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Professional Summary

I have more than thirteen years of experience in teaching in university at graduate and post-graduate levels of communication, journalism and media studies discipline. My major concentration of academic area includes communication theories, mass media research, development communication and media advocacy, news gathering and reporting, and media ethics and laws. I am extensively involved in training programs arranged for national and local journalists by PIB and other organizations. I regularly write columns and post-editorials in national dailies. Over hundreds of articles/columns have been published on various national, social and media issues. I am also an enlisted script writer for Bangladesh Betar (Radio), the national broadcaster of the country, of its various popular programs. I anchored a weekly program on *Bangabandhu o Bangladesh* aired in Bangladesh Betar (Radio) for one year. I am an adjunct faculty and resource person of National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) for its Post-Graduation Diploma in Broadcast Journalism course and other training programs organized for BCS information Cadres.

I have experiences in conducting social research and consultancy for more than 11 years in partnership with national and international organizations including ILO, Save the Children, Handicap international, Concern Worldwide, UCEP, IED, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Social Development Foundation (SDF), and Uttaran.

Employment Status

Present Employment:

Assistant Professor and Head (in-charge)
Department of Journalism and Media Studies
Manarat International University
Ashulia, Dhaka.

Adjunct Faculty:

Post Graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism
Dhaka School of Broadcast Journalism (DU)
National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC)
Ministry of Information and Broadcast
Dhaka.

Previous Employment:

Lecturer
Department of Communication and Media Studies
University of Development Alternative (UODA)
Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Teaching Experiences

- Assistant Professor in the dept of journalism and media studies at Manarat International University from Oct 5, 2016.
- Senior Lecturer in the dept of journalism and media studies at Manarat International University from June 18, 2015 to Oct 4, 2016.
- Lecturer in the dept of journalism and media studies at Manarat International University from Jan 1, 2013 to June 17, 2016.
- Lecturer in the dept of communication and media studies at University of Development Alternative (UODA) from Jan 19, 2010 to Dec 31, 2012.

Publications

Books:

1. সাংবাদিক সুরক্ষা গাইডলাইন (*Safety Guidelines for Journalists*), Article 19 South Asia, Dhaka, 2020.
2. Dynamics of Mass Communication (chapter author) Edited by Dr. Payel Sen Choudhury, PAIOLCK, Kolkata, India, 2019.
3. অসহায়ত্বের দিনলিপি (*Days of Helplessness*), Joyotee, Dhaka, 2016.
4. শুরুর শেষ (*Beginning of the End*), Joyotee, Dhaka, 2009.

Articles:

1. উইমেন চ্যাপ্টারে নির্মিত নারী ও ইসলামী দৃষ্টিকোণ (Women in Women Chapter: Islamic Perspective) Proceedings of International Conference on Women Rights in Islam held on 5-6 February, 2019 by Aliah University, Kolkata, India. ISBN: 81-88-792-53-5.
2. বাংলাদেশের সংবাদপত্রে হ্যারি-মেগানের বিয়ের কাভারেজ: খবরের তথ্য-উপযোগিতা পর্যালোচনা (Coverage of Harry-Meghan Weeding in Bangladesh Media: Analysis on Information Compatibility), Samajik Bigayan Patrika, Dhaka University Studies, part-D, Volume 12, December 2018. ISSN: 1562-269X. (with Professor Robaet Ferdous).
3. বাংলাদেশের সংবাদপত্রে বিনোদন পাতার আধেয়: তথ্য-উপযোগিতার স্বরূপ বিশ্লেষণ (Contents of Entertainment Pages of Bangladesh Newspapers: An Analysis Regarding Information Compatibility), National Institute of Mass Communication Journal, Year 2, Volume 2, 2018. (With Professor Dr. Abul Mansur Ahmed).
4. বাংলাদেশের অনলাইন সংবাদপত্রে সাংবাদিকতার রীতি-নীতির প্রয়োগ পর্যালোচনা (Analysis on The Application of Journalistic Principles in Online Newspapers of Bangladesh), The Dhaka University Studies, 2017.
5. Problems and Prospects of Online Newspapers in Bangladesh: Implications over Print Media, National Institute of Mass Communication Journal, Year 1, Volume 1, May 2017. (With Professor Dr. Abul Mansur Ahmed).
6. সংবাদপত্রে বাংলাভাষার প্রয়োগ প্রবণতা (Tendency of Using Bangla Language in Newspapers), "Matribhasha", Vol. 2, NO. 1, International Mother Language Institute, 2016. (With Dr. Sheikh Shafiu Islam).
7. Developing Community Radio in Bangladesh: A Critical Overview, Social Science Review (The Dhaka University Studies, Part-D), Volume 28, Number 2, December 2011. (With Professor Dr. Abul Mansur Ahmed).

Research and Consultancy

Have worked for the following research and consultancy projects as researcher, associate researcher and coordinator:

