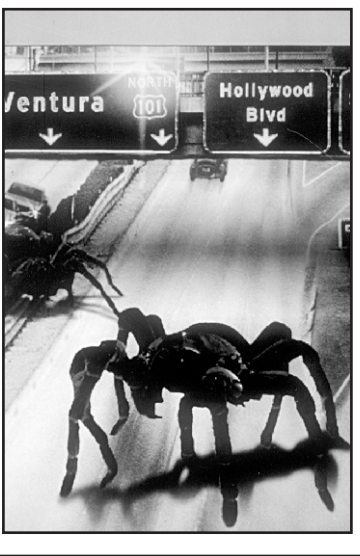
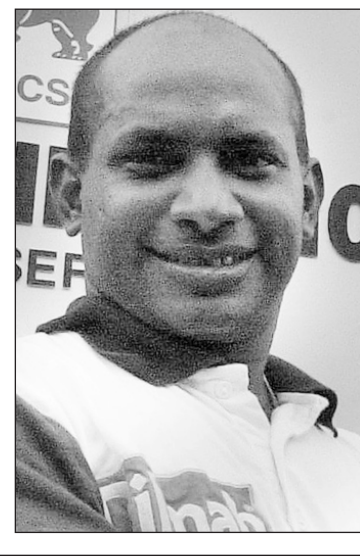


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Spiders
On HBO Sunday, 17th November at 3:00PM
Arachnophobia meets Alien when a seemingly routine space shuttle mission turns into a disaster in deep space, spelling doom for earth as the shuttle makes its way back to terra firma. As unspeakable experiment was being conducted on board the space shuttle.



The Sport

Second test cricket match of Castle Lager / Mtn. Series
Live from South Africa on Star Sports from November 15 to 19 at 2:25 p.m. (BST) everyday
Srilanka Vs South Africa



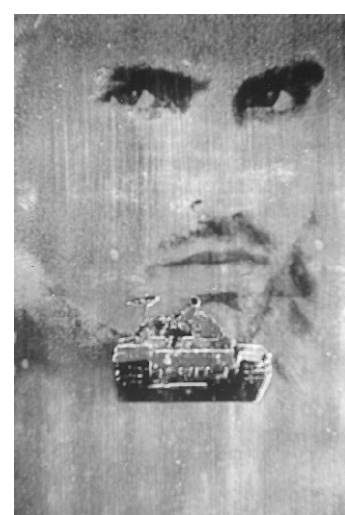
Our Choice

Frankie & Hazel
On Hallmark at 1:00 p.m. on November 16.
Frankie's mother was a world famous ballerina who was killed in a car accident when Frankie was only two. Since then Frankie has been raised by her grandmother who pushes her very hard to also be a ballerina. Frankie has the natural ability, but maybe she doesn't have the drive. She wants to go to the park.

Satellite TV



Excess Baggage on HBO
Saturday, 16th November at 10:00PM
A crash course in kidnapping, car thefts and other rituals of dating. Yes, it's an offbeat adventure about a poor little rich girl and the car thief who steals her heart. Desperate for attention, Emily Hope (Silverstone) stages her own kidnapping. But before Emily can enjoy a happy reunion with her father, her car gets stolen -- with Emily still inside. Quirky and hilariously romantic, the film is a showcase for Silverstone's brat-pack looks and acting. Look out for star turns by Christopher Walken (Joe Dirt) and Benicio Del Toro (Snatch). Siskel and Ebert summed up the film best by saying rather succinctly -- "Two thumbs up!"



The Beast of War on HBO
Monday, 18th November at 10:00PM
A Soviet tank cut off from its column, Afghan rebels bent on revenge, and brute force fills the screen with blockbuster action! This "fast, authentic, exciting" drama (New York Newsday) puts you in the turret of a hell-bent Russian tank known as "The Beast" fighting for its survival -- and behind the gun sights of the guerrillas sworn to destroy it.



