

## Press Release

### **East-West Center (EWC) nominated Banglar Pathshala Foundation for ‘EWC Innovation for Sustainable Development Fellowship 2021’**

It is a great privilege and honor for us to inform you all that Banglar Pathshala Foundation, a youth based intellectual platform based in Dhaka, Bangladesh has successfully been nominated for ‘EWC Innovation for Sustainable Development Fellowship 2021’ on May 14, 2021 by the East-West Center (EWC), a United States based organization which promotes United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The foundation received this prestigious nomination as the first ever Bangladeshi organization. After much of scrutiny and evaluation by an International Jury Board of EWC, the Centre which is funded by the US Government selected sixteen (16) organizations across nine (9) countries in Asia and the Americas. It is a five (5) months long program aimed to facilitate SDGs five goals.

East-West Center is based in Honolulu, Hawaii, United States, and promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. It has a network of 65,000 alumni and more than 1,100 partner organizations throughout the world. The EWC Innovation for Sustainable Development Fellows (#EWCinnovationfellows) is a ten (10) year opportunity to support EWC Alumni and their collaborators striving to achieve the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Md Maruf Hossain, who is an Alumni of EWC currently in Canada for his profession and while contributing in different capacities in the foundation since 2009 is chosen as a non-residential EWC fellow for this program. He will co-design and co-deliver innovation initiatives for the EWC within the foundation along with its founder Mr. Ahmed Javed Chowdhury, an economics teacher at university level and a young educationist renowned for his contribution in sustainable development, focuses on providing supplementary education to the students at tertiary level in Bangladesh. The Program is administered by Experiential Professional Development (XPD) and the Office of Alumni Engagement (OAE) of the EWC. Banglar Pathshala will also receive support from EWC’s Bangladesh Chapter.

Banglar Pathshala Foundation has successfully organized 12 study circles (each one’s duration is one year), 200+ seminars and 3 international conferences with a total estimated direct participants of more than 10,000 university students, published 150+ booklets and journals, 3 published books spread over more than 14 years of its inception. Recently, Banglar Pathshala Foundation undertook a year-long International Lecture Series on Nobel laureate Professor Amartya Sen’s Life and Works supported by Bangladesh Bank, the central bank of Bangladesh, Praticchi (Bangladesh) Trust, 3 leading private universities of Bangladesh and a mobile financial service provider.

‘The EWC Innovation for Sustainable Development Fellowship 2021’ duration starts from May and will continue till September 2021. During the time, the foundation will upgrade its website so that it is capable to deliver online learning sessions that will help students all across Bangladesh to learn from contemporary scholarly thinking and practices, as well as connect with inspirational thought leaders. It will digitalize its treasured educational contents so that students and researchers around the world benefit from it.