

In Memoriam: Remembering the Subcontinent's Authors & Activists We Lost during COVID-19 (2019-21)

Many prominent authors and activists across the subcontinent have passed away since the spread of COVID-19 in November/December 2019 and the World Health Organization declared it a pandemic the following year.

In Pakistan, the most prominent names included Asif Farrukhi, Masood Ashar, Sheen Farrukh, Dr Rubina Saigol, Dr Mubashir Hasan, Nisar Aziz Butt, Naseer Turabi, I.A. Rehman, Abdul Rauf Malik, Zaitun Bano, Abdul Qadir Junejo, Khalid Toor and Zafar Ullah Poshni.

In India, Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, Rahat Indori, Shamim Hanafi, Tarannum Riaz, Musharraf Alam Zauqui and Kamla Bhasin were among the prominent authors and activists who passed away.

In Bangladesh, the prominent dissident writer and activist Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr Sufia Ahmed and Rawshan Ara Bachchu passed away during the pandemic.

During this SDC panel, SDPI will honor these authors and activists by inviting speakers from Pakistan, Indian and Bangladesh to share their personal and professional memories about them, especially through their works.

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