

Biography of Professor Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal



Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal, retired Professor of History, University of Dhaka, was born in Dhaka in 1957. He obtained Secondary School Certificate from Dhaka Collegiate School (1971 batch) and Higher Secondary Certificate from Dhaka College (1973 batch). After studying Psychology at Dhaka University for 1 year he was awarded a scholarship to study History in Moscow, former USSR. He obtained his Graduation and Master's degrees (along with a one-year-course course on Russian language) in History in 1981 from the Peoples' Friendship University, Moscow, followed by PhD in Soviet Historiography in 1985 from the same university.

Ahmed A. Jamal taught History at the University of Dhaka from 1987 to 2022. He also taught at the Brac University as an adjunct faculty, served as an occasional resource person at the National Defense College (NDC) and Foreign Service Academy, Bangladesh. His academic interest is mostly focused on issues related to the local and global perspectives of the Liberation War of Bangladesh, Soviet history and historiography, Bangladesh-Soviet relations, Fascism and Nazism and others. Dr. Jamal also conducted a number of research studies on non-formal education in Bangladesh. He was a member of the Editorial Board of *Banglapedia*, the National Encyclopedia of Bangladesh (Second Edition). He also edited two editions of *Junior Banglapedia*, an encyclopedia for young adults (in both Bangla and English), published by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. He also served as the Managing Editor of *Banglapedia* online version during 2014-2015.

Ahmed A. Jamal participated in many workshops and seminars on academic and social development issues at home and abroad. He was a Fulbright scholar at the New York University, USA, in 2004 and a Visiting Fellow at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India in 2005.

Ahmed A. Jamal has been actively involved in managing academic institutions and organizing scholarly activities. He was the Joint-Secretary of *Bangladesh Itihas Samiti* (History Association) for two terms and is currently serving as its President.

Dr. Jamal served as the Secretary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, then as its General Secretary (executive head) and later as Vice-President.

Ahmed A. Jamal worked as the Treasurer of the Central Women's University, Dhaka. He is currently serving as a full-time member of Bangladesh Accreditation Council.