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Seminar on Bangladesh begins in India

NEW DELHI, Mar. 7.—A two-day seminar on "society, polity and economy of Bangladesh" began at the Jawaharlal Nehru University here today, reports BSS.

A large number of delegates from Calcutta, Jaipur, Delhi and six from Bangladesh are participating in the seminar sponsored by the Centre for South, Central, South-east Asian and South-West Pacific Studies, South Asian Division of the School of International Studies of the JNU.

Prof. YK Alagh, Vice-Chancellor, JNU, inaugurated the seminar which was also addressed by Bangladesh High Commissioner Farooq Sobhan.

Mr. Sobhan said with increasing interactions between the people of different spheres in the two countries, the Indo-Bangladesh relations

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were poised to move in to a better period. He suggested that similar seminars could be held in Dhaka where scholars from India would deliberated on various aspects of Indo-Bangladesh relations with a view to bridging the disagreements.

In the first working session after the inauguration, papers were read by Prof. A.F. Salahuddin (Bangladesh) on "nationalism and democracy on trial: the Bangladeshi scenario", Dr. Ranbir Samaddar (India) on "structural elements of nationalism in Bangladesh", Prof. Syed Anwar Hussain (Bangladesh) on "challenges of democratic governance in Bangladesh", Prof. Anirudha Gupta (India) on "Bangladesh: culture and politics", Dr. Rangalal Sen (Bangladesh) on "the theoretical and social framework of the movement for democracy in Bangladesh, 1882-92", Prof. Dr. Anisuzzaman (Bangladesh) on "religion and politics in Bangladesh" and Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed (Bangladesh) on "the tribals of Chittagong Hill Tracts".