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Academic Qualification

PhD in Applied Linguistics, The University of Nottingham, The UK

MA in ELT, Warwick University, The UK

MA with BA (Hons.) in English Literature, Dhaka University,

Specialist in Communicative (English) Testing, University of Warwick, The UK

Completed non-credit courses from University of Toronto and University of Waterloo, Canada

Research Qualifications

- Excellent expertise in research procedures developed through two MAs and PhD, research within School of Social Science, Humanities and Language, and in my role as Course Co-ordinator and Chair for different programmes, Bangladesh Open University. Skills include defining appropriate research questions and using a variety of research tools, such as focus groups, questionnaires, interviews, observation, literature and searches.
- Proficient in designing and manipulating computer databases and drawing up summary figures and statistics.
- Highly skilled in the design and implementation of data collection, statistical analysis and presentation of results and recommendations.
- Experienced in drafting succinct and accurate reports.

Area of interest: Literature, Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, ELT, TESOL/TSL, Translation Studies, Media Studies, Creative Writing.

2007 **PhD in Applied Linguistics,**
School of English Studies, The University of Nottingham, The UK
(University of Nottingham Research Scholar)

Research: **Use of Literature in Developing Learners' Speaking Skills in Bangladeshi EFL Contexts.**

The research proposes a rationale for bringing more literary texts into the English classroom in Bangladesh and explores the links between studying literature and the development of learners' overall ability to use language orally. It is argued that an approach comprising prediction based activities will be an effective methodology to enable teachers of literature in the Bangladesh EFL context to have more student oriented classes. It is also argued that this approach will change classroom dynamics in a positive way in terms of learner confidence, autonomy and output.

2000 **MA in ELT (English Language Teaching)**
The University of Warwick, The UK (Hornby Trust Scholar)

Research: **Literature in Developing Speaking Skills for Distant Learners.**

The research aimed at finding how different arenas of literature can be used in developing one's speaking skills. A proposal was also made of how to broaden this scope with the distant learners in the open and distance education system.

1996 **Specialist in Communicative (English) Language Testing**
The University of Warwick, The UK (ODA Scholar)

Project: Testing and Evaluation related to both Language and Literature wings

1994 **MA with BA (Hons.) in English Literature**
Dhaka University, Bangladesh (Merit list – within top two)

Teaching Experience

2018 **Professor**
School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages, Bangladesh Open University,
Gazipur: 1705, Bangladesh.

The position involves teaching both online and face-to-face, researching, developing curriculum and course materials for both print and electronic media, imparting lectures through television and radio, and chairing different committees, for example, curriculum committee, examination committee, admission committee, Journal editorial committee, etc. (English Literature and Language - both wings). Also Head examiner, examiner, etc. of different graduate level programmes/courses. Expertise in Open and Distant Learning. Expertise in media oriented delivery: Radio programmes are available on national radio channel - Bangladesh Betar and video programmes are available on national television channel - Bangladesh Television, BOU web TV, Open TV and BOU YouTube channel.

2004 – 2018 **Associate Professor**
Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur: 1705, Bangladesh.

1998 – 2004 **Assistant Professor**
Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur: 1705, Bangladesh.

1994 - 1998 **Lecturer in English (Literature and Language)**
Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur: 1705, Bangladesh.

1994 May - October **Graduate Tutor, Communication (English Language)**
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka.

Engagements in The UK while perusing PhD degree at The University of Nottingham.

Chief invigilator/Invigilator of Examinations, Undergraduate and Post-graduate examinations.

Counsellor, note-taker, scribe, and reader, Undergraduate and Post-graduate programmes.

Student Ambassador on Post- and Undergraduate Open Days for The University of Nottingham, UK.

Tele-Researcher. Research conducted on ex-students of the University of Nottingham on issues of concern.

Senior English teacher, Nottingham Islamia School, Nottingham.

