

Launching of Brattyajan Resource Centre (BRC) and Books

Dedicated to building research-based strategies to address exclusion and marginalization challenges in Bangladesh

May 28, 2022

Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium, Chameli House,
17 Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000



Organized by

Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD)
and Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)



Dear Madam/Sir,

Dedicated to the marginalized and excluded communities of Bangladesh, a long-cherished national entity, Brattyajan Resource Centre (BRC), is being officially launched on 28 May 2022 (Saturday). Launching of 11 books and monographs and a documentary film on marginalized communities is also piggybacked with the event. Society for Environment and human Development (SEHD), Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and partners have been working closely with the marginalized and excluded communities who are among the poorest, facing insurmountable difficulties, invisible and are left behind. Bangladesh has made commendable achievements in addressing the challenges of poverty, but there is need for right actions for them to migrate out of their current situation.

With strategies and concrete knowledge outputs in hand and active participation of the state and non-state organizations, BRC anchored in SEHD and PPRC, will fill the gaps with strategic tools, research-based group- and issue-specific agenda formulation, capacity building and skills sharing among others. A precise goal of BRC interventions is to concretely contribute to the protection of the marginalized and excluded communities and assist them in all possible ways to become equal and dignified citizens of the country.

Eminent economist, Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, will be present as the chief guest at the event. Special guests at the event are Dr. Lilly Nicholls, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh; Jeremy Opriteco, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh; Khushi Kabir, coordinator, Nijera Kori & Bangladesh coordinator, One Billion Rising; and Prof. Golam Rahman, former chief information commissioner and editor, Ajker Kagoj. Representatives of the marginalized communities from across Bangladesh will also speak to share their community experience .

You are cordially invited to the launching event

Philip Gain
Director,SEHD

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman
PPRC Executive Chairman,

PROGRAM

Inaugural Session

09:00 *Registration, information fair and tea*

10:00 *Welcome note*

Prof. Tanzimuddin Khan, University of Dhaka and member, SEHD

10.10 *Keynote address*

Philip Gain, Director, SEHD

10.30 *Community voices*

Rambhajan Kairi, executive adviser, Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union

Saud Khan, Bede leader, Munshiganj

Eugin Nokrek, president, Joyenshahi Adibashi Unnayan Parishad

Zuam Lian Amlai, human rights activist, Chittagong Hill Tracts

Lelung Khumi, human rights activist, Chittagong Hill Tracts

Aleya Akhter Lily, president, Sex Workers' Network

Milon Kumar Das, executive director, PARITTRAN

Krishna Lal Sarker, president, Bangladesh Horijan Yokkho Parishad

M. Shoukat Ali, general secretary, Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee

Ivan Ahmed Katha, Shachetan Hijra Adhikar Shangha

11:30 **Book Launch**

11:40 *Special Guests*

Khushi Kabir, coordinator, Nijera Kori & Bangladesh coordinator, One Billion Rising

Prof. Golam Rahman, former chief information commissioner and editor, Ajker Kagoj.

Jeremy Opriteco, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh

Dr. Lilly Nicholls, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh

12:20 *Chief Guest:* Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, eminent economist

12.35 *Chair:* Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman, PPRC

12: 45 Brief cultural performance

1:30 Lunch

Open Forum

02:30 Research-based productions and their use

Chair: A K Sheram, Researcher and writer

Kicking of the discussion: Mr. Tapan Datta, vice president, Bangladesh Trade Union Centre and Mr. Sunil Biswas, president, Protik Theatre, Deundi Tea Garden, Hobiganj

Open discussion

Facilitator: Philip Gain, director, SEHD

04:30 Closing tea



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