



**Professor Dr. Syed Hadiuzzaman**  
(1940- 2023)

Professor Dr. Syed Hadiuzzaman, nationally and internationally reputed plant scientist, was born on March 02, 1940. He completed his M.Sc. from the Department of Botany, University Dhaka in 1963 and Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, U.K. in 1973. Professor Hadiuzzaman joined as a Lecturer in the Department of Botany, University of Dhaka in 1964, and retired as a professor in the same Department in 2005. In the Department of Botany at the University of Dhaka, Professor Hadiuzzaman and Professor A.S. Islam as well as Professor M. Mozammel Haque were able to start teaching and conducting research on Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology. He was one of the founder members of Bangladesh Association of Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology (BAPTC&B).

Both as General Secretary and President of the Bangladesh Association of Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology (BAPTC&B), as well as the President of the Bangladesh Botanical Society, Professor Hadiuzzaman carried out his professional duties with distinction. He was consultant of different national and international organizations such Ministry of Environment and FAO, in the area of Biosafety and Agricultural biotechnology in Bangladesh. He served as director Arboriculture Centre of Dhaka University and member of the Editorial board of the Dhaka University Journal of Biological Sciences.

He was a Life Member of Bangladesh Botanical Society; Bangladesh Association of Plant Tissue Culture & Biotechnology as well as Member of a good number learned Scientific Societies from home and abroad. Right from the inception of the Bangladesh Botanical Society (BBS) and Bangladesh Association for Plant Tissue Culture & Biotechnology (BAPTC&B) Professor Hadiuzzaman availed the rare opportunity to serve these two societies (BBS and BAPTC&B) in their Executive well as Editorial Committees (at different capacities). He also actively helped the Bangladesh Botanical Society and BAPTC&B in arranging a good number of National and International Conferences.

Professor Hadiuzzaman taught Bryophyta, Pteridophyta, Plant Breeding and Plant Tissue Culture & Biotechnology in B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. classes. He supervised scores of M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D. thesis students. Under his able supervision as many as 10 candidates were awarded Ph.D. degree by the University of Dhaka, more so he acted as the Ph.D. External examiner of different Universities of Bangladesh. During his active services in the department he published over 100 research articles in Plant Breeding and Plant Tissue Culture in reputed National and International Science Journals.

Professor Hadiuzzaman breathed his last on 10 October 2023. He has left behind his wife and two daughters. He is laid to rest in the Family graveyard, at Shatkhira. May Almighty Allah rest his departed soul in eternal peace in Zannatul Ferdous.

Ameen.