Key Skills and Experience

Subject Expertise

- Broad-based experience of teaching across the HE English Literature and Language curricula in Bangladesh. In-depth knowledge of current developments in the HE teaching and learning. Particular interest and experience in meeting special educational needs and teaching and learning in DE.
- Specialist in ELT Testing and Assessment.
- Expertise in Distant Education and Open-learning education system and mode of teaching.
- Expertise in media-based and online teaching.
- Wide range of teaching experience with both adults and children.
- Papers are published and presented at conferences on English Literature, ELT, Teaching English as an EFL, Literature in EFL contexts and other educational issues. Course books for the Open University are published for different levels of learners of DE mode, lectures delivered on media – both audio and video delivered through national television and radio channels.

Administration and Management

- Experience of managing a variety of projects from inception to completion. Examples include: developing the CELP (Certificate in English Language Proficiency) Course and organising workshops and tutor training for the mentioned. Arranging curriculum development team for programmes such as BELT (Bachelor in English Language Teaching) and BA/BSS (English), selecting and appointing writers for the courses, delegating, negotiating and extracting the task from them in order to produce the course materials in time.
- Selecting tutorial centres in order to run the courses in the distant mode and selecting, appointing and training the subject tutors to assist learners at the centres.
- Visiting centres far and near in order to monitor activities and to receive feedback from the learners, sort out any problems the teachers/learners may have encountered.
- Maintaining liaison between faculties for course development and with media staff in order to prepare radio and television programmes to go with the print media on time for different courses.
- Holding meetings with the examination and assessment staff and executing resolutions in order to ready examination papers as well as conducting examinations throughout the country in all different tutorial centres, making sure that the paper reaches them on time.
- Holding regular meetings with the publishing team to ascertain timely publication of the course books.
- Competent in budgeting for different programmes/projects, including operational planning, project evaluation and financial control.
- Taking regular stocks in order to maintain steady supply of study materials and as demanded by the centres.
- Assuring the deliverance of study materials on time to the learners in remote areas of the country.
- Holding regular meetings and maintaining liaison with the Directors, Regional Centres and Tutorial Centres, student support service staff and principals of the schools or colleges used as tutorial centres, in order to run the course smoothly.
- Managing staff development seminars for academic staff nation-wide.
- Administering student admission/enrolment.
- Member, Executive Committee, ‘Working for Better Life’, a voluntary organisation, Dhaka.

Communication and Team Skills

- Experienced presenter at meetings and conferences and an effective facilitator, able to use interpersonal skills to build working relationships at all levels - see attached list for details.
- Enthusiastic and focused team member, working under pressure. Member of a number of internal working groups such as the CELP, BELT, BA/BSS, SSC, HSC curriculum development team (BOU), and IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) TA (SIG) Forum, Eltecs Forum (The English Language Teaching Contacts Scheme, Online Forum).
- A self-motivated strategic player capable of achieving goals both alone and in a team setting. For example, my part time role as an Enquiry Centre Assistant, Marketing department, University of Nottingham, demands completion of tasks on my own initiative or contribute to team tasks with the other Enquiry Centre staff. The role demanded communication skills and the ability to remain calm under pressure in dealings with enquirers. I also had to maintain liaison with the Admissions Office, International Office and other internal departments and academic Schools to ensure that swift and accurate replies are generated to enquirers' questions.
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Wide travel experience for both academic and professional reasons has added to my excellent communicative ability within the international community.

