

AK Enamul Haque new DG of BIDS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof AK Enamul Haque has been appointed as the director general of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) on March 20.

He succeeded Binayak Sen. Prior to joining BIDS, Enamul Haque was the deputy vice-chancellor of UCSI University Bangladesh Branch campus.

He is an environmental economist with extensive experience in teaching and research within the field of climate change, agriculture, and urban issues in developing countries with a focus on South Asia in general and Bangladesh in particular.



New party 'Jonotar Dol'

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fascism or give space to any form of injustice."

The party promises equal rights and opportunities for all citizens, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or profession.

If elected to power, the party will also enforce a uniform education system for all, grounded in teaching ethics. In

addition, the party will enforce mandatory military training for younger generations.

Their foreign policy strategy will be to establish friendly relations with true allies and ensure diplomatic relations with neighbouring countries, reflecting equality and mutual benefit.

They will also

promote a bicameral parliament and a US-style parliamentary democracy.

Its short-term goal is to get as many seats as it can, but in 10 years it wants to lead the government.

A network of workers from 74 NGOs attended the programme and pledged their support to the party.

Md Akikur Rahman passes away

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Md Akikur Rahman, sponsor director and a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of Southeast Bank PLC, died yesterday. He was 80.

Akikur Rahman was born on February 15, 1945, at Sunarpura in Nabarun, Sylhet, said a press release.

He had been associated with Southeast Bank since its inception as a sponsor director. He also served as the vice chairman of the bank from 2023 to 2024. He was the chairman of RAR Investment Limited and the Dorking Muslim Community Association, UK.



61pc of child-related indicators

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understanding these issues, he added.

Birth registration, a key indicator under Goal 17, also remains far below target. Nationwide, only 40 percent of children under five are registered, with even lower rates in urban areas (32.5 percent). However, informal settlements show higher registration rates of around 75 percent, highlighting stark disparities in access to this essential service, he shared.

"While there may have been some progress in certain areas, the available data reveals significant challenges. These include data gaps concerning trends in health indicators, policy limitations, and weak implementation, all of which impact the well-being and development of children in Bangladesh," said Zafar.

He also highlighted the alarming rise in child fatalities due to drowning, increasing suicidal tendencies (particularly after the pandemic), and traffic accidents involving children.

"The lack of available data from both official and non-governmental sources makes it difficult to assess the true extent of the problem," he said.

He further pointed to three key issues related to gender equality that are

deeply impacting children -- gender parity, child marriage, and gender-based violence.

"Children, particularly those in child labour and domestic work, are disproportionately affected. While the country shows improvement in political empowerment, it lags behind in economic participation, education, and health. If no changes are made, this decline may continue in the future," he added.

He further emphasised that the absence of an integrated, costed plan for children hampers effective resource allocation.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Advocacy Director Jana Goswami presented findings on women's rights indicators, stating that legal advancements have not led to substantial real-world progress.

While the High Court's 2023 ruling, which allowed students to register using only their mother's name, was a positive step, she pointed out that women continue to face discrimination in marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption laws.

Goswami called for the implementation of a Uniform Family Code to ensure equal rights for all women, regardless of

religion. She also said while women's labour force participation has increased to 43.5 percent, wage inequality persists, and the Bangladesh Labor Act (2018) does not yet meet ILO standards.

In politics, while 21 percent of the country's parliamentary seats were held by women in 2024, Goswami explained that the majority of these positions were nominated rather than directly elected.

Additionally, political parties have failed to meet the 2020 mandate requiring one-third female representation in party committees, a pledge that remains unfulfilled.

Goswami also pointed out that gender responsive budgeting has expanded from four ministries to 44. However, she cautioned that without proper monitoring and evaluation, the actual impact on improving women's lives remains unclear.

The speakers also called for simplifying the birth registration process, incorporating the rights of Dalit women and children, addressing the needs of children of sex workers, and focusing on the struggles faced by hijras and the gender-diverse population.

