

M N Huda sworn in as Vice-President

Dr Mirza Nurul Huda was sworn in as Vice-President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at a simple ceremony in Dacca at Bangabhaban on Tuesday morning, reports BSS.

President Abdus Sattar administered the oath of office of Vice-President to Dr. Huda.

Prior to his appointment as Vice-President, Dr. Huda was the adviser to the President.

The ceremony held at the credential room of the Bangabhaban was attended, among others by Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman.

Dr. Huda became Presidential Adviser in charge of Ministries

of Planning and Commerce after the changes of November 7, 1975. He was made Finance Minister in 1979.

Later he was made an Adviser to the President and held that post till his elevation to the office of Vice-President. He was also made Governor of the then East Pakistan in March 1969.

LIFE SKETCH

Dr. Mirza Nurul Huda, a renowned economist of the country was born in Tangail in 1919.

Dr Huda had although a brilliant academic career. He stood first among all honours graduates of the University of Dacca in 1940 and was awarded Raza Kalinarayan scholarship. He stood first in the first class in the Masters of Arts examination in economics of the University of Dacca in 1941.

He did his Ph.D degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University Ithaca, New York, USA in 1949.

Dr. Huda joined the University of Dacca as Reader in Economics in 1949. Later he was appointed Professor of economics in the same University.

While in the university, he

acted as proctor, provosts of residential halls and dean at different times.

In 1962, he was appointed member of the Planning Commission Government of Pakistan. He was appointed Minister for Finance and Planning of the then East Pakistan government in 1965.

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

Dr Huda was associated with several economic committees of Pakistan. He was appointed member of the Taxation Enquiry Committee, the Credit Enquiry Commission and Panel of Economists for the first and the second Five Year Plans of Pakistan.

He was elected President of the Pakistan Economists Association in 1964 and was elected again President of the Bangladesh Economic Association in 1976.

Dr Huda was appointed Member of the Council of Advisers to the President in 1975 and held the charges of ministries of Commerce and Planning. He also held additional charge of the Ministry of Finance for some time. He was appointed Minister for Finance in 1979 and in early 1980 he was appointed Adviser to the President and held the office till his appointment today as the Vice-President of the country.

Dr Huda attended several national and international conference ECAFE, UNESCO and Institute on International Affairs and visited many countries of the world.

Dr Huda has eighteen research works and publications on economics to his credit.

Dr Huda is married and has one son and two daughters. His wife, Mrs. Kulsum Huda, daughter of former Speaker of the Pakistan constituent assembly, late Moulvi Tamizuddin Khan is an Assistant Professor of the Department of Economics of the University of Dacca.