Media based Skills

- Expertise in media-based teaching/learning, Preparing, writing scripts, presenting and editing lessons for distant learners as aids/supportive video and audio materials in coordination with the print media. Taking part in producing them and presenting the lessons in national media. Currently over a hundred TV programmes are telecast on a regular basis on the national media, Bangladesh Television (BTV), Open TV, BOU Web TV, and BOU YouTube Channel. Programmes are also broadcast on Bangladesh Betar, the state-owned radio channel.
- Presenter and discussant on different educational programmes on national television and sky channels (NTV, ATN Bangla, Boishakhi, Diganta, Jamuna Television, Channel 24, Global TV and others). Anchor and discussant of 'Shundor Jiboner Jonno (For a Beautiful Life)' at ATN Bangla and 'Mohilangon' at NTV since 2007 and 2004 respectively.
- Newscaster in both English and Bangla on national television, BTV and radio, Bangladesh Betar.
- Compere, World Music Programme, and artist (Tagore songs and Nazrul shongheet) Bangladesh Betar.
- Rendered voice prompts to network announcements of various telephone companies such as, AKTEL Bangladesh and Rankstel Telecom Ltd.
- Announcer in various functions - e.g. The 1st Convocation Ceremony, Bangladesh Open University; the certificate award ceremony of the international workshop on *Instructional Design for Open and Distance Learning*, by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), held at Hotel Sheraton; the Korean Film Festival, organised jointly by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and Bangladesh Film Archive, etc.
- Rendered voice on international documentaries.
- Rendered voice on 'BOU at a glance'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3auA67ozG8o>

Publication Sector

- Experienced in the publication sector; has works with and maintains liaison with publishing houses.

- Editor and style editor of course books for Bangladesh Open University.
- Referee/reviewer of different international journals.
- Books are published on self-composed poems and short stories, and in other genre in both Bangla and English.
- Poems and short stories in English are published in many national and international anthologies, magazines and dailies and also on the www.
- Regular contributor/writer in the international journal, FemAsia – Asian Women’s Journal <https://femasiamagazine.com/>

Professional and Creative Activities

Books/ Course books

- Use of Literature in Developing Speaking Skills: Learner Motivation and Autonomy in EFL Contexts. 2014. Published by the Scholars’ Press: Germany. ISBN 978-3-639-66405-8. In addition to this, please find below the link of the book: <https://www.morebooks.de/store/gb/book/use-of-literature-in-developing-speaking-skills/isbn/978-3-639-66405-8> [listed as a reference book, University of Warwick].
- English Language Skills, BA/BSS programme, 2001. School of Social science, Humanities and Language. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University. ISBN 984-34-1008-4.
- HSC English, 2000. Open School. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University. ISBN 984-34-3027-X.
- Oral Communication and Study Skills, Bachelor in the Agriculture Education (BAGEd) Programme, 1999. School of Agriculture and Rural Development. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University. ISBN 984-34-5043-4.
- Diploma in Computer Application Programme, 1997. School of Science and Technology. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University. ISBN 984-34-4004-8.

Articles

- Ainy, S. 2022. ‘Different Literary Genres in Increasing Learner’s Spoken Skills’, Journal of Sustainable Learning and Development. ISSN: 2791-0881 (Print), 2 (1), June 2022, Pp. 01-06.
- 2022. ‘The Nature of Conversation and Speaking skills’, JOURNAL OF ELT AND EDUCATION. ISSN: 2618-1290 (Print), 2663-1482 (Online), Volume 5, Issue 3, September 2022, Pp. 60-65. Web version available at <https://jee.helloteen.org/journal/joi-532210/>.
- Ainy, S. 2022. ‘Definitions of “Literature” in Bangladesh EFL Context – an Empirical Study’, International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS). Volume VI, Issue V, May 2022|ISSN 2454-6186, Pp. 18-28. Web version available at <https://www.rsisinternational.org/journals/ijriss/Digital-Library/volume-6-issue-5/18-28.pdf>.
- Ainy, S. 2021. ‘Teaching English Literature to the Open and Distant Learners in an EFL Context: An Empirical Study’, JOURNAL OF ELT AND EDUCATION. ISSN: 2618-1290 (Print), 2663-1482 (Online), Volume 4, Issue 2, June 2021, Pp. 49-56. Web version available at <https://jee-bd.com/journal/joi-42921/>.
- Ainy, S. 2012. ‘Reading and Writing Poetry in the Language Classroom’, Literature, Media, and Cultural Studies, IATEFL SIG Newsletter: ISSUE 41, August 2012. Pp. 19-23.
- Ainy, S. 2011. ‘A reflection on the use of poetry in developing reading comprehension in an EFL classroom’, English Language Teacher Education and Development (ELTED) – ISSN 1365-3741, University of Warwick, UK. Winter 2011, Vol. 14. Pp. 24-31. Web version: <http://www.elted.net/issues/Volume14/4%20Ainy%20ELTED%20Vol%2014%20Final.pdf>.