1. Developing Safety Guidelines for Journalist commissioned by Article 19 South Asia and Asia Foundation in 2020.
2. National Risk & Threat Assessment on Media Workers in Bangladesh in November to December 2019 commissioned by Article 19.
3. Needs assessment study on Livelihoods Practices in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila, Cox's Bazar during August to September 2019 commissioned by Uttaran.
4. Tracer Study of UCEP Skills Training Graduates during June to July 2019 commissioned by UCEP.
5. Sustained and Expanded Effort to Make the Ultra poor Out of Extreme Poverty by Transferring Assets, Cash and Skill in an Integrated Approach (SEMPTI), an evaluation study commissioned by the Uttaran, Khulna in October 2015.
6. Making it Work: Access to Justice for Persons with disabilities in Bangladesh, a study commissioned by Handicap International in July 2015.
7. Developed Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Strategy for Social Development Foundation (SDF) as a Communication Researcher with Robaet Ferdous and Dr. Sheikh Shafiul Islam in June 2015.
8. Public-Private Partnership in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector in Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges, a study commissioned by Save the Children during September – November 2014.
9. Media Monitoring on the 10th National Parliament Election of Bangladesh, A study commissioned by the International Republican Institute (IRI) and Fare Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA), during December 2013 to February 2014.
10. Best Practices Documentation of SC-UCEP TVET Project, commissioned by Save the Children, during January 2014 to March 2014.
11. Final Evaluation of the "Transforming the Lives of Urban Homeless People through Amra-o-Manush Model Project, a study conducted for Concern Worldwide during July – August 2014.
12. Situation and Needs Analysis of Female Workers in Rice Mills, A study commissioned by International Labor Organization (ILO), Bangladesh and conducted by Development Consultant and Global Compliance Initiative (DCGCI) during July-August 2012.
13. Policy Research and Perception Study to Identify and Understand the Problems and Bottlenecks Constraining Spread of Primary Education and Reduction of Poverty in Four Districts of Bangladesh, A study commissioned by The Asia Foundation and Institute for Environment and Development (IED) during January 2012 to March 2012.
14. Needs Assessment of the Journalists of Chittagong Hill Tracts, during June-July 2012, commissioned by International Labor Organization (ILO).
15. TVET Mapping and Needs Assessment Study funded by Save the Children during September – October 2012.

Presentations

1. Conducted session on **The Art of Communication for Your Career** at a workshop organized by School of Public Speaking (SPS) and Achol Foundation at University Of Dhaka on August 5, 2022.
2. Conducted two sessions on **Media Theory and Research** and **Communication Research Methodologies** for the BCS Information Cadres organized by National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcast on May 19 and June 6, 2022.
3. Conducted session on **Concepts, Process and Effectiveness of Communication** for the First Class Officers of Bangladesh Television organized by National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) on Jan 20, 2022.
4. Conducted session on **Communication Research Methodologies** for the BCS Information Cadres organized by National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcast on Dec 28, 2020.
5. Conducted **Journalist's Workshop on Mitigating Professional Challenges, Risks and Threats** organized by Article 19 and Embassy of Denmark in Dhaka on Dec 26, 2019.
6. Conducted **Journalist's Workshop on Mitigating Professional Challenges, Risks and Threats** organized by Article 19 and Embassy of Denmark in Chattogram on Dec 9, 2019.
7. Presented a paper titled **Information Compatibility of News: A Study on Harry-Meghan Wedding Coverage in Bangladesh Newspapers** at an International Conference held on September 7-8, 2019 at Jadavpur University of India.
8. Presented a paper titled **উইমেন চ্যাপ্টারে নির্মিত নারী ও ইসলামী দৃষ্টিকোণ** (Women in Women Chapter: Islamic Perspective) at an International Conference on Women Rights in Islam held on 5-6 February, 2019 by Aliah University, Kolkata, India.
9. Presented paper titled **Contents of Entertainment Pages of Bangladesh Newspapers: An Analysis Regarding Information Compatibility** at the First National Conference on Mass Communication and Journalism 2016 organized by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at the University of Dhaka on November 29-30, 2016.
10. Presented key note on **সংবাদপত্রে বাংলাভাষার প্রয়োগ প্রবণতা** (Tendency of Using Bengali Language in Newspaper: An Analysis) with Sheikh Shaiful Islam at a seminar held on October 6, 2016 by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Daffodil International University, Dhaka.
11. Presented key note **গণমাধ্যমে বাংলাভাষা: একটি পর্যালোচনা** (Bengali Language in Mass Media: An Analysis) at a seminar held on February 2, 2016 by the Department of Journalism and Media Studies of Manarat International University, Dhaka.
12. Presented the key note on **Effects of Excessive Television Commercials and its Contents in Bangladesh** at a seminar held on December 15, 2015 by the Department Journalism and Media Studies of Manarat International University, Dhaka.
13. Trained some fifty local journalists at a two-day workshop named **Fundamental Training of Journalism** at Gazipur in 2015, organized by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).
14. Presented the key findings of the study titled **Best Practices on SC-UCEP TVET Project** at a seminar held in August, 2014 by Save the Children in Dhaka.

15. Presented key note titled **Content Analysis of Entertainment Pages of Newspapers** at a seminar held on February 2, 2014 at Manarat International University, Dhaka.
16. Conducted a two-day workshop on **Capacity Building of the Grassroots Journalists from Chittagong Hill Tracts** at Cox's Bazar from 24-25 January, 2013 organized by ABAHAMAN with funded by ILO.
17. Presented paper titled **Democracy and Media Ownership in Bangladesh: A Critical Overview** at a seminar held on 3rd January 2012 at University of Development Alternative (UODA), Dhaka.
18. Presented seminar paper titled গণমাধ্যমে বাংলাভাষা: প্রসঙ্গ বানান বিভ্রাট (Bengali Language in Mass Media: Analysis on Spelling Error) held on 23rd February 2012 at University of Development Alternative (UODA), Dhaka.
19. Conducted a three-day training program on **Capacity Building of the Grassroots Journalists from Chittagong Hill Tracts** on Journalism and ILO Convention 169 from 29-31 July, 2012 at Dhaka organized by ABAHAMAN with funded by International Labor Organization (ILO).

Education

- MSS in Mass Communication and Journalism in 2006 (exam held in 2008) from University of Dhaka.
- BSS in Mass Communication and Journalism in 2005 from University of Dhaka.
- Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) in 2001 from Dhaka College, Dhaka.
- Secondary School Certificate (SSC) in 1999 from Babuganj Pilot High School, Barishal.

Personal Demography

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