

Currency

Taka

1 Euro= 62 Taka

Useful links on BD

General info -

www.virtualbangladesh.com/bd_tour.html

<http://www.bangla2000.com/Bangladesh>

Web directory of BD sites

<http://www.bangla.lookscool.com/>

TV and Radio of BD

<http://www.homeviewbangladesh.com/>

Rashid(Harun, MME)'s personal web

<http://www.geocities.com/aburaihanrashid>

Webpage of Mahfujur(Tipu, MME)

<http://student.dcu.ie/~rahmanm5/index.html>

Food

Rice is the principal food taken along with fish, meat, vegetable etc. Characterised by spicy flavour, Bangladeshi food- more widely known as a genre of Indian food- has been liked very much by Europeans. Actually most of the Indian restaurants across Europe are owned and run by Bangladeshis. Here goes the addresses of some prominent Bangladeshi restaurants in Dublin:

Tulsi, 17a Lower Baggot Street, D2,

Tel: 01-676 4578

Jamuna, 157 Lower Drumcondra Rd, D9,

Tel: 01-8573000

Surma, Lower Camden St., Tel: 01-4755011

Eastern Balti, South William St.,

Tel: 01-6710428

Recipe

Selected recipes from mouth-watering Bangladeshi cuisine available online at:
<http://www.freewebs.com/bdie/Recipe.html>
This site is specially built on the occasion of International day 2003, DCU.

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Bangladesh at a Glance



International Day



Dublin City University

24 March 2003

Organised by

International Office, DCU

Republic of Ireland

Full Country Name

The People's Republic of Bangladesh
<http://www.bangladeshgov.org/>
Bangladesh Govt. official website

Location

Between 20°34' and 26°38' north latitude and 88°01' and 92°41' east Longitude
Southern Asia, bordering the Bay of Bengal, between Burma (Myanmar) and India.

Area

147,570 sq km (55,598 sq miles), almost twice the land area of Ireland.

Population

137.4 millions; roughly 35 times Irish population!

Women Empowerment

Constitutionally equal opportunity, right & suffrage guaranteed for everybody irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion and else. Be noted- the present prime minister and the opposition leader- both are women.

Freedom of Press

The press enjoys absolute freedom like Ireland, France, UK, USA and other liberal democracies.

Government

Parliamentary Democracy

Ethnicity

Bengalis (98%, often said as Bangalis), a small number of tribal people live basically in hilly areas.

Languages

Bangla (often known as Bengali)-mother language, *English* used as second language and taught from primary school.

Religion

Muslim (89%); Hindu (10%); Buddhists, Christians and etc (1%)

Geography

The largest delta in the world criss-crossed by hundreds of rivers. Hilly in southeast.

Weather

Tropical; mild *winter* (October to March); hot, humid *summer* (March to June); humid, warm rainy *monsoon* (June to October). Flooding is common around one-third of the country in the rainy season and people get used to it. Temp in summer: 27 degree Celcius (80F)
Temp in winter: 16 degree Celcius (53F)

Education

Literacy-56%
13 Govt. Universities, 13 Govt. medical Colleges, 4 Engineering Colleges and loads of private universities, medical colleges and third level Institutions

Economy

Mainly Agricultural with rapidly growing Industrial base mostly on textile, service sector and chemical fertiliser.
GDP per head: US\$ 357 (population of 137.4million, Total GDP:US\$ 47,074 million) whereas GDP per head for the Irish being US\$26,995 (population of 3.9 million, total GDP: US\$103,000 million)
Principal Exports: Garments and knitwear, Fisheries products, Jute goods and leather.

Tourism

Cox's Bazar-longest[120 km] sandy unbroken beach of the world.
Sundarban-one of the remaining handful large mangrove forests on earth.
For comprehensive tourism info on BD, check out the website of the state's tourism agency <http://www.parjatan.org>

Natural Resources

Natural Gas-world's second largest gas reserve (50 TCF), coal, limestone and few others in small quantity.

Sports

Cricket-the most popular game at present. Bangladesh is the newest test playing member of ICC and took part in World Cup Cricket 2003. *Football*, hockey, badminton and some other indigenous games (e.g. Kabadi, Dariabanda etc) are also widely played.