- Ainy, S. 2011. 'Use of Poetry in the Language Classroom', *The Journal of ELT*, ELTAI (English Language Teachers' Association of India). Volume 49/3 2011, May-June 2011 ISSN: 0973-5208 Pp. 3-12.
- Ainy, S. 2010. 'Emergence of the New Englishes: Asian perspective and the Bangladesh Scenario', *Professional and Academic English: The Journal of IATEFL ESP SIG*. Winter 2009 - Spring 2010 Issue 35, pp. 20-30.
- Ainy, S. 2010. 'Introducing Poetry in the Language Classroom to Assist Develop Learner's Speaking', *East West Journal Of Humanities*. Volume 1 No.1 ISSN:1998-1600. Pp. 107-122.
- Ainy, S. 2009. 'Speaking Skills in Secondary Level Education in Bangladesh EFL Context: A Case Study', *Research*. IATEFL publication ISSN: 1026-4353 Spring 2009 Issue 23, pp. 18-22. Web version available at http://resig.weebly.com/uploads/8/1/4/0/8140071/issue_23-2-_final_version.pdf.
- Ainy S. 2001. 'Effective Reading Strategies for Second Language Classrooms', *Journal of The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh – Humanities*, Vol. 46, No. 2, December, 2001. pp. 425-436.
- Ainy, S. 2001. 'English Language Teaching in Bangladesh Open University: Changing Scenario', *Journal of Distance Education*, University of Jammu, April, 2001, Vol. VIII, No. 1, pp. 112-121. Web version available at http://cemeca.org/disted/Ainy_Salma_296.pdf.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'The Nature and Role of Errors', *ARENA*, No. 27, December, 2000, pp. 22-25.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'Some Alternatives to the Traditional 'paper and pencil' Language Tests in English', *NELTA (Nepal English Language Teachers' Association) Journal* Vol. 5, No. 2 December, 2000, pp. 30-42. ISSN 2091-0487. Web version available at <http://www.nepjol.info/index/php/NELTA/article/view/3941>.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'The Spread of English – Enriching and Inevitable, Imperialist and Damaging or Merely Necessary? Can it be Opted as a Lingua Franca?', *NELTA (Nepal English Language Teachers' Association) Journal* Vol. 5, No. 1 August, 2000, pp. 48-55. ISSN 2091-0487.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'Discourse', *ARENA*, No. 26, August, 2000, pp. 52-55.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'Everyday Conversation and Dramatic Dialogue: Is Drama Useful for Teaching Conversation?', *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Humanities)*, Volume 45, Number 1, June 2000, pp. 71-84.
- Ainy, S. 2000. 'Conversation and Dramatic Dialogue', *IATEFL Journal ISSUES*, No. 155, June-July 2000, ISSN 0257-6554, Pg. 11-13 (condensed form of No. 17).

Published on the web:

1. PhD thesis (e-thesis) available:

Title: Use of literature in developing learner's speaking skills in Bangladeshi EFL contexts

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<http://ethos.bl.uk/OrderDetails.do?did=1&uin=uk.bl.ethos.446394> copyrighted and administered by The British Library. (EThOS).