Consensus commission denies

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confirmed that BNP had assured the commission it would submit its feedback within the next couple of days. "We are waiting, and we hope they will share their opinions within the next day or two," he said.

Regarding discussions with the National Citizen Party, he said no meetings with students would take place in the next few days. "If we receive their opinions, the NCP will be among the parties we engage with after Eid," he added.

Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami, led by its Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar, submitted its feedback yesterday. This brings the total number of parties that have responded to 16, while 22, including BNP and NCP, are yet to submit their views.

Parwar said Jamaat had held multiple discussions before finalising its submission, which includes recommendations for ensuring free and fair elections through a proportional representation system.

Meanwhile, Comfort Ero, president and chief executive of the International Crisis Group, met Prof Riaz at the commission's office in the Parliament complex yesterday to discuss the commission's progress.

Prof Riaz confirmed that discussions with political parties are ongoing to build national consensus on reforms. The commission aims to hold dialogues with at least four more parties before Eid, with further discussions to follow after the holiday.

Several local polls

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the existing regulations and the commission's reform proposals. If the commission decides to cancel all of them, then they will be cancelled."

Regarding the management of polling stations, the EC said, "Today, we discussed various details related to polling station management. There are still aspects that need further review."

Speaking on the court's verdict regarding the public notice for the registration of new political parties, the EC said, "We have learned from the media that a writ petition has been filed on this matter. However, we have not yet received any official documents. Once the court issues a ruling, we will understand the content of the petition and determine the necessary steps to take."

State must move

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accountability, saying those in leadership during the Awami League's tenure must be held responsible.

He highlighted the UN's recommendation that no members of the army, DGFI, Rab, police, Ansar, or BGB involved in the 2024 violence should be deployed in UN peacekeeping missions.

The UN report also emphasises the need for an independent civil society and media, particularly focusing on environmental issues. It proposes urgent

reforms in five key areas: accountability and justice, security forces, civil rights and democracy, political systems, and economic governance.

Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD; Tamanna Haq Riti, coordinator of Ain o Salish Kendra; Md Borkot Ali, director of BLAST; Rowshan Ara, member of Naripokkho; and Zakir Hossain, chief executive of Nagorik Uddhyog, were among those present at the event.

Man to die

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her home around 6:00am on October 1, 2017. When she did not return after a long time, her family began searching for her. At one point, Rafiqul called them and informed them that the child was in his custody. When they arrived at the location, they found her dead.

Rafiqul later admitted to killing the girl after raping

her, citing previous enmity as the motive.

Following the filing of a case, police arrested Rafiqul, who later confessed to his crimes before a magistrate.

The tribunal framed charges against him on May 15, 2019.

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Invitation for e-Tender

Tender Not. Memo No. 46.03.0300.000.99.001.24-1025 Date: 20/03/2025

1	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs.
2	Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3	Project Name	Safe water supply and development of sanitation system through various technologies in the Upazilas of Bandarban district.
4	e-Tender IDs	IDs No: 1089063, 1089626, 1089637, 1089638, 1089641, 1089642, 1089643, 1089645, 1089646, 1089648.
5	Description of works:	Installation of Test Tube well & Production (150mm X 100mm dia) Tube Well at Different Upazila in Bandarban district.
6	Name, Designation & Address of official Inviting Tender	Engr. Anupam Dey, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Bandarban Hill District.
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Sl. No.	Tender ID, Package No. & Date of Publishing	Name of Work	Last Selling and Closing Date & Time.
01	Tender ID: 1088311 e-GP/Rev-49/MRD/2024-2025 & APP ID: 204724, Publishing: 19-Mar-2025 11:45	Repair of Door, Window & Replacement of Corrugated Galvanized Iron Sheet with necessary Fittings of Different Residential Building (Staff Quarter) Under Mymensingh Road Division During the Year 2024-2025.	08-Apr-2025; 17:00 09-Apr-2025; 13:00

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