

## Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary



Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary became the Member of Parliament by parliamentary by-election in 2018, again he has been elected 2nd time in 11th National Parliament Election. Mr. Patwary was the youngest Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment and currently he is the Member of Standing Committee on Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. He is the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and President of Tobacco Control and Research Cell, Dhaka International University & Head of Chamber, Patwary Jurists and Associates. He has completed his Law degree from University of London. He also completed PG Certificate on Intellectual Property Law from UCL and Queens Mary and Westfield College, University of London.

He attended as speakers, session chairs, paper presenters in many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops etc, like-World Conference on Tobacco or Health, 48 Union World Conference, AP CAT, Singapore, Indonesia, AFACT 2013, '2nd Conference of The Union South Asia Region 2014'. He organized TCRC Anti-Tobacco Conference 2013, 2014, 2015' at Dhaka. As a Member of Parliament, Mr. Patwary working in the tobacco control movement for long time and try to sensitize other parliament members to involve the movements.

Mr. Patwary continuously raising the tobacco control issues specially raising tobacco tax and 90% Pictorial warnings in the national parliament. He is doing the policy advocacy for increasing 90% Pictorial warnings and to implement Standard Packaging for smokeless tobacco and *bidi*. Tobacco Control and Research Cell (TCRC) is one of the leading tobacco control organization in Bangladesh and Mr. Patwary is the head of TCRC, who working for implementation the Pictorial Warnings, monitoring and reporting the implementation, increasing the size of GHWs and introduce the standard packaging in Bangladesh. Additionally he has constantly attending talk-shows in national TV Channel on tobacco control, health, democracy, good governance issues.