2. Ainy, S. 2009. 'Poetry: Realm of Intuitive Truth' @ http://issue.com/alvaroavergara/docs/may/?mode=a_p. Centrocultural Nicaragunese Norteamericamo, May 2009 (extract published on the web from No. 5)

Media (TV) programmes for the Bangladesh Open University: Over a hundred (100) TV programmes as supporting aid for the distant learners are telecast on Bangladesh Television on a regular basis (until now). Over a 60 Radio programmes are done for BOU students that are broadcast on national Radio channel (Bangladesh Betar) (until now).

Literary Essays Published in The Bangladesh Observer and other renowned dailies.

- ‘Utopia and Dystopia in D H Lawrence’.
- ‘Filial ingratitude and *King Lear*’.
- ‘*Measure for Measure* as a Problem Play’.
- ‘*Hamlet* as a Revenge Tragedy’.
- ‘Reflection of Nature in Emily Dickinson’s Lyrics’.
- ‘Debate in the Pandemonium’.
- ‘Utopia and Dystopia in Joseph Conrad’.
- ‘Samson and the concept of the tragic hero’.
- ‘Duessa in *The Fairy Queen*’.
- ‘Lorenzo in *The Spanish Tragedy*’.
- ‘*The Spanish Tragedy*: Tragedy or melodrama’.
- ‘*The Spanish Tragedy*’.
- ‘Bosola in *The Duchess of Malfi*’.
- ‘*Volpone* and the Comedy of Humour’.
- ‘Bangladesh Open University: Constituting a New Era in the Educational Arena’.
- ‘The tradition of one-man play and Marlowe’s *Doctor Faustus*’.
- ‘Anna Karenina: The sketch of painful love’.
- ‘Dystopian elements in Joseph Conrad’.
- ‘Dystopian elements in Joseph Conrad’ (The New Nation).
- ‘Function of the chorus in *Agamemnon*’.
- ‘Treatment of time in Camus – I’.
- ‘Treatment of time in Camus II’.
- ‘Mythical method and Objective Co-relativity in *The Waste Land*’.
- ‘Pros and cons of different approaches to language testing - I’.
- ‘Pros and cons of different approaches to language testing - II’.
- ‘The finale of *Doctor Faustus*’.
- ‘Brecht and his epic theatre’.
- ‘Prufrock as a modern individual’.
- ‘Childhood in the poems of Wordsworth’.
- ‘*Oedipus Rex*: Who is responsible for Oedipus’ fall?’.
- ‘*Aeneid* and the Hero Aeneas’.
- ‘Gulliver’s voyages and their implications’.
- ‘Helen in Homer’.
- ‘Franz Kafka and *The Metamorphosis*’.
- ‘Symbolism in *The Waste land*’.
- ‘Absurd drama and *Waiting for Godot*’ (Weekly Independent and The Bangladesh Observer).

Publications: Creative

- ‘ছোট্টমনিদের আল্লাহতায়ালা’ ২০২২ (2022) (Chottomonider Allahtaala – Introducing The Creator to the juveniles in Bangla). Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৮০৪৫-৮২-৪ (978-984-8045-82-4).

