

Life-sketch

Dr. M. N. Huda, a renowned economist of the country, was born in 1919 in Tangail. He was all through a scholar from primary to degree level. He stood first among all Honours graduates of the Dacca University in 1940 and was awarded the Raja Kalinarayan Scholarship. He obtained first position in the First Class in the M.A. Examination in Economics of the Dacca University in 1941.

He did Ph. D. Degree in Agricultural Economics from the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA, in 1949.

The same year, Dr. M. N. Huda joined the Dacca University as Reader in Economics. Later he was appointed Professor of Economics.

While in the University, he acted as Proctor, Provost and Dean at different times. In 1962, he was appointed Member, Planning Commission of the erstwhile Government of Pakistan.

He was appointed Minister for Finance and Planning, Government of the then East Pakistan, in 1965.

Dr. Huda was appointed Governor of erstwhile East Pakistan in March 1969.

He resumed teaching in the Dacca University as Professor of Economics in July, 1969. He was appointed Chairman, Department of Economics, and Chairman, Bureau of Economic Research; and elected Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Dacca University.

Dr. Huda was associated with several economic bodies of the then Pakistan from 1942 to 1962. He was appointed Member of the Taxation Enquiry Committee and the Credit Enquiry Commission. He was appointed by the erstwhile Pakistan Planning Commission a member of the Panel of Economists for the First and the Second Five-Year Plans. He was elected President of the Pakistan Economic Association in 1965 and was President of the Bangladesh Economic Association during 1976.

Dr. M. N. Huda was appointed Member of the Council of Advisers to the President in 1975 and was in charge of the Ministries of Commerce and Planning. He also held additional charge of the Ministry of Finance for sometime. In 1979 (Continued on page 12 col 2)

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he was appointed Minister for Finance. He was appointed Adviser to the President in early 1980.

Dr. M. N. Huda was appointed Vice-President on November 24, 1981.

He attended several national and international conferences of ECAFE, UNESCO, Institute of International Affairs, etc, and visited many countries of the world.

There are to his credit 18 research works and publications on economics.