

**1. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Chairman, Unnayan Sammanyay, Dhaka, and Former
Governor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka**

Dr. Rahman has been a renowned economist in his varied roles as a University Professor, researcher, banker and a leader in pro-poor, environment-friendly and gender-sensitive development paradigm. Prior to his assumption of the office of the Governor, he was a Professor of Economics in the Department of Development Studies (2006-2009), University of Dhaka, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shamunnay, a centre for excellence in development research in Bangladesh. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Unnayan Shamannay, a non-profit organization for research, development and cultural learning. His previous roles also include Director of Sonali Bank, the largest commercial bank in Bangladesh, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Janata Bank, the second largest commercial bank in the country and a long tenure as a Senior Research Fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). He conducted various research works on economic development and published extensively on the micro-finance revolution in Bangladesh. For many years, Dr. Rahman also steered the Credit Development Forum (CDF) in Bangladesh as Chairman. He has been a known public face advocating for more humane development including pro-poor participatory budgeting. He is considered an authority on matters related to the fiscal budget in Bangladesh.

2. **Amb. Riewad V Warjri, IFS (Retd.)** is a career diplomat and a retired Officer of the Indian Foreign Service. He is presently serving as an Independent Director on various boards and committees. He also lectures in Universities and Colleges in the North East Region on International Affairs, Trade and development etc.

**3. Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Dhaka University, and Executive Director, SANEM,
Dhaka**

Dr. Selim Raihan is Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). He holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, UK. He is the Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Manchester, UK. He is the alumni of the Harvard University's program on "Cutting Edge of Development Thinking". Dr Raihan possesses vast expertise in empirical research on international trade, economic growth, poverty, labour market, macroeconomic policies, political economy, and climate change issues. He has worked quite extensively on applied economics, especially assessing impacts of trade and economic policies, using country-specific and global Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, and micro and macro-econometric modelling and estimation techniques. He has a long experience in teaching international trade, economic modelling, quantitative economics, econometrics, development economics, and poverty dynamics. He has more than 15 years of experience in conducting international and national training programmes on economic modelling in various countries, including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Dr Raihan has published several journal articles, books, book chapters and working papers.

4. Ms. Jahnabi Phookan, President, FICCI FLO

Jahnabi Phookan is the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), women's wing of the apex industry body, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). Representing over 8000 women entrepreneurs and professionals, FLO works aggressively towards promoting economic empowerment and equal opportunities for women. As President of FLO, Jahnabi leads the organisation, in its focus towards establishing new growth avenues of empowering women with entrepreneurship capabilities and professional excellence that will enable them to take up new challenges and avail new opportunities in the digital age.

Jahnabi is an entrepreneur, a co-founder of two National Tourism Award-winning companies: Jungle Travels India and Assam Bengal Navigation Company under JTI Group. Her companies are encompassed in travel & hospitality – boutique river cruising, a small group specialised tours, tea and textiles – all of which empower young people's livelihoods, especially women and their communities.

She has been a member of the National Board of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) under the Ministry of Small Medium Micro Enterprises (MSME) since 2012. As an alumna of the US Govt Exchange Program, she has been the US Citizens Warden for Assam since 2011. Jahnabi is a graduate from Calcutta University with a PG from Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Delhi. She is also an alumnus of Indiana University USA.

5. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Commissioner, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, Dhaka

Dr. Mizanur Rahman is a Commissioner of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, the apex regulatory body of Bangladesh's capital market. He is also a member of Bangladesh Financial Reporting Council (FRC), which is an independent government regulatory body of accounting, auditing and actuarial professions in Bangladesh.

Earlier Dr. Rahman was a Professor of Accountancy & Public Policy in the Department of Accounting & Information Systems of the University of Dhaka. He was also the Executive Director of Center for Accounting and Capital Market Development (ACMD) in the University of Dhaka. ACMD began its operations on 1 March 2012 receiving a grant from the World Bank and evolved as a national think-tank for capital market development in Bangladesh. He was also the founding Director of Master of Accountancy in Taxation, a graduate program for capacity building for accountants and tax professionals, in the University of Dhaka. Dr. Rahman was also the Project Director of Dhaka University Technology Transfer Office (DUTTO). DUTTO was an initiative of the World Bank and the Government of Bangladesh in the University of Dhaka and envisioned to become a Center of Excellence for developing innovation ecosystem in Bangladesh.

6. Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Professor, Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, President of the Marketing Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka

Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar PhD is the best professor of Marketing in Bangladesh. He is the Director of the Asian Center for Development and also the President of the Marketing Society

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7. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Center Head, Neighbourhood Studies, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), India

Dr. Sreeradha Datta is Centre Head & Senior Fellow, Neighbourhood Studies, Vivekananda International Foundation. With a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, her research focus is on India's foreign policy, with emphasis on relations with India's neighbourhood and South Asian regional security. Formerly, director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, she has also been a Fellow with Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. Her publications include books, *Caretaking Democracy: Political Process in Bangladesh, 2006-08*, *Bangladesh: A Fragile Democracy*, *The Northeast Complexities and its Determinants*, *Changing Dynamics in Southeast Asia*, *Drug menace in South Asia: Pakistan connections*, an Occasional Paper, and co-edited volumes on *Political Economy of India's North-East Border*, *Changing Security Dynamics in South East Asia* besides, over 100 articles in journals, edited volumes and newspaper and academic websites. Amongst other distinctions, she has been recipient of international fellowships including at German Institute of Global Affairs, Distinguished Indian Scholar Series University of Taiwan, International Leadership Visitors Programme, at USA, awarded the Shelton Kodikara Award for South Asian Strategic Studies.

8. Dr. Prabir De, Professor, ASEAN-India Center, RIS, New Delhi / Kolkata

Prabir De is a Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). He is also the Coordinator of ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS. De works in the field of international economics and has research interests in international trade and development. He was a visiting Fellow of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo; and visiting Senior Fellow of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok. He has been conducting policy research for the Government of India and several international organisations. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Jadavpur University, Calcutta. He has contributed several research papers in international journals and written books on trade and development. He is the Editor of *The South Asia Economic Journal*, published by Sage.

9. Mr. Sahidul Hasan Khokon, Director, Centre for Bangladesh-India Relations, Dhaka. He is also Bangladesh Correspondent at TV TODAY NETWORK LTD (INDIA TODAY GROUP)