

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

When Trumpets Fade

On HBO Monday, 4th November at 10:00 pm
What time is it? It's 1944, in the closing days of World War 2. Where are we? The Hurtigen Forest, Germany. Private Manning pleads for a Section 8 so he can get away from all the shells, shrapnel and shocks that are a frontline soldier's lot in war. He's convinced he's gone mental and will do more harm than good for the army.



The Sport

3rd Cricket Test - West Indies

Tour of India
Highlights of Day 3 from Kolkata on November 1
at 8:30 p.m. on Star Sports
India
Vs
West Indies

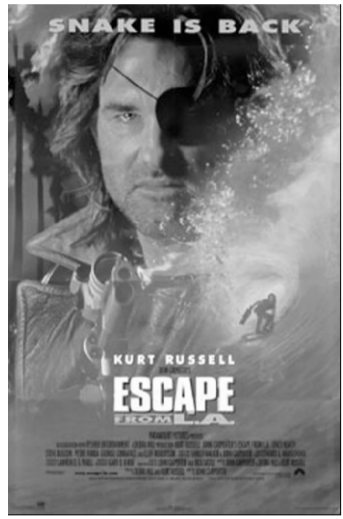


Our Choice

Out Of Time

On Hallmark at 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 03
Jack Epsom, a good-natured man involved in the community, drinks from a magical spring and falls asleep for twenty years. When he awakens, Jack is in the presence of the town's founding fathers who want him to save their town from a greedy developer.

Satellite TV



Escape from L.A.
On HBO at 10:00 p.m. on Nov. 01
An earthquake shakes L.A. loose from the mainland, and renamed the New Moral America, it is home to those who dare to flout the new moral code and the bloodthirsty gangs and psychos trained to terminate them. But none of that seems to peak the President's interest.



"All the Pretty Horses" On HBO Wednesday, 6th November at 10:00 pm
Although criminally overlooked during its cinematic release, this Billy Bob Thornton directed drama is indeed a piece of first-rate filmmaking. For one, the film makes Matt Damon look like a hunk -- and that's no easy feat! Adapted from Cormac McCarthy's beloved bestseller, the plot revolves around John Grady (Damon) and his pal Lacey Rawlins (Thomas). After much deliberation, the boys throw caution to the wind and leave their Texas home in search of real cowboy country. Along the way they pick up a mysterious teenager, who comes with more than a few secrets up his sleeve -- as well as an uncanny ability to get John and Lacey into trouble. Luckily, they manage to ditch him and continue their journey -- which takes them to a sprawling hacienda run by a wealthy businessman, Don Hector. There, Grady falls for Don Hector's gorgeous daughter, Alejandra (Cruz, Vanilla Sky). The two then embark on a secretive but blissful affair. That is, until Grady's past comes back to haunt him.



"U-Turn" on HBO Friday, 1st November at 12:00 PM
No-luck Bobby Cooper is on his way to Vegas to settle accounts with some volatile Russian gangsters -- the guys who cut off two of his fingers when he was a little slow to pay up-when fate decides to interfere. A stalled car lands him in the middle of Superior, Arizona and Bobby steps right into a writhing nest of small-town vipers: a two-timing bombshell Grace a deluded white-trash bimbo Jenny her psycho boyfriend Toby N Tucker -- they call him TNT, get it? -- Well, the parade of eccentrics never ends. Trust director Oliver Stone to make incest, murder, lust, greed and backstabbing so wonderfully appealing.



"The Little Rascals" on HBO Sunday, 3rd November at 3:00 pm
Three stooges gone wrong? Kids writing their own rules? Guess the age-old formula of the brat pack dishing out old-fashioned slapstick still works like a charm. And Sparky, the self-proclaimed leader of the He-man Woman Haters Club is back to teach the kids how it's done. But Alfalfa's (Hall) is attracted towards Darla (Holmes), and that goes against the toddler tradition of "all girls are icky". A definite club no-no. Guess Sparky (Tedford) will have to kick some sense in to him, with a little slapstick to boot.



On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on Nov. 01. A good thief. Rita Pickering is to testify against a gang of murderous drug dealers, but events have gone dangerously awry and now she's on the run with her daughter, Leah, and an elderly neighbor. Without a dime, Rita resorts to a shoplifting scam to help finance their flight, but when her daughter becomes suspicious and intervenes in this exciting thriller it leads the killers directly to them!



