

## A true patriot

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fluent and lively with his writing and had the ability and expertise to connect disparate dots, which created curiosity among general people, provoked thoughts, and inspired them to learn more."

Dr Syed Akhtar Mahmood, former lead private-sector specialist at World Bank Group, said, "As the chairman of the regulatory reform commission, he sent a proposal to the government to amend the 1898 Postal Act to make courier services legal. The proposal was accepted, and the law was duly amended."

Dr Mirza MHassan, senior research fellow at BIGD, delivered a presentation on the intellectual legacy of Dr Khan, focusing on analytical approaches and theories that Dr Khan frequently used to reflect on Bangladeshi statecraft, governance reform, and many other topics.

Dr Asif Shaham, associate professor of development studies at Dhaka University, said, "An interesting aspect

of Akbar Ali Khan was that he was both a scholar and a practitioner. He heavily contributed to providing academic explanations for the bureaucratic phenomenon. His work also challenged colonial legacies of thought."

The webinar was chaired by M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, former cabinet secretary and BIGD senior advisor. Scholars, activists, researchers, development professionals, bureaucrats, journalists, and students attended the webinar and expressed their admiration for Dr Khan and his work.

## Govt doing it

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party's anger over police raids at homes of the opposition men, sending them to jail in other cases despite obtaining bail. He said the government is now unable to repay the loans it borrowed from abroad and different agencies.

## Media can help untangle complexities

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The observations were made at a seminar titled "Role of Media in Bangladesh-India Relations: Challenges and Prospects", organised by Jatiya Press Club at its premises yesterday, marking the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence and 68th founding anniversary of the club.

Addressing the inaugural event virtually, Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said Dhaka and Delhi have taken the relationship to new heights in the last decade, by addressing maritime and land boundary issues as well as improving connectivity and trade.

The two countries can solve the complexities through dialogue and play an essential role in regional integration. Media can play an important role to this end, she said.

In his speech as guest

of honour, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam proposed that Bangladesh establish a specialised centre, like a "India Study Institute", to explore all potentials of Indo-Bangla ties. India can also set up a similar institute on Bangladesh.

These centres can provide intellectual guidance on how to further deepen the relations.

He also suggested that the institutes be funded by the private sector.

Anam said the bilateral ties between the two nations are deep, but there are many complexities as well, which need to be addressed through a friendly, cooperative approach.

One of the major concerns for India was security in its northeast, which was rightly addressed by Bangladesh, and such cooperation should continue, he said.

Anam said although the

two countries signed the Ganges Agreement in 1996, the water-sharing issue has not evolved smoothly. The Teesta deal remaining unsigned is frustrating for Bangladesh.

Besides, he requested the Indian journalists not to look at Bangladesh through its relations with any other country.

Stressing on water sharing, Indian Journalists' Union President Geetarthra Pathak said Bangladesh, as a lower riparian country, has the right to get sufficient water from the 54 common rivers, but that is not being ensured.

Bangladesh suffers from both flooding and drought, he said. "I hope journalists of both countries will focus on this issue."

He said in Assam, so-called "illegal infiltrators from Bangladesh" have been made into a big issue because of power politics. If political parties' motives go

against human rights, the media should highlight it.

Pathak said if a society is dominated by its religious identity, there is a high risk that the society will be divided. Journalists of the two countries should work on these issues.

Prothom Alo Joint Editor Sohrab Hossain said political leaders face various obstacles, as they need to make their voters happy, but the media should not give into those forces. They should report objectively.

However, the media sometimes play the religion and nationality card, he said, calling upon journalists to have more collaboration and cooperation.

Press Club of India President Gautam Lahiri

but the media has not properly reported on it. He suggested the media of both countries take a joint initiative of investigation for such issues.

Ekattor TV Editor-in-Chief Mozammel Babu, GTV Editor-in-Chief Syed Ishtiaque Reza, Bhoror Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta, Indian journalist Mohua Chatterjee, Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Elias Khan, Dhaka Union of Journalists President Sohel Haider Chowdhury, senior journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, and Dhaka University International Relations Prof Imtiaz Ahmed also spoke at the event, chaired by Jatiya Press Club President Farida Yasmin.

## It was an eyewash

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and empowering BTRC to cancel the registration if their activities go against the regulation will put them in a bind.

It said it puts foreign companies at risk of surveillance and disincentivises them from operating in Bangladesh.

These concerns –

were not addressed and the finalised draft still retains these provisions.

The BTRC submission to the HC reads, "It was agreed that the Regulation shall be finalised after necessary consideration and/or evaluation of the feedback/input from several concerned stakeholders in this regard."

Yet this commitment to evaluate feedback from stakeholders is not reflected in the meeting minutes.

During the eleventh session, held on September 4, the committee reviewed the definitions of terms like "content", "digital device", "intermediary" and "curated content".

Two weeks later, on September 18, the committee met again for their twelfth session. They discussed and decided that companies that are already registered, do not need to register again. However, it did not speak of doing away with the requirement.

During this meeting, they decided to adopt one feedback made by Global Network Initiatives (GNI), a collective whose members

include Meta, Microsoft, Uber, Zoom, Telenor Group, Yahoo, Google, Nokia, Vodafone, Verizon, Human Rights Watch, Wikimedia, Committee to Protect Journalists and others.

GNI had expressed alarm at the fact that the draft regulation features excessive penalties for violations, including fines of up to Tk 3 billion and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years and targets company personnel.

During the 12th meeting, the committee decided to scrap criminal liability, and include corporate liability instead. The latest draft kept intact provisions for fines if the regulations were violated but removed the ceilings that were mentioned in the previous drafts. Instead, it just added that the "fine should not be excessive".

In addition, during the 12th meeting, the committee dropped the section in the previous draft that forced companies to circumvent end-to-end encryption and identify "first originators" of any content or message sent.

Ten days later, the

committee met for the 13th time, and finalised the draft, leaving key concerns up in the air.

Ashish Kumar Kundu, the director-general (legal and licensing division), who signed the meeting minutes, told this newspaper that many stakeholders were consulted and met with before this draft was finalised.

The commissioner of the division was contacted several times over the phone, but this newspaper was unable to reach him.

## New Recruitment for a Deputy Program Officer or Program Officer at JICA Bangladesh Office

JICA Bangladesh Office invites applications by 10th of November from qualified candidates for the position of Deputy Program Officer or Program Officer to work in the human development sector, including health and humanitarian issues, in the Human Development section of JICA Bangladesh Office. The candidate will also work on public relations (PR), in addition to other works such as training coordination, NGO facilitation, and other activities instructed by the office.

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## Purchase &amp; Procurement Department

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Interested bidders are requested to submit the bids to the Purchase & Procurement Department on November 3, 2022, before 2.00 p.m. The bids will be opened on the same day at 2.30 p.m. in presence of the bidders who wish to remain present.

The University authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.



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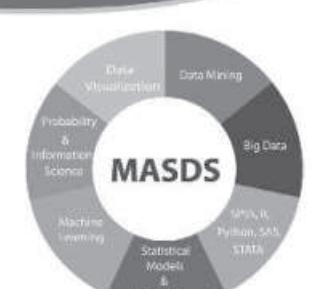
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