- ‘গল্পগুলো ভালোবাসার’. ২০২১ (2021) (Golpogulo valobashar/Story of Love - A compilation of small stories and poems published on Facebook on the universal theme of love, mainly for parents – both in Bangla and English). Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৮০৪৫-৬৪-০ (978-984-8045-64-0).
- *প্রচ্ছদ শিল্পী সালমা আইনি
- ‘Story of Love/ভালোবাসার গল্প’. ২০১৮ (২০১৮) (Story of Love/Valobashar Golpo - A compilation of stories and poems on the universal theme of love – both in Bangla and English) Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৮০৪৫-০৪-৬ (978-984-8045-04-6).
- ‘ঝিকিমিকি তারাগুলো’. ২০১৮ (২০১৮) (Jhikimiki Taragulo / The Sparkling Stars– A book on 10 renowned Muslim Women), Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৮০৪৫-০৩-৯ (978-984-8045-03-9).
- ‘টুনটুন মুনমুনের গল্প’. ২০১৭ (2017) (Tuntun Munmuner Golpo/ The story of Tuntun Munmun – a story book for juveniles in Bangla) Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৯২৪২৯-৫-৬ (978-984-92429-5-6).
- ‘ছোটদের প্রিয় নবীজি মুহাম্মদ (সঃ)’. ২০১৬ (2016)(Chotoder prio nobiji Muhammad SM/Children’s Dear Prophet (SM)) – A book on Prophet Muhammad (SM) for the juveniles in Bangla), Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৯১৪৪৮-১-৬ (978-984-91448-1-6). Also published by the Islamic Foundation Bangladesh. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-০৬-১৫৭২-৬ (978-984-06-1572-6).
- ‘সময় গুচ্ছ’/The Timeless Time. ২০১৪ (2014)(Shomoyguchcho / The Timeless Time’ - A collection of poems in Bangla and English). Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৯০৮৭৯-৮-৪ (978-984-90879-8-4).
- ‘ছোট্ট কুটুস আর একটু বড় কাটুসের জন্ম’. ২০১৪ (2014) (Chotto Kutush ar ektu Boro Katusher Jonno/For Tiny Kutush and Little Katush - A collection of fables and folklores in Bangla), Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৯০৮৭৯-৬-০ (978-984-90879-6-0).
- ‘এক বাঁক নক্ষত্র – প্রিয়তম নবীজীর সাথীরা’. ২০১৪ (2014) (Ek Jhak Nokkhotro/ Priotomo Nobijir Shathira/The Companions of the Prophet (SM)- A life sketch on 20 Sahabi of Prophet (SM) in Bangla). Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL): Dhaka. ISBN ৯৭৮-৯৮৪-৯০৮৭৯-৭-৭ (978-984-90879-7-7).
- Aromatic Rain. ২০০৯ (2009). (A collection of poems in English). Shomraggi Prokashoni: Dhaka. ISBN ৯৮৪-৭০৩৪৩-০০০৭-১৩ (984-70343-0007-13).
- এই মেয়েটি. ২০০৯ (2009). (Ay Meyeti /This Girl - A collection of poems in Bangla). Shomraggi Prokashoni: Dhaka. ISBN ৯৮৪-৭০৩৪৩-০০০৭-৯ (984-70343-0007-9).
- অগ্নির অন্ধকারে নৈশব্দের নিলিমায়. ২০০১ (2001) (Agnir Andhakare Noyshobder Nilimay/Fire in Darkness, Silence in the Sky - A collection of poems in Bangla by miscellaneous poets). Nandini Shahitya O Pathchocro: Dhaka. ISBN ৯৮৪-৭০০-০৪১-৯ (984-700-041-9).
- শুধু মনে রেখ. ২০০০ (2000) (Shudhu Mone Rekho/ Please remember - A collection of short stories in Bangla by miscellaneous writers). Nandini Shahitya O Pathchocro: Dhaka. ISBN ৯৮৪-৭০০-০২৬-৩ (984-700-029-3).
- নির্বাচিত পংতিমালা. ১৯৯৮ (1998) (Nirbachito Ponctimala/The Selected Verses - A collection of poems in Bangla by miscellaneous poets). Nandini Shahitya O Pathchocro: Dhaka. ISBN ৯৮৪-৭০১-৩০০-৫ (984-701-300-5).
- হৃদয়ের মুক্তো যতো. ১৯৯৭ (1997) (Hridoyer Mukto Joto/Pearls of the Heart) - A collection of poems in Bangla by miscellaneous poets). Nandini Shahitya O Pathchocro: Dhaka.
- ছুঁয়ে দেখ. ১৯৯৬ (1996) (Chuye Dekho/Feelings of Touch - A collection of poems in Bangla). Moo Prokashan: Dhaka.