The Chippendales Murders on HBO
Friday 15th, November at 12:30AM
This film based on a true story begins in 1975 where an Indian immigrant Steve Banerjee (Andrews, Mighty Joe Young, Rollerball) develops the idea to run an exotic all-male dance club for women. Together with Nick (Hipp, Death Of A Dog, Hoffman), his artistic director and co-partner, his dream is soon realized and Chippendales quickly becomes a huge success. Crowds of women wait outside the club to catch a glimpse of the dancers and the club's popularity soon draws the attention of the media. One night, when Nick arrives, news crews hound him for comments on the club's runaway success and Nick takes full credit for the concept, which irritates Steve. Before long the tension between them begin to rise. Nick is then found murdered in his office. Is Steve behind it?



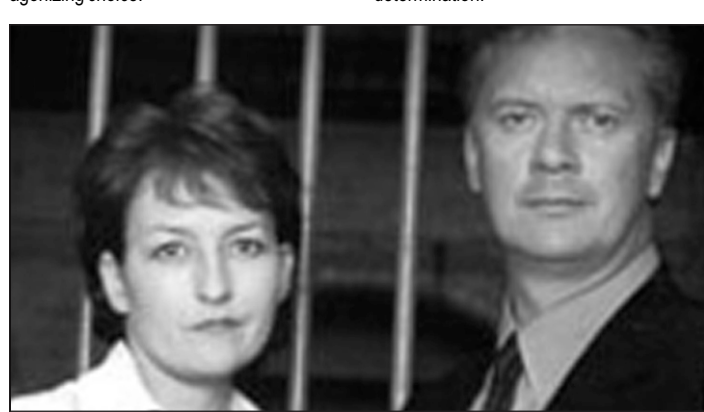
Episoe 8 : Bitter Harvest/My So-called Life and Death on HBO
Sunday, 17th November at 8:30PM
In 'Bitter Harvest', Shane (Fletcher) lets his curiosity get the better of him and trespasses on his neighbouring farmer's land. This resulting in an accident in which both of the farmer's arms are torn off. Soon Shane finds one arm of the farmer wrapped up in a blanket used by his horse, and much to his horror, his horse then gives birth to a pony without legs. And that's not all -- his mother also informs him that she is pregnant. In 'My So-called Life and Death', Julia (Sokoloff) is spending a miserable summer with her family at a summer home. The only happiness in her life is a gorgeous handyman who works around the house. Despite several attempts she can't seem to ever attract his attention. She finds this rather strange and begins to think he might be a ghost.



On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on November 21.
In love and war. A miraculous true story of courage, determination and love in war-torn Italy. In Love and War chronicles the meeting of Eric Newby, a British soldier captured in World War II whose life is saved by Wanda Skof, a courageous Italian woman with whom he falls in love. The two overcome increasing risks as they find new ways to keep Eric safe from his Nazi pursuers, but eventually Eric is faced with an agonizing choice.

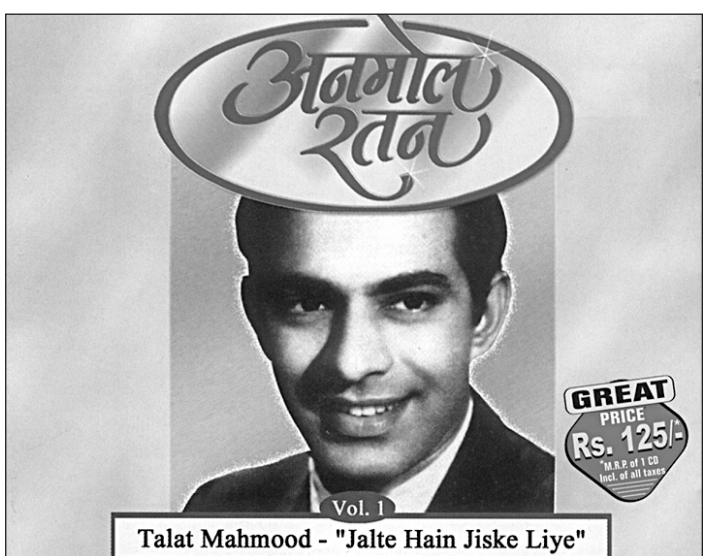


On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on November 19.
Follow the river. Mary Ingles is pregnant when she and her two sons are captured by Shawnee Indians. In this compelling, gritty tale, Mary impresses her Indian captors with her patience and grace under difficult circumstances so much so that the handsome Shawnee chief proposes that she become his mate. In this wild and untamed world, Mary must make the most difficult of decisions, one that will affect not only her life, but those of her children. Sheryl Lee and Ellen Burstyn star in this engrossing epic of one woman's grit, loyalty and determination.



