

- From the Chief Editor's Desk

ON THE CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS' OF PROMOTING PLANT TAXONOMY RESEARCH

I am delighted to say few words on the occasion of publishing Silver Jubilee Volume of the **Bangladesh Journal of Plant Taxonomy (BJPT)**. The first volume of the BJPT was published by the **Bangladesh Association of Plant Taxonomists (BAPT)** in June 1994. The present 25th volume of the BJPT not only shows the regularity in publication, but also BJPT's important contributions to plant taxonomy and biodiversity research in Bangladesh and beyond.

Since the publication of the first volume, the BJPT has gained its reputation and present status with very good pace. The BJPT first appeared on the BanglaJOL (Bangladesh Journals Online: <https://www.banglajol.info/index.php/BJPT>) platform hosted by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), UK in 2008, which boosted its global linkages in an unprecedented manner. The Journal started receiving the Journal Citation Report's Impact Factor from 2010. It is now being indexed by numerous scholarly agencies and has been attracting numerous foreign authors to publish their important works in it.

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In February 2018, the BJPT received 'Two Stars' (of a possible three), according to the 'Journal Publishing Practices and Standards' (JPPS: <https://www.journalquality.info/en/>) managed by the African Journals Online and the INASP, demonstrating its high publishing practices. It is to note that, globally, out of 406 journals hosted on five JOLs (including BanglaJOL), only 43 have received Two Stars; none has received Three Stars yet. The BJPT is one of seven BanglaJOL-hosted journals out of total 142 journals.

These outstanding achievements were only possible due to the able leadership from the Editors of BJPT. Professor Md. Salar Khan was the first Chief Editor of the BJPT who continued till his demise in 2002 [Volumes 1–9(1)]. After him, Professor A.K.M. Nurul Islam led the Journal as the Chief Editor till his death in July 2006 [Volumes 9(2)–13(1)]. Professor A.B.M. Enayet Hossain was the Chief Editor of the BJPT for Volumes 13(2)–14. He was succeeded by Professor Md. Abul Hassan [Volumes 15–24] who has so far been the longest serving Chief Editor of the BJPT from 2008 to 2017. I assumed the position of Chief Editor of BJPT in 2018, starting with editing the Silver Jubilee Volume.

The current reputation of the BJPT is due to the collective efforts of all its Chief Editors, esteemed members of the Editorial Board, and the Executive Editors – Dr. Haseeb Md. Irfanullah [Volumes 13(2)–16 & 22], Professor Dr. M. Oliur Rahman (Volumes 17–21), Dr. Md. Khairul Alam (Volumes 23 & 24), and Professor Dr. Mohammad Harun-ur-Rashid (from Volume 25). It was impossible for the Journal to achieve its present reputation without the unconditional, voluntary support from its reviewers and the last but not the least – its authors from Bangladesh and abroad. I earnestly appreciate their relentless support and contributions.

At the time of celebrating 25 years' of publication of Bangladesh Journal of Plant Taxonomy, I sincerely hope that the Journal will continue its endeavour of promoting research in plant taxonomy around the world.

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