

Profile of Mr. M. Fazlur Rahman

Chairman, Board of Directors

Mr. M. Fazlur Rahman assumed the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Janata Bank PLC on September 18, 2024. He had earlier served as Chairman of the Board of Agrani Bank from 2003 to 2006. Since 2015, he has also been serving as the Vice Chairman of the Trustee Board of Pundra University of Science and Technology. In addition, he chairs the Editorial Board of *The Weekly Saradina*.

Mr. Rahman joined the Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP) in 1970 and served until 2003. He was Secretary of the Ministries of Science and Technology, Health, and later the Planning Division, where he also served as Member (Programming, SEI) of the Planning Commission. Prior to these, he was Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Division, ERD, and Health Ministry, and served as Joint Secretary in the President's Secretariat, Cabinet Division, and the Ministries of Health and Commerce. He served as Deputy Commissioner of Jashore (1979–1981) and as Private Secretary to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman (1976–1979).

Alongside his administrative career, Mr. Rahman has pursued continuous professional development. In 1989, he completed the Managing Public Enterprises (MPE) program at the University of Manchester. He also participated in the JHUCCP program of the Johns Hopkins University and undertook a short-term training with the National Audit Office (NAO) in the UK. He attended the International Conference on Local Government at BARD, Cumilla in 1982 and the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994.

Building on this exposure, Mr. Rahman led economic negotiation teams in Canada and Japan and engaged in high-level consultations with international organizations such as UNICEF, the World Bank, WHO, UNFPA, focusing on health and family welfare.

For his contributions to the national polio eradication effort in Bangladesh, Rotary International honored him with the PHE award and decoration.

Beyond his civil service responsibilities, Mr. Rahman has made substantial contributions to national institutions and voluntary organizations. He served as Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts from 2000 to 2008 and held the position of Managing Director at Ahsania Mission Cancer and Hospital from 2006 to 2009. For his credit, he received highest award in Scouting in Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand and Japan.

Born on February 21, 1946, in Bogura, Mr. Rahman earned his B.Sc. (Hons) (1965) and M.Sc. (1966) in Physics from the University of Dhaka. In 1982, he received a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, supported by a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

Mr. Rahman has also made intellectual and literary contributions. He co-authored the book *Television* (1969) with Rafi Ahmed and authored *Particle Accelerator* (1977), both published by Bangla Academy. Additionally, he presented a paper on family planning at ICOMP in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rahman has travelled extensively for official assignments and professional engagements. His country-visits includes Australia, Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Macao, China, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, South Africa, Mauritius, Bhutan, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, and Greece.

Mr. Rahman is the son of Saferuddin Mondal and Zobeda Khatoon. He is married to Ayesha Shireen Rahman, a retired Professor of Physics. They have three children—two sons and a daughter.