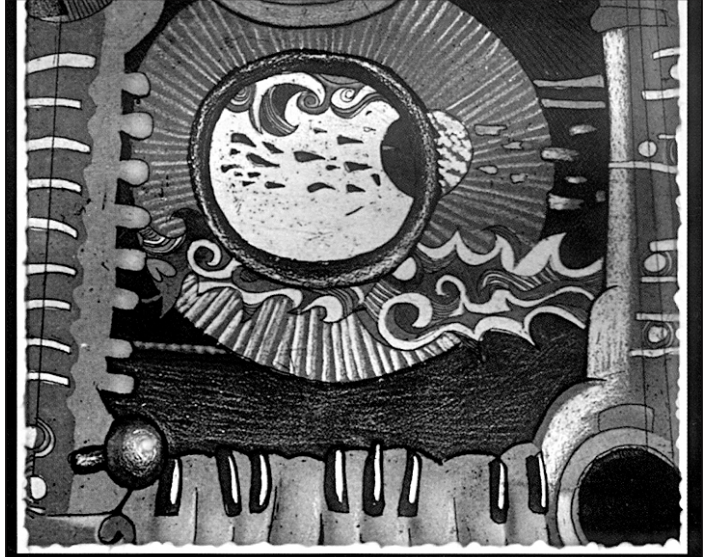
On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on November 16.
Long time dead. A hotel owner is discovered dead, but then his "double" is seen shortly thereafter. The Taggart team is looking into this strange occurrence when they are then called in to infiltrate the shadowy world of underground illegal immigration, following several murders. Could there be a connection? The team begins to suspect one after they uncover a sadistic ring of organ transplant dealers.

Audio CD



Anmol Ratan Vol. 1
Talat Mahmood 'Jalte Hain Jiske Liye' Price: Tk. 175.00
A total of 14 film songs from the golden past (1950-59) augment this album, sung by the great Talat Mahmood Sahaab. Popular numbers from films like 'Taxi Driver', 'Baradan', 'Foot path', 'Arzoo', 'Thokar', 'Ek Saal', 'Sujata', 'Jahan Ara', 'Anhonee', 'Sangdil', 'Dil-E-Nadan', 'Daag' and 'Madhosh' feature in this melodious album.

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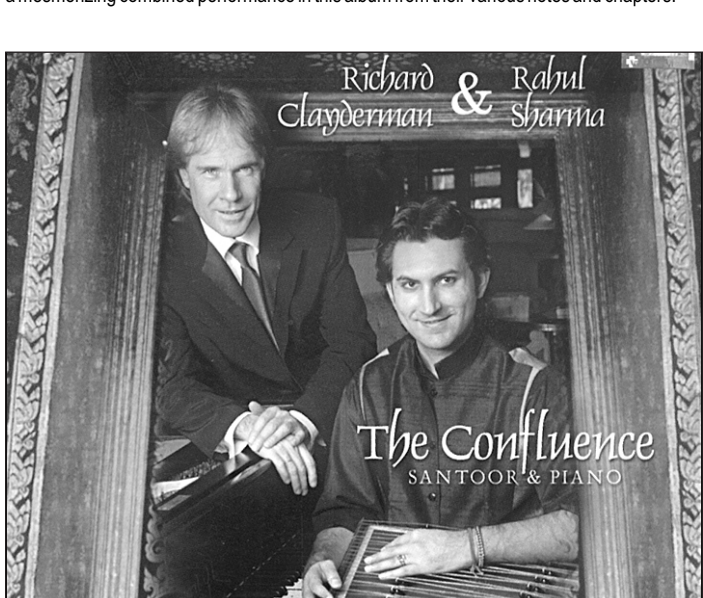


Kink'orrtoobbo Bimoorrh
Folk musical album from band, BANGLA Price: Tk. 100.00
Buno, Anusheh, Amab, Kartik, Shantonu present some of the best compositions of Bangla folk music, in fact, baul songs, but reproduce in their own style with a blend of modern pop music, a total of 13 numbers. Keeping the original tune and composition intact, the band members add new flavour through their unique vocal performance and modern instrumental symphony.