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 03. The Seventh Stream. A mysterious woman, discovered to be a "selkie" or a seal with human form, brings luck and happiness to kindhearted Quinn, an Irish widower, but discord to the fishing village in which he lives. Ultimately, Quinn must decide whether to grant her freedom by returning her sealskin, or selfishly claim her as his own.

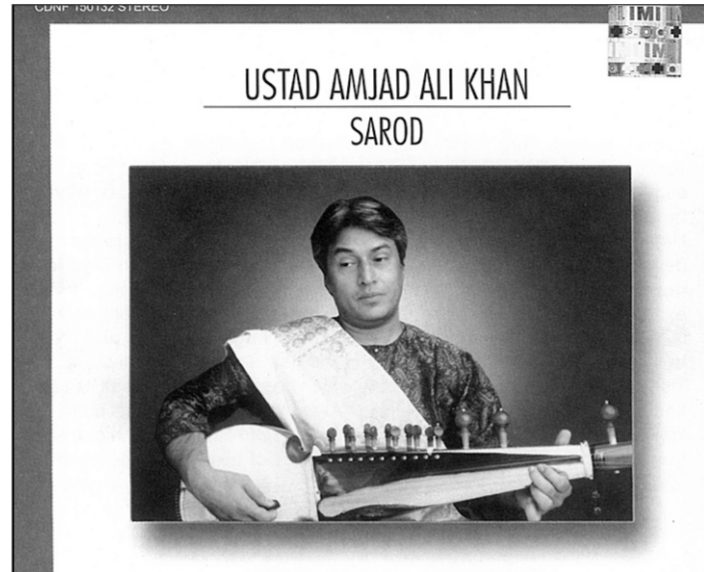


On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on Nov. 01. build for themselves there. Young Abbie McKenzie and Will Deal grew up together in Blackhawk, Iowa, a small, crude farm town on the edge of the frontier, where Abbie teaches school and dreams of going to New York to study opera and cultivate her beautiful voice. She has her chance in Ed Matthews, the son of the wealthy local doctor, who offers to marry her and take her with him when he goes East to Medical School--never mind that she doesn't love him, that can come later.



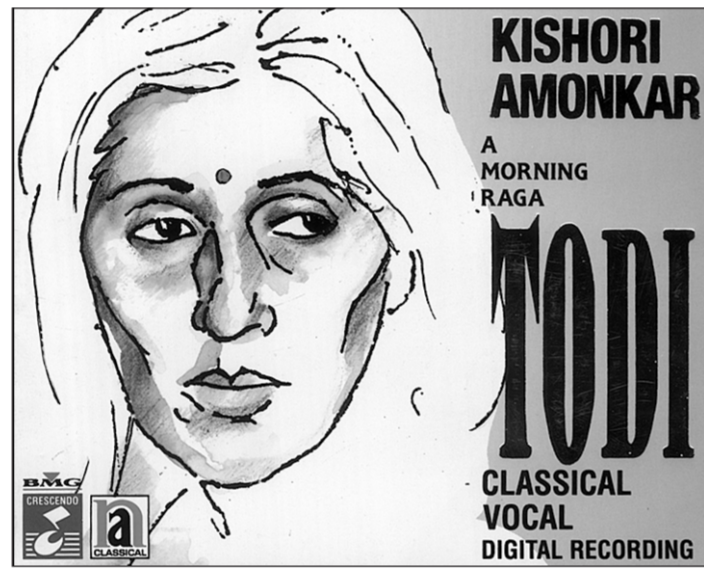
On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 01. Mark Twain's Roughing It - Part # 2. James Garner and Jill Eikenberry lead an all-star cast in this delightful, humorous story in which a successful Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, is set to speak at his daughter's graduating class. The story he tells is that of a polite Eastern greenhorn who is inducted into the rough-and-tumble Western frontier, a life-affirming journey for a man who is enriched by the many people he meets - in other words, his own story.