- Poems and short stories in English are published in many national and international anthologies, magazines and dailies and also on the www. For example:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nottingham/content/articles/2006/01/11/jabberwocky_nottingham_inspired_poems_feature.shtml?page=3

<http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/~jabber/issue3.htm>

Editorial Board/ Referee/Reviewer

- Editorial Adviser, Journal of Sustainable Learning and Development, a peer-reviewed journal. Volume 2, 2022. ISSN: 2791-0881.
- Editor, Journal of ELT and Education, a peer-reviewed journal. Volume 2, 2022. ISSN: 2618-1290 (Print) and ISSN: 2663-1482 (Online).
- Reviewer, The International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS).
- Reviewer, International Journal of Applied Linguistics (InJAL) © John Wiley & Sons Ltd. Edited By: Janina Brutt-Griffler and Daniel Perrin. Online ISSN: 1473-4192 (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%2914734192/homepage/EditorialBoard.html>)
- Reviewer, English language Modules under Transforming English Language Skills in Higher Education sector in Bangladesh Project of the British Council that constitutes an agreement between the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) and the British Council Bangladesh.
- Member, Editorial Board, ICT- based CELP Programme, SouthEast University, Banani, Dhaka.
- Member, Editorial and Review Board, ICT based CELP Programme, LELPEB series (Let's Learn to Practice English Better), Program designed and produced by ICEPD, CoViL, Southeast University, Bangladesh.
- Editor, English Language Skills, BEN 1301, BA/BSS programme. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University.
- Style Editor Instructional Designing, English Language Skills, BEN 1301, BA/BSS programme. Published by PPD, Bangladesh Open University.

Some conferences

- Presented a paper titled: 'Teaching English Online to Learners of Bangladesh Open University – Expectations and Outcomes during Covid - 19 Pandemic' at the IDEA international conference on Higher Education in India: Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions, The Kakatiya University.
- Awarded certificate of presenter, paper titled: English in advertisements and language purity concerns – Bangladesh scenario, presented at the 7th BELTA International Conference, NAEM, Dhaka.
- Participant, 'Learning English in a Changing World: Global Perspectives and Local Contexts' 5th BELTA International Conference 2011.
- Paper presenter, the AzETA (Azerbaijan English Teachers' Association) 3rd ELT Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan. Paper: 'Use of Literature in Developing Learners' Speaking Skills in Bangladeshi EFL Contexts'.
- Participant, Forum of Teachers' Associations, AzETA Hornby Trust Project, Sheki, Azerbaijan,.
- Participant, 'Integrating Drama and Storytelling in ELT', IATEFL YL SIG International Conference in cooperation with the PIB/IFU Vienna, Austria.
- Participant, 'The Translation Turn in Cultural Studies' conference, The University of Warwick, UK.
- Participant, Hornby Regional Forum (August 29th- August 30th) and Hornby Alumni meeting, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

- Participant, 17th British Council Oxford Conference: ‘Fresh Air in the Classroom’, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University.
- Participant and paper presenter, NELTA 8th International Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal. Paper: ‘Literature in Foreign Language Teaching’.
- Participant, 33rd IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Participant, a three-day Teacher Trainers SIG/CALS Conference ‘*Looking Backwards Looking Forwards*’, University of Reading, UK.
- Participant, a one-day Teacher Trainers SIG/CALS Conference, ‘*Pronunciation in Teacher Training*’, Eurocentre Lee Green, London.
- Participant, a one-day ‘*Research Students*’ Conference’ CELTE, University of Warwick, UK.
- Participant, a two - day international ‘*Rethinking English*’ conference, Department of English, University of Dhaka. Paper: ‘*Shakespeare in School: The Political Shakespeare Conference*’, The British Council, Dhaka.