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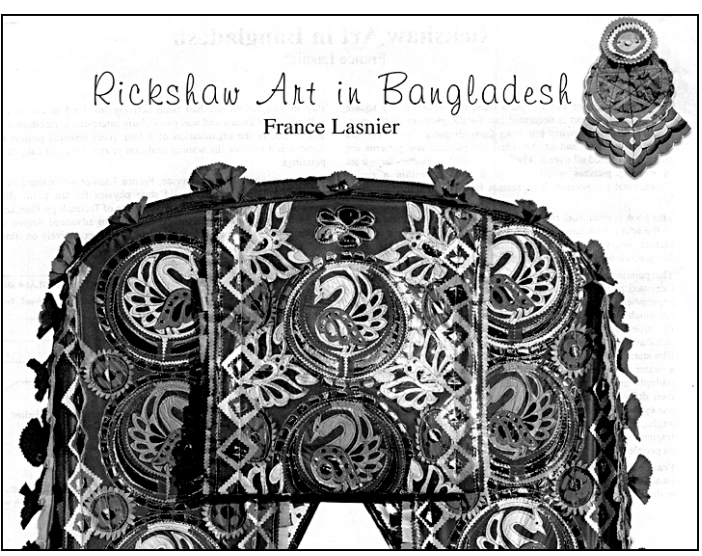
Mystic Mountains
Assorted instrumental recital Price: Tk. 350.00
Renowned Indian instrumentalists, Pandit Ronu Mazumder, a flautist, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, a performer of Santoor and Pandit Nayan Ghosh, who plays with Tabla, present a mesmerizing combined performance in this album from their various notes and chapters.



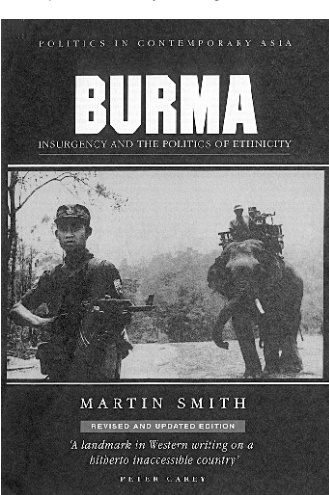
The Confluence
Santoor & Piano Price: Tk. 350.00
Eminent instrumentalists Richard Claydennan and Rahul Sharma present their very best in this album where, in a sense, the east meets the west in a fusion mode. This new set of recordings present mostly, Indian titles, six of which were composed by Rahul Sharma himself.

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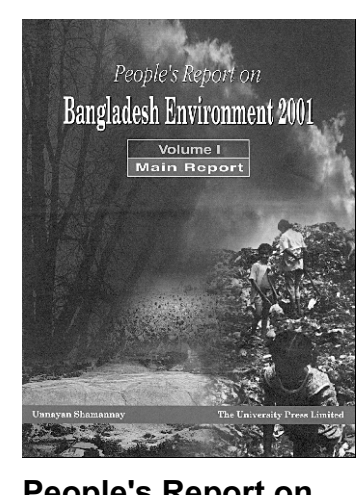
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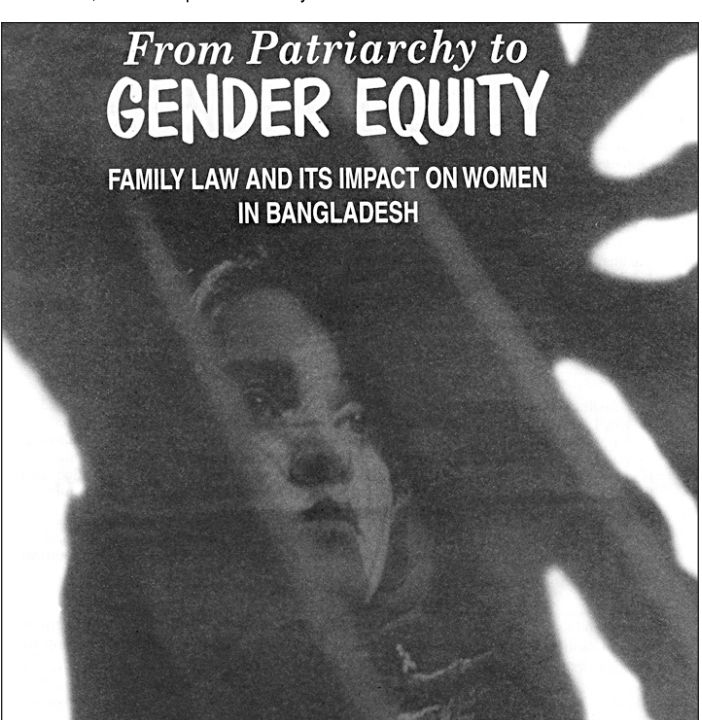
Rickshaw Art in Bangladesh
France Lasnier, Price: Tk. 1000.00
Rickshaws in Dhaka city exhibit a blaze of colours. Every square inch of this transport is decorated just for the pleasure of the eyes. Tassels, tinsel and twirly bits hang from all parts. Plastic flowers sprout in the front and on the sides, and pictures and patterns are painted or pinned all over it. The overall effect is spectacular a set of moving pictures which emerge at random within a multi-dimensional perspective. It represents Bangladesh traffic art at its best. This book is about both rickshaw and baby-taxi paintings and as well as the artists who through joyful primary colours provide a moving picture gallery for the masses and record the socio-political history of Bangladesh for the cultural historian.