Audio CD



Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

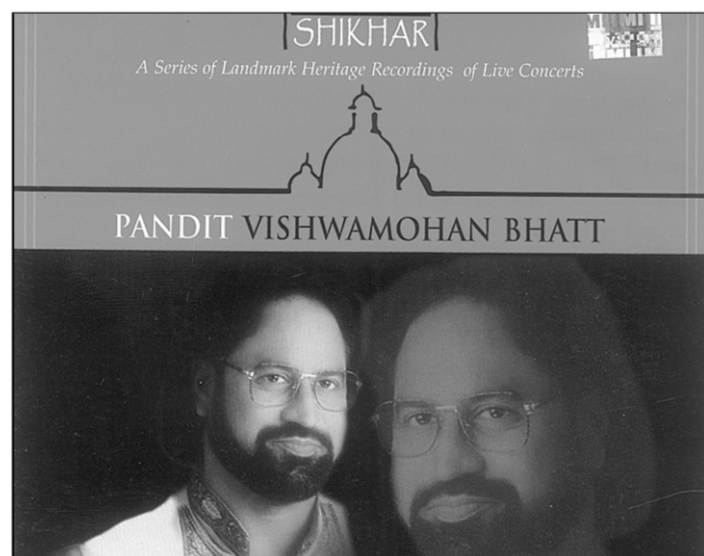
Sarod Miya ki Malhar / Megh Malhar Price: Tk. 225.00
'Music is essential for mind and body. Pure music like Sarod, violin etc. listened to with concentration restores the subtle mental imbalances that crop in today's modern lifestyle. People today need more than ever to cope with tensions, distress, depression and struggle to find peace and relaxation' Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Source: Internet)



Todi Classical Vocal

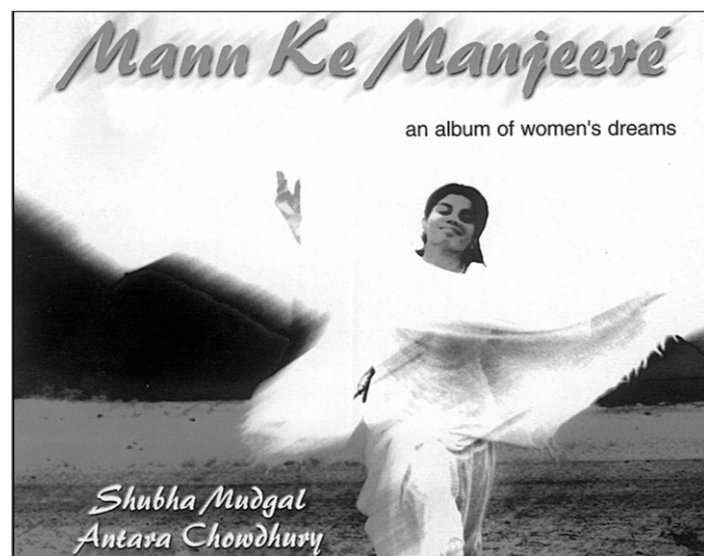
A Morning Raga by Gaana Swarawati Kishori Amonkar Price: Tk. 350.00
Kishori Amonkar belongs to the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana, of the legendary Alladiya Khansahab. She is an indomitable figure in the classical field.

Source: Gaan-er-dal, Yakub super market 2/B elephant road Dhaka (Ph: 9671520)



Swar Shikhar Pandit Vishwamohan Bhatt

The Taj Heritage Series (Live in Jodhpur 2001) Price: Tk. 350.00
Creator of the Mohan Veena and winner of a joint Grammy Award in 1994, Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt has mesmerized the world with his pristine pure, delicate yet fiery music. His faultless legato, his natural ability to play the Tantrakan Ang and incorporate the Gayaki Ang on the Mohan Veena have made him one of the most expressive and versatile slide guitar players of our times.

