

## Press Release

### **Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Chennai celebrated Glorious Victory Day**

**Chennai, 16 December 2023:** Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Chennai celebrated the Victory Day of Bangladesh with due respect and fervor on 16 December 2023 (Saturday). The Mission organized a 'Creative Content/Presentation Contest' in association with the "Avichi College of Arts and Science", Chennai on the theme 'Branding Bangladesh'.

Events also included a scintillating cultural program, screening of documentaries followed by distribution of prizes among the winners of the said Contest and refreshments. Dr. K. Manivasan IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism, Culture & Religious Endowments Department, Mr. Venkatachalam IFS, Head of Ministry of External Affairs Branch Secretariat in Chennai, Mr. AVM K. Shanmugam, Secretary of the College and Bangladeshi nationals living in Chennai graced the program.

Dr. Bhuma Natesan, Principal of the college congratulated Bangladesh and its people on the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Victory. Dr. K. Manivasan IAS, in his speech, admired the contribution of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the journey of Bangladesh's independence and congratulated for the developments in the socioeconomic sector at a breathtaking pace.

The Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Shelley Salehin in his remarks paid deep homage to the memory of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and His family members and 30 lakh martyrs of the Great War of Independence for their supreme sacrifices. He remembered the undisputed leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the emergence of Bangladesh as a sovereign and independent country and beyond. He also gratefully recalled the support which India had extended during Bangladesh's struggle for freedom and the supreme sacrifices made by Indian soldiers who fought alongside the freedom fighters. He also highlighted that under the able leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has built a vibrant economy, a stable democracy and secular society.

A special program was also held at the chancery premises. The Deputy High Commissioner paid deep tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing floral wreaths on his portrait. The Mission officials read out the messages issued by Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Foreign Affairs on the eve of the Victory Day. This was followed by an open discussion. The officials remembered the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family, as well as the fearless freedom fighters for the Liberation of Bangladesh. Lights were also shed on the current development of Bangladesh in socioeconomic indices under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. A special 'Dua' was performed at the end of the program.