Burma
Insurgency and the Politics of Ethnicity
Martin Smith
Price: Tk. 790.00
Burma remains a land in deep crisis. The popular uprising of 1988 swept away 26 years of military rule under General Ne Win in name only. The National League for Democracy of Aung San Suu Kyi won a landslide victory in the 1990 election. But, as this book relates, the military remained in control and the future of Burma looks more problematic than ever. With unparalleled command of largely inaccessible Burmese sources and interviews with many of the leading participants, Martin Smith charts the rise of modern political parties and unravels the complexities of the long-running insurgencies waged by opposition groups, including the Communist Party of Burma, the Karen National Union and a host of other ethnic nationalist movements. It is essential reading for those interested in the conditions giving rise to guerrilla warfare, the character of national liberation movements, and the impact of ethnicity on

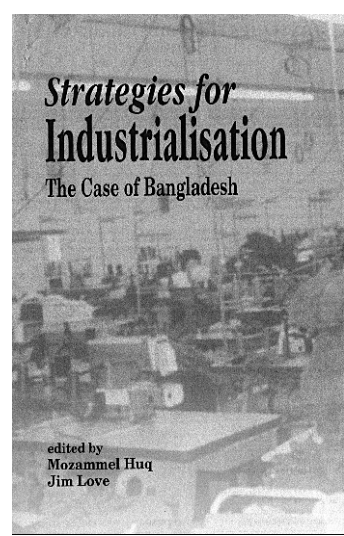


People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001
Volume I: Major Findings: A Synthesis
Editors: M. Mushtaque R Chowdhury, Rasheda K Choudhury, Samir R Nath, Manzoor Ahmed, Mahmudul Alam
Price: Tk. 325.00
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From Patriarchy to Gender Equity
Family Law and Its Impact on Women in Bangladesh
Taslima Mansoor, Price: Tk 550.00
Based on a detailed exposition of family law under the British colonial regime and Pakistani state law, the present study focuses on the more recent Bangladeshi legal developments. These were officially brought about to meet certain social needs and to improve the overall situation of women. However, apart from the reforms concerning the Family Courts Ordinance of 1985, and some glimpses of judicial activism, in reported as unreported cases, the existing family law reforms are shown to be mainly procedural. In particular they appear unable to protect women effectively from violence and economic deprivation. The author argues that, despite some recent reforms purporting to improve their status, their is no real change in the situation of patriarchal domination. It is also argued that the dominant patriarchal structures, with the interlinked forces of religion, tradition and seclusion, are sustained not only in family life but also in family law.