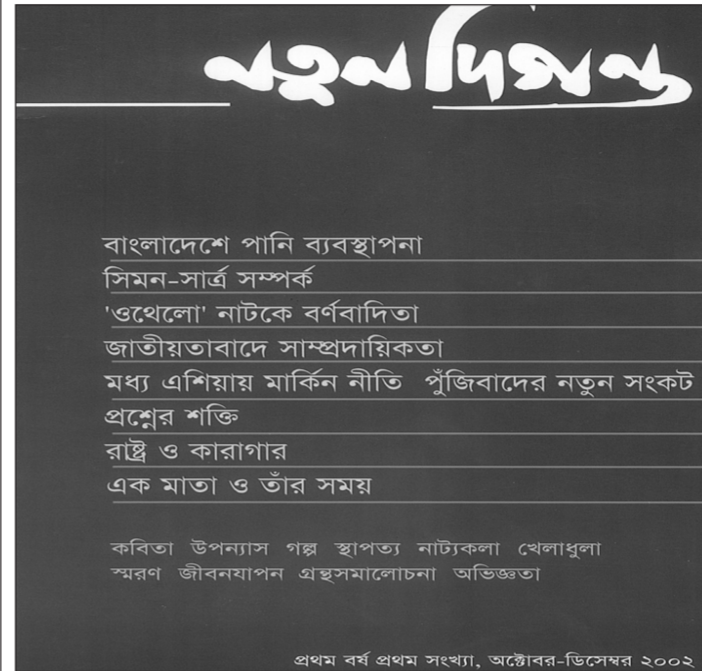


Mann ke Manjeere

An album of women's dreams Price: Tk. 500.00
Mann ke manjeere is an attempt to make people aware of women's hopes and desires and helps to make them come true. Each song has been crafted to speak of women's dreams. Most songs in the album have been sung by Shubha Mudgal. Mahalakshmi Iyer, Rukmabai, a traditional Rajasthani singer, and Antara Chowdhury, daughter of renowned musician Sali Chowdhury present vocal compositions.

Source: Abul Ullia Music Collection, Banani - Ph. 9887384

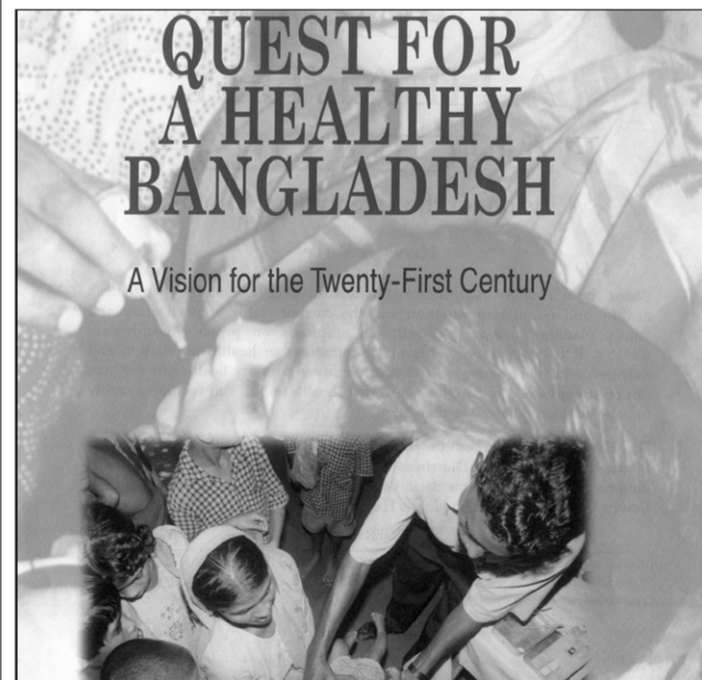
Books



Natun Digonto

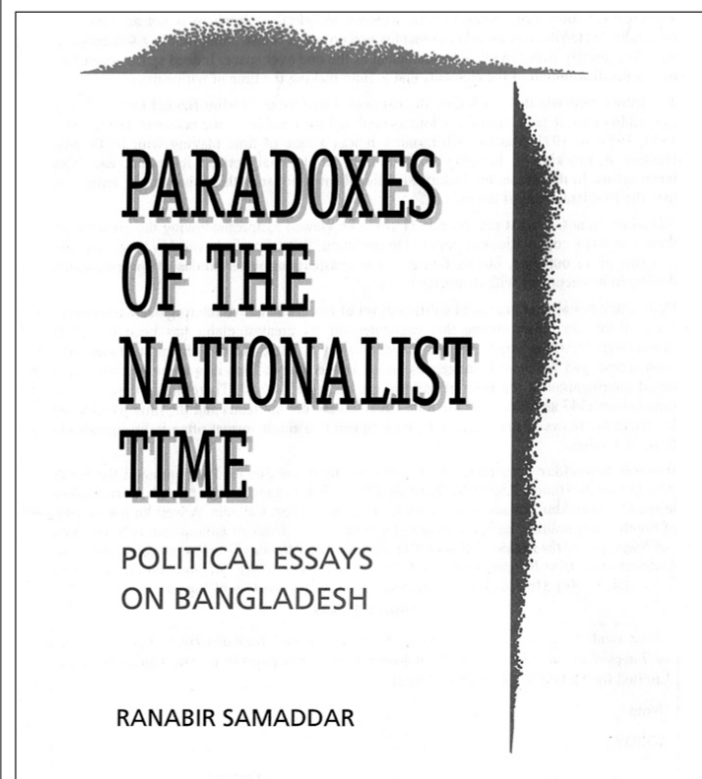
A quarterly magazine of literary works from Center for Studies in Social Transformation
Editor: Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury
(Vol. 1/ Issue 1 / Oct.-Dec. 2002) Price: Tk. 30.00
The quarterly magazine Natun Digonto, edited by eminent writer-critic Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury, basically focuses on literature and culture, it includes valuable writings on wide and divergent subjects like economics, science, architecture and sports that many magazines, working on literature and culture would consider irrelevant. But culture, in a broader sense, includes them and this would definitely engage many more readers to Natun Digonto.

