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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR), India

Master of Science (MSc) in Economics

CGPA: 8.00/10.00; Duration: 2 years

Visva-Bharati, India

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honours in Economics

CGPA: 8.06/10.00; Duration: 3 years

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) August 2023 – Present Research Associate

- Interpreting and analyzing primary and secondary data.
- Data collection through the management of surveys, KIIs, and FGDs.
- Designing research papers, policy briefs, and analytical reports.
- Developing proposals for research projects.

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore May 2022 - July 2022 Summer Intern

- Prepared internship report on 'Trend and Relationship of Unemployment and Inflation in India and Bangladesh: The Short Run Philips Curve Approach'
- Studied trends of Unemployment and Inflation rate in India and Bangladesh using secondary data. Also, examined the trade-off between unemployment in both countries using the concept of the Philips curve.

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

1. Gender Implications of Future of Work in South Asia

In collaboration with LIRNEasia

Duration: January 2025 – January 2027

Responsibilities: Study design, survey design, survey sampling, questionnaire preparation, survey management, data cleaning and data analysis, and report writing

2. Investment Diversification of Priority Sectors After LDC Graduation

In collaboration with **UNDP Bangladesh** and **Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)**

Duration: December 2023 – January 2025

Responsibilities: Study design, survey design, survey sampling, questionnaire preparation, survey management, data cleaning and data analysis, report writing

3. Study on the potentials and barriers for the women's participation in the construction sector and STEM-based career in Bangladesh.

In collaboration with **the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)**

Responsibilities: Study design, literature review, data cleaning, data analysis, KII and FGD questionnaire preparation, conducting FGD and KII, report writing, organizing validation workshop

Duration: September 2023 – February 2024

4. Empowering Bangladesh's Future: Unleashing Youth's Tech Adaptation for Transformation. Under

the study titled “Situation Assessment and Qualitative Survey on Technological Change and its Implications for Policies for the Young Generations in Bangladesh”

In collaboration with the **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**

Team members: Dr Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka, Md. Abdul Aahad and Dipa Das, Research Associate, SANEM

Duration: August 2023–November 2023

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER WRITINGS

1. **The Daily Star** - “[How female employment can be diversified](#)”, March 4, 2025. Volume 11, Issue 1, June 1, 2024, co-authored with Ekramul Hasan, Research Associate, SANEM.
2. **The Business Standard** - “[Breaking boundaries: Shift from unpaid work to self-employment](#)”, February 18, 2025. Co-authored with Ekramul Hasan, Research Associate, SANEM, and Md Tuhin Ahmed, Senior Research Associate at SANEM
3. **The Daily Star** - “[More women in construction sector should be our next goal](#)”, July 2, 2024.
4. **Thinking Aloud** - “[Challenges and the Opportunities for Women’s Participation in the Construction Sector](#)” Volume 11, Issue 1, June 1, 2024, co-authored with Ms. Eshrat Sharmin, Senior Research Associate, SANEM.
5. **Thinking Aloud** - “[COP 28: A step forward or a missed opportunity in climate action?](#)” Volume 10, Issue 8, January 1, 2024, co-authored with Mr. Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Research Associate, SANEM.
6. **Thinking Aloud** - “[Women’s career aspirations, role in the workforce and pay gap: Nobel Prize in Economics 2023](#)” Volume 10, Issue 7, December 1, 2023, co-authored with Mr. Rafiul Ahmed, Research Assistant, SANEM.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Raihan, S., Reaz, M. M., Sadat, S., Sharmin, E., Aahad, M. A., Surid, T. F., Das, D., Tasneem, S., Roy, S., Alam, H. and Rahman, Z. (2025). Investment Diversification of Priority Sectors after LDC Graduation. A report prepared for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) ([Report](#))
- Raihan, S., Bidisha, S. H., Sharmin, E., Asaduzzaman, M., and Das, D. (2025). Analysing the Challenges and the Opportunities for Women’s Participation in the Construction Sector and STEM-based Career in Bangladesh. SANEM Publications, Dhaka, Bangladesh. ([Report](#))
- Pathways to Self-Employment and Employer Status: The Role of Demographic, Socioeconomic and Regional Factors in Shifting from Unpaid Labour in Bangladesh (Currently **under review** by Social Indicators Research Journal)

Policy brief:

- [SANEM-AAB policy brief on Navigating the Future: Youth to Develop Just, Resilient and Sustainable Bangladesh \(2024\)](#)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Das, Dipa, & Sen, Subir, Efficiency and Productivity Analysis of Selected Insurers in the Bangladesh Insurance Industry [Paper presentation]. 7th SANEM Annual Economists’ Conference (SAEC) 2024.
- Hasan, Ekramul, Das, Dipa, & Ahmed, M.T., Pathways to Self-Employment and Employer Status: The Role of Demographic, Socioeconomic and Regional Factors in Shifting from Unpaid Labour. Presented in the 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics 2025, Bangalore, India.
- Hasan, Ekramul & Das, Dipa, What Drives Female Employment in Contemporary Sectors? Evidence from Bangladesh’s Agro-Processing, Jute, and IT Industries. Presented in the 65th Annual

Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics 2025, Bangalore, India.

SKILLS

Software Skills: MS Office, Stata, Eviews, DEAP

Survey Programming: Kobo Toolbox, Survey CTO, Google Forms

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Hostel Coordinator, International Students Affairs Council (ISAC), IIT Roorkee May 2022 - May 2023

- ISAC Council forms a formal bridge between international students and IIT Roorkee authorities. – Worked as hostel coordinator for all international students of IITR.
- Worked as a Bangladesh student representative.

Volunteer, NSS unit of Visva - Bharati Aug 2016 - Jan 2018 – worked as an NSS Volunteer under the NSS Unit of Visva-Bharati from 2016-2018 and attended a special camp from 22.03.2017- 28.03.2017.

- Worked as a Volunteer under the auspices of the National Cadet Corps, Visva-Bharati.

Awards and Honors

Study in India (SII) Scholarship 2021, Ministry of Education, Government of India

- Recipient of a scholarship for postgraduate studies completed at IIT Roorkee from 2021 to 2023.

References:

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University of Dhaka and
Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling
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2. Dr. Subir Sen

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