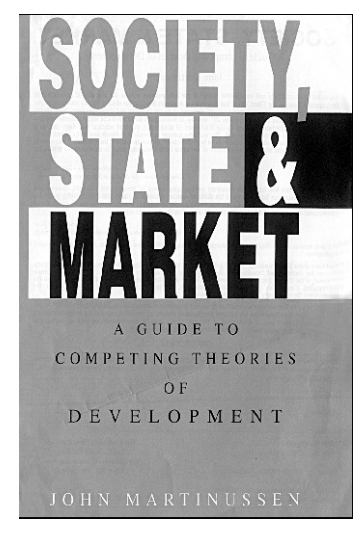
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Strategies for Industrialisation
The Case of Bangladesh
edited by Mozammel Huq, Jim Love
Price: Tk. 495.00
The volume contains a selection of papers generated in the course of a Link Programme on industrialisation between the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. In focusing broadly on the strategy of industrialisation, relevant theoretical and empirical issues are brought forward dealing in particular with external competitiveness and economic development. The issue of technological capability building is also extensively analysed. Another important area covered in the book is the identification of inter-sectoral linkages. Trade liberalisation, exchange rate reforms and export promotion obviously form the main instruments of the industrialisation strategy being pursued by Bangladesh. These issues are extensively covered in three separate papers.

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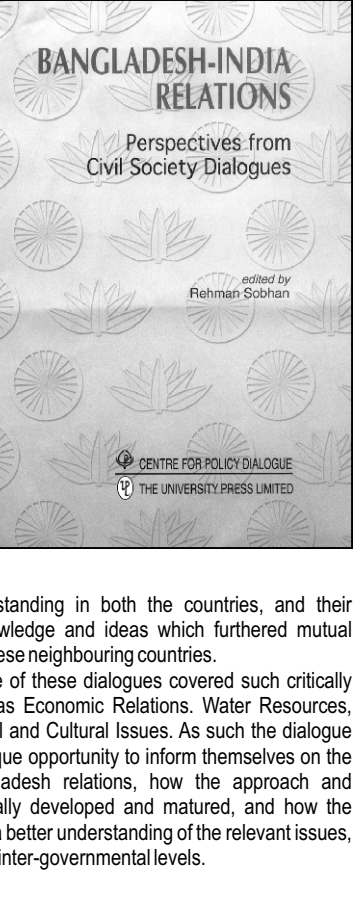
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SOCIETY, STATE & MARKET
A GUIDE TO COMPETING THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT
JOHN MARTINUSSEN
Price: Tk 500.00
Awesome in its coverage and imaginative sweep. It not only portrays vividly the plurality of approaches to development issues in the Third World but also sets out a convincing case for discarding any mono-economic or, for that matter, mono-statist or mono-social perspective on the complex and challenging problems facing the majority of mankind at the close of the 20th century. It should serve as an advanced undergraduate text or a text for beginning graduate students in the disciplines of economics, political science, sociology and as a foundation course in development studies. The multidisciplinary approach of the book and its lucid analysis of the rival perspectives would be a great help to both the clarity of perception and imagination of the serious student of development studies I do not know of any other book which can serve as an alternative text in the areas indicated.

Bangladesh-India Relations

Perspectives from Civil Society Dialogues
edited by Rehman Sobhan
Price: Tk 280.00
This volume covers the outcome from eight Indo-Bangladesh dialogues which spanned over six years, between 1995 and 2001. The dialogues were jointly organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka and the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi. The present volume on Bangladesh-India Relations: Perspectives from Civil Society Dialogues originates in the reports prepared on these dialogues which concentrated on such vital issues of Bangladesh-India bilateral relations as the use of common resources, trade and investment, political and security concerns and socio-cultural relations. Over the years these dialogues were participated in by a number of influential political leaders, representatives of civil society and experts with considerable standing in both the countries, and their deliberations generated a wealth of knowledge and ideas which furthered mutual understanding and cooperation between these neighbouring countries. Issues which were taken up in the course of these dialogues covered such critically important areas of bilateral cooperation as Economic Relations, Water Resources, Political and Security Relations and Social and Cultural Issues. As such the dialogue reports will provide the readers with a unique opportunity to inform themselves on the major problems constraining Indo-Bangladesh relations, how the approach and attitudes to these relevant issues gradually developed and matured, and how the dialogues were able to contribute towards a better understanding of the relevant issues, both at the people to people level and at the inter-governmental levels.



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