

Editorial

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We are pleased to introduce the Supreme Court Online Bulletin (SCOB), an online law bulletin designed to provide ready case references for Hon'ble Judges, learned Advocates, members of the legal community, the media, and the general public. Each year, both divisions of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh generate a substantial volume of case law, significantly influencing the Judiciary and other key pillars of the democratic state, including the Executive, Legislature, and Media. However, even Supreme Court Judges often face challenges in keeping pace with rapid legal developments due to the absence of an efficient communication system. This gap sometimes leads to inconsistencies in decisions across different Benches of the High Court Division regarding the same legal issues. Though such inconsistencies are rare, they can attract criticism from the Appellate Division, particularly when High Court benches issue rules or pass orders that exceed legal parameters established by the Appellate Division. In such instances, litigants may also find themselves uncertain about the prevailing legal position. To address these concerns, the Supreme Court has launched this online bulletin under the direct patronage of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bangladesh and the guidance of the Judicial Reform Committee of the Supreme Court. The primary objective of SCOB is to facilitate legal dissemination and promote consistency in judicial pronouncements.

The Supreme Court of Bangladesh has played a pivotal role in upholding the rule of law through landmark judicial decisions. Notable instances include the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, limitations on parliamentary amendments to constitutional provisions concerning fundamental structures, the issuance of *Suo Motu* rules by the High Court Division, and the Appellate Division's authority to review its own judgments on appeals. These decisions have reinforced the Supreme Court's role as the guardian of the Constitution and the protector of the rule of law. However, due to longstanding limitations in legal dissemination, these significant judicial achievements have not been effectively communicated to the relevant stakeholders. SCOB seeks to bridge this gap.

Initially planned as a monthly publication, SCOB remains flexible in its frequency of release to accommodate the volume of case law generated in the future. In light of this, the term "Monthly" has been omitted from the title, making it simply the Supreme Court Online Bulletin (SCOB).

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bangladesh, the Judicial Reform Committee, our research associates, IT personnel, and all those who contributed to the preparation and publication of SCOB. We also welcome comments, constructive criticism, and suggestions from the legal community and the media to enhance the quality of SCOB. Please reach us at scob@supremecourt.gov.bd.

Thank you.