Some workshop and seminars

- Attended a workshop on ‘Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education’, organised by Bangladesh Open University.
- Awarded certificate of attendance. Workshop on ‘Assessment for Learning’, Organised by The British Council, Dhaka.
- Participant, ‘Developing Learning Materials for ODL’, Bangladesh Open University.
- Participant, ‘Online Education System’, Bangladesh Open University.
- Awarded certificate of participation on the workshop ‘Creative methodology of teaching and learning’, Bangladesh Open University.
- Participant, ‘Creativity and Technique Ideology and Methodology Expansion’, Bangladesh Open University.
- Participant, ‘A S Hornby Educational Trust Alumni Workshop’, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, UK.
- Participant, ‘*Changing Work-roles in Higher Education: How distance education leads the way towards the 21st Century University,*’ seminar, Bangladesh Open University.
- Participant, ‘*Teaching Practice and Supervision*’ seminar, Bangladesh Open University.
- Resource person, four-day long *BELT Tutor Training Workshop* organised by the School of Social Science Humanities and Language, Bangladesh Open University.
- Resource person, *Writers’ and Editors’ Workshop* organised by the School of Education, Bangladesh Open University.
- Paper presenter, ‘Participatory discussion series III’, Bangladesh Open University. Paper: *Absurd drama and Waiting for Godot.*
- Participant, ‘*University Education in Bangladesh: problems and solution*’, a one-day national seminar organised by the Bangladesh University Teachers’ Association Federation.
- Resource person, ‘*Certificate in English Language Proficiency (CELP) Tutor Training,*’ a one-day seminar, organised by the School of Social Science, Humanities and Language, Bangladesh Open University.
- Resource person, ‘*Crisis on English Language Teaching/Learning,*’ seminar, organised by the Metropolitan Language Institute (MLI).
- Guest speaker, *Development of English Language Skills Workshop*, organised by the Metropolitan Language Institute (MLI).

AWARDS (Academic) and OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS (Non-academic)

Awards (Academic)

- Awarded *The Charles Wallace Bangladesh Trust Scholarship* to study PhD, University of Nottingham, UK.
- Awarded the *International Student Research Scholarship* to study PhD, University of Nottingham, UK.
- Awarded the *Hornby Trust Scholarship* to study MA in English Language Teaching (ELT) at the University of Warwick, UK.
- Awarded scholarship to do courses at University of Toronto, Canada and University of Waterloo, Canada.
- Awarded the *ODA scholarship* to do postgraduate certificate course, Specialist in Communicative (English) Testing, at The University of Warwick, UK.
- Awarded Dhaka University Graduate Award on the result of B.A. (Honours) examination.
- Awarded general scholarship in class eight from Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka.

Other Achievements (Non-academic)

- Awarded a Crest of Honour by the Asian University of Bangladesh, Allama Abdul Khaleque Foundation and Aiysha Khatun Foundation.
- Awarded certificate and prize in the international poetry competition organised by Nandini Shahitya O Pathchocro (Readers' Forum).
- Poems published in *Jabbarwacky*, a University of Nottingham publication and in the BBC Nottingham website.
- Won prizes at music competitions, poetry recitations, debates, extempore speeches, painting, etc.
- Regular writer on issues of national and international concerns in the "Letters' Column" in various dailies, especially in The Bangladesh Observer.
- Participant in the prestigious "Jatiya Kabita Utsab" (National poetry Festival, 1992) and recited self-composed poem.
- Interviewed as a compere of the World Music Programme, Radio Bangladesh, by reporters of different magazines.
- National Newscaster in English, Bangladesh Betar.

Affiliation with Professional/Non-professional Association

Life Member, Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association, (BELTA).

Member, International Association of Teachers' of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL).

Member, UK Alumni Association of Bangladesh (UKAAB).

Member, Warwick University Alumni Society, UK.

Member, University of Nottingham Alumni Society, UK.

Member, English Department Alumni Society, University of Dhaka (EDAS).

Personal Information

Bangladeshi by birth

An extensive traveller

Interested in extracurricular activities, such as: travelling, creative writing, anchoring, singing, debating, painting, calligraphy, photography, collecting stamps and coins, embroidering and gardening, architecture, and archaeology.