

Dipa Das

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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 2026 – Present

Senior Research Associate

- Design and manage firm- and household-level quantitative surveys and qualitative research (KIIs, FGDs); develop sampling frameworks, questionnaire instruments, and field protocols.
- Conduct econometric analysis to estimate employment, wage, and welfare outcomes; clean, validate, and analyze primary and secondary data in Stata.
- Author policy briefs, research reports, and peer-reviewed manuscripts; contribute to concept notes and proposals for donor-funded research.
- Coordinate multi-site fieldwork and supervise enumerators and junior researchers; manage relationships with international partners.

South Asian Network On Economic Modeling (SANEM)

August 2023 – July 2026

Research Associate

- Collected and monitored primary data through the management of quantitative surveys, KIIs, and FGDs.
- Interpreted and analyzed primary and secondary data in Stata.
- Supported the design of research papers, policy briefs, and analytical reports.
- Developed proposals for research projects and supported project management.

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore

May 2022 – July 2022

Summer Intern

- Analyzed macroeconomic trends in unemployment and inflation using the Phillips Curve framework; produced a research report comparing India–Bangladesh labour market dynamics.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- **Journal Article:** Hasan, E., Das, D. & Ahmed, M.T. (2026). From Unpaid Labour to Enterprise: Factors Shaping the Likelihood of Self-Employment and Employer Status in Bangladesh. *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41027-026-00619-y>
- **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:** 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).
- **Policy Brief:** Raihan, S., Bidisha, S.H., Sharmin, E., Hasan, E., Das, D. (2024). Navigating the Future: Youth to Develop Just, Resilient and Sustainable Bangladesh. SANEM Publications. Dhaka.

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

STILE II – European Union Requirements Assessment

In collaboration with GIZ, Dhaka

Responsibilities: desk review, data compilation and analysis, drafting research outputs, support meeting coordination and documentation, supporting workshop logistics and reporting, report writing

Duration: April 2026 – June 2027

Gender Implications of Future of Work in South Asia

In collaboration with Institute for Human Development (IHD) and LIRNEasia

Responsibilities: Oversee project implementation under team leader guidance; support survey design (200 RMG workers and 100 RMG firms), sampling, questionnaire programming in KoBo, training and monitoring field enumerators, field management; conducting data cleaning, analysis, 5 case studies, and 50 KIIs; drafting research outputs, supervising junior researchers; monitoring project expenditures and timelines; managing international partner and donor communication

Duration: January 2025 – January 2027

Investment Diversification of Priority Sectors After LDC Graduation

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

Responsibilities: Study design, survey design, survey sampling (972 firms across 3 sectors), questionnaire preparation, survey management, data cleaning and data analysis, report writing

Duration: December 2023 – January 2025

Study on the Potentials and Barriers for Women's Participation in the Construction Sector and STEM-based Careers in Bangladesh

In collaboration with 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 FGDs and KIIs, report writing, organizing validation workshop

Duration: September 2023 – February 2024

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

Under the study "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 Associates, SANEM

Duration: August 2023 – November 2023

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER WRITINGS

1. The Daily Star – "Cheap labour no longer enough as LDC graduation meets Middle East turmoil", March 30, 2026.

2. Thinking Aloud – "From Growth to Stagnation: The Shifting Landscape of Bangladesh's Manufacturing", November 2, 2025.

3. The Daily Star – "How female employment can be diversified", March 4, 2025. Co-authored with Mr Ekramul Hasan, Research Associate, SANEM.

4. 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, SANEM.

5. The Daily Star – "More women in construction sector should be our next goal", July 2, 2024.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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 at 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 at the 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics 2025, Bangalore, India.
- Ahmed, M.T., & Das, Dipa. What Drives Manufacturing Employment in Bangladesh? Presented at the 9th SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC) 2026, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

SKILLS

Software: MS Office, Stata, EViews, DEAP, GAMS

Survey Platforms: SurveyCTO, KoBo Toolbox

Research Design: Quantitative survey (firm level, household level), qualitative (KII, FGD, case studies)

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 and 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, in 2017.

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.

Trainings

Agri-Food Trade Policy Analysis in Bangladesh (24–27 June 2024)

- Certificate awarded for participating in the capacity-strengthening workshop on "Agri-Food Trade Policy Analysis in Bangladesh" at Dhaka, Bangladesh, organized by the Policy Research Institute (PRI) and IFPRI South Asia.

Advanced Training on Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modelling (4–7 December 2025)

- Certificate awarded for participating in the advanced training on CGE modelling for economy-wide policy analysis, held at Kathmandu, Nepal, jointly organized by SANEM, IFPRI, Tribhuvan University, and IIDS.

References

Professional Reference

Dr Selim Raihan

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Academic Reference

Dr Subir Sen

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