Honors) with CGPA of 3.64 (on a scale of 4) in 2018 and M.S.S. with a CGPA of 3.76 (on a scale of 4) in 2019 in Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh. In both the B.S.S. (Honors) and M.S.S. program, she secured the first position with the highest CGPA. Besides this academic achievement, she also took part in extra-curricular activities of the department.

She is keenly interested in researching the L.I.S. field. She has completed a research monograph entitled “Effectiveness of Bangladesh National Dailies for Providing Health Information: A Study on Female Students of Rajshahi University” as part of partial fulfilment of the B.S. S. (Hons.) program.

She has expertise in computer application courses such as Linux O.S., KOHA (Library Automation Software) and Green Stone Digital Library (GSDL) Software. She has completed her internship program at Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre (BANSDOC), Dhaka. Moreover, she accomplished a thesis in the M.S.S. program entitled “Present State of Awareness of Medical Students in Participating e-Learning Program: A Study.”

TLT Award Winners, 2021

Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Awards



Professor Dr. S M Mannan wins Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Academic/Librarian of the year award 2021

Professor S M Mannan has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 Dr Md. Nazim Uddin Memorial Academic of the year award. He has been recognised as one of the most influential LIS academics in Bangladesh of all time. Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) has nominated him for this award for his outstanding teaching and learning contribution and dedication to the country's LIS community.

Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury, who was one of the selection committee members, said, *"Professor S M Mannan has a strong influence on Bangladesh's library profession. He maintains relations with the people from the library professionals, somewhat out of the library profession. His networking capacity is highly appreciable of all time. His leadership in the library profession of Bangladesh is unquestionable."*

Professor Dr S. M. Mannan joined the Department of Information Science and Library Management (Department of Library Science), the University of Dhaka, in 1983. Over the years, he has established himself as a pioneer in library and information science in Bangladesh and abroad. He completed his PhD at the University of Dhaka in 1997. Apart from teaching and research, Dr S.M. Mannan has been actively involved in the library movement and the LIS community's professional development. He has travelled extensively to different parts of the world to attend seminars and conferences. He received several awards and grants, including the visitor-ship and training grants from the United Kingdom, Canada and Denmark.

Dr S.M. Mannan has published many research papers in national and international reputed journals. He is the Founder, Vice-Chairman and subsequently Chairman of the Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID), Life Member of Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) and the Founder Editor of Bangladesh Journal of Library and Information Science, University of Dhaka. He is also the Convener of the Alumni Association of the Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka.

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Message from the Event Sponsor Dr. Syed Robiul Bashar-Duke

I am connected with The Librarian Times (TLT) from the beginning as a part of my profession commitments. I have been trying to contribute myself through participation in their activities time to time.

I consider TLT as a platform for connecting people to librarians, librarians to libraries, and libraries to libraries through their wider range of diversified activities. I wish every success of The Librarian Times.

Dr. Syed Robiul Bashar-Duke

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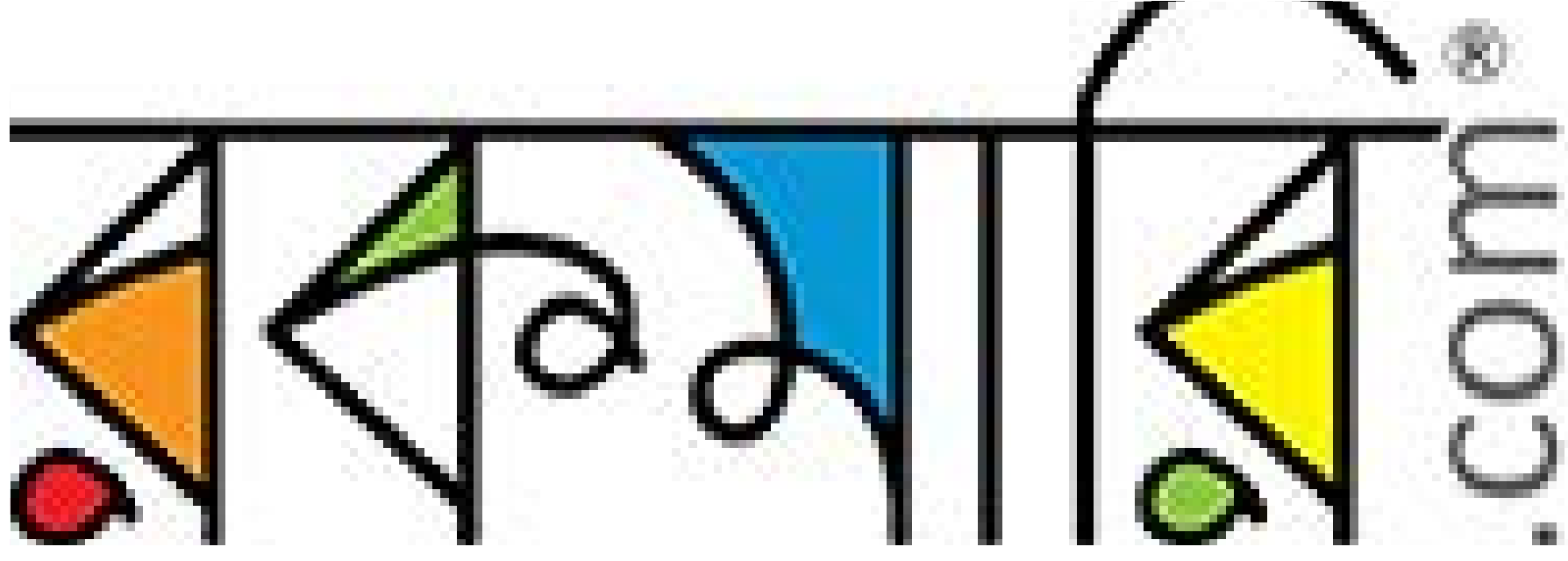
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