Source: Center for Studies in Social Transformation, Dhanmondi / Ph: 9134499



Quest for a Healthy Bangladesh

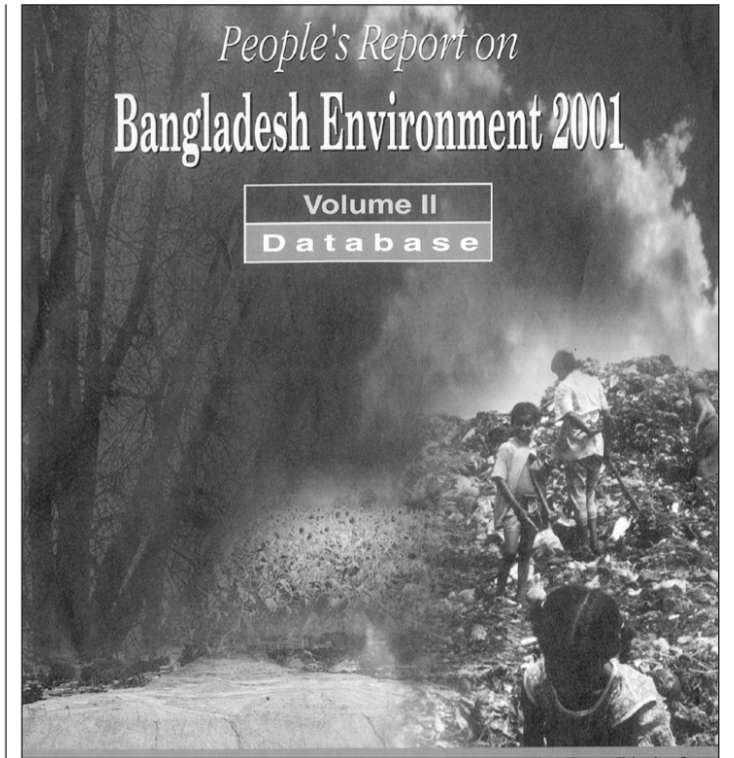
A Vision for the Twenty-first Century Henry B. Perry. Price: Tk. 250.00
Quest for a Healthy Bangladesh provides an overview of the Bangladesh health and population situation and the current status of its health and family planning programme, with an emphasis on primary health care services. It reviews some of the major initiatives in health, population and nutrition which are emerging and considers how primary health care services can be strengthened in Bangladesh so that "health for all" can become a reality in Bangladesh sooner rather than later.



Paradoxes of the Nationalist Time

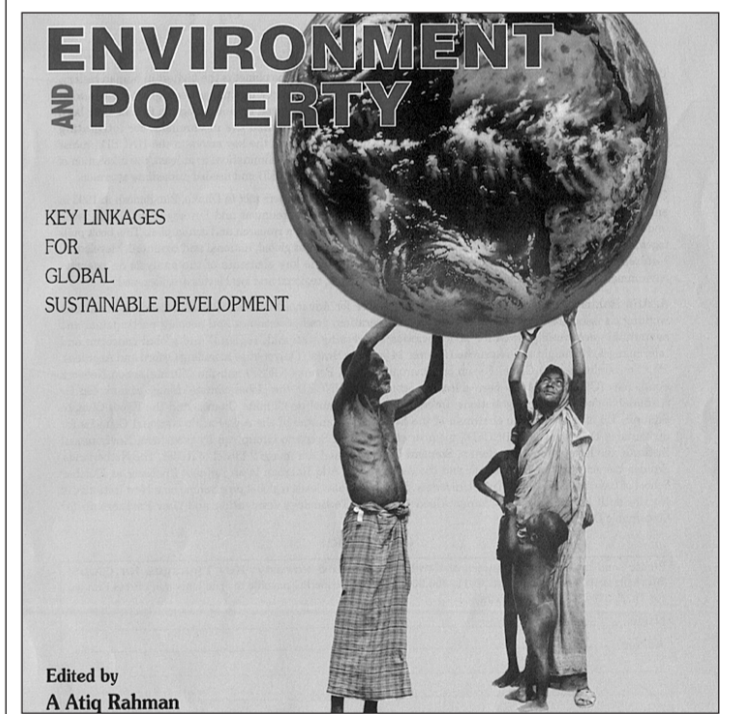
Political Essays on Bangladesh
Ranabir Samaddar. Price: Tk. 300.00
These essays show that contrary to the widespread belief, nationalism is not all about the celebration of territory as a marker of identity and power; it is also about time in a fundamental way. The anxiety over time is as fundamental as the one over space. Indeed space appears as one in the distribution of the elements than go into making the time of nationalism. The author contends that, each time the nationalist destiny of Muslim Bengal took a clearly discernible turn, it seemed to the actors as final and irrevocable -- the actors of 1937, 1947, 1954, 1957, or 1971. But in each instance it was a case of time playing with its finality, taunting it, mocking it, bringing forth in front of its final version its earlier and later incarnations. In this sense, the history of nationalism is not something that can be termed as the "the foreshadowing of the nation."

