

Short Biography of Ms. Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury
Deputy High Commissioner,
Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Mumbai, India

Ms. Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury is a career diplomat currently serving as the Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Mumbai, India. She has had a distinguished career in the Bangladesh Foreign Service, marked by significant contributions to both bilateral and multilateral diplomacy.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as Minister (Political) at the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a role she assumed in September 2022. Before that, she held key position in policy formulation and diplomatic training as Director of the Foreign Service Academy and also contributed as the Director of the SAARC and BIMSTEC Wing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

Earlier, Ms. Chowdhury served as Counsellor at the Bangladesh High Commission in Ottawa, Canada and as First Secretary/Counsellor at the Bangladesh Embassy in Paris, France. During her tenure in Paris, she was also designated as Deputy Permanent Delegate (DPD) to UNESCO (2013–2017). In this capacity, she played an active role in negotiations at key UNESCO meetings, contributing to Bangladesh's engagement in global policy discussions.

Since joining MOFA in 2008, Ms. Chowdhury has served in a range of specialized wings, including Americas and Pacific, Europe, International Organizations, South Asia, and Protocol. She has represented Bangladesh in numerous bilateral and multilateral forums, actively shaping the country's diplomatic engagements. Her experience at UNESCO, spanning over four and a half years, deepened her expertise in multilateral diplomacy, where she played a key role in negotiation processes on international cultural, scientific, and educational policies.

Ms. Chowdhury holds a postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Public Administration from L'École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Strasbourg, France, where she graduated with distinction. She also holds a B.A. (Honors) and M.A. in English Literature from the University of Dhaka. Her academic excellence was evident early in her life—she secured 4th place in the Combined Merit List in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examination (1995) and 5th place in the Combined Merit List in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination (1993).

Fluent in Bangla, English, French, and Hindi, Ms. Chowdhury has leveraged her linguistic skills to navigate complex diplomatic negotiations and foster international cooperation. She has also participated in numerous diplomatic training programs abroad, further enriching her professional acumen.

Beyond her professional commitments, she is deeply interested in soft power diplomacy, recognizing its potential to promote country's interests and values through cultural and economic exchange, building trust and understanding between countries, and contributing to conflict resolution.

In her personal life, Ms. Chowdhury is married and blessed with two children.

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