Source: University Press Limited



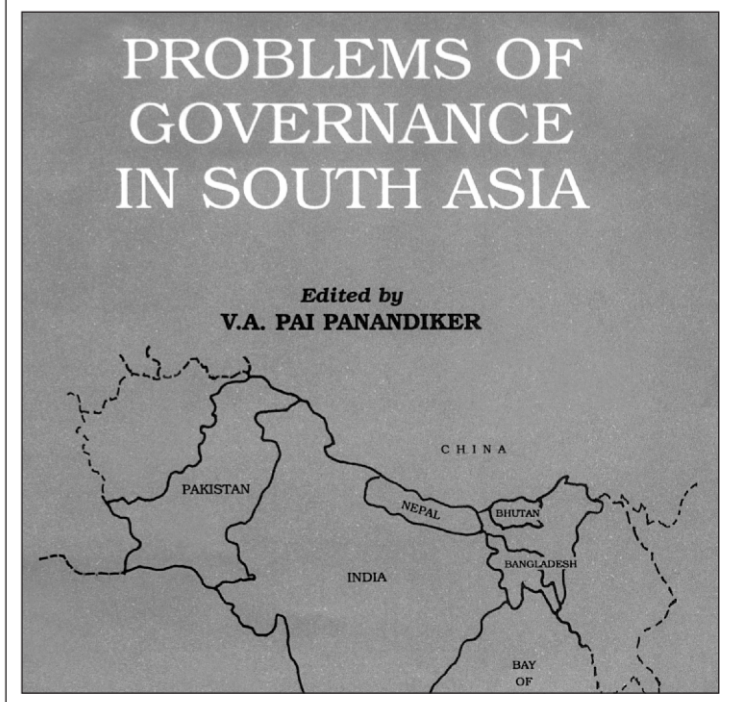
People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001

Volume II: Database, Editors: Atiur Rahman, M. Ashraf Ali and Farooque Chowdhury
Price: Tk. 500.00
People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001 is a pioneering attempt at capturing environmental perception of the citizens of the country. The Report focuses on people's livelihood and liberty; their land, food security and other basic rights; their aspiration for quality governance and equity; their struggle for survival with dignity and creativity. It ably puts 'people first' and brings them at the centre stage of decision-making process on environmental management. The information presented in the Report originates from scores of people's dialogues and expert investigations.



Environment and Poverty

Key Linkages for Global Sustainable Development
Edited by A. Atiq Rahman, Price: Tk. 400.00
Today's world is characterized by the fact that the economic wealth of the planet is the highest in human history. At the same time the number of people suffering from abject poverty has never been greater in human experience, nor has global environmental degradation, particularly caused by anthropogenic factors, ever been any worse. The concept of sustainable development has encapsulated the mechanisms for integrating environment and development at the Earth Summit, in 1992. Many of the key actors in the UNCED process highlighted that there could be no sustainable development without the elimination, or at least, the alleviation of poverty. Poverty-environment was identified as the missing link in UNCED and needed immediate attention.



Problems of Governance in South Asia

Edited by V. A. Pai Panandiker, Price: Tk. 550.00
This study is a wrap up volume of a project which was initiated a decade ago to study the problems of governance in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The country studies revealed considerable commonality of problems of governance faced by these countries. By focussing on these common problems it was hoped that a common action agenda for good governance would emerge with each country benefitting from the other's experience. The historical perspective provided in the essays in this collection is invaluable in as much as it offers the policymakers a backdrop for seeking more effective solutions to vexatious problems of governance.

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