

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Dr. Md. Harun-Ur-Rashid Askari (Pen name: Rashid Askari): An academic, educationist and the Vice Chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh. Also a bilingual author, columnist, fictionist, literary critic and media personality. Served with Khalid University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the Professor and Head of the Department of English from 2008 to 2013. Had been the Chair, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh from 2004 to 2007; Student Advisor from 1996 to 1997; and the Director of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), from 2014 to 2016. Has 7 books and about a hundred articles/essays to his credit. *Postmodern Literary and Critical Theories* (Dhaka-2002), *Indo-English Literature and Others* (Dhaka-1996), *The Wounded Land*, (Dhaka-2011) and *Nineteen seventy one and other stories*,( Dhaka-2012) deserve special mention. Edited *English Writings of Tagore* 3 Vols. (Dhaka, 2012-2013). The Indian version of the short story collection *Nineteen Seventy One* has been published by Rubric Publishing, New Delhi, in 2019. The book has been translated into Hindi and French. A review of the book appears in the March-April 2019 edition of *Indian Literature* published by Sahitya Akademi, India which calls the author “the Master Story-teller from Bangladesh”. Awarded Oitijho Gold Medal

2019 for literature.

The short story (Nineteen seventy one) was published in the Journal of Postcolonial Cultures and Societies (JPCS) at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, USA. The Publication Excellence Award 2018 winning internationally referred journal CLRI (Contemporary Literary Review: India) published three stories (Lottery, Locked-in Syndrome and Jihad). The story (The virgin whore) was published in Cafe Dissensus, a New York and India based magazine which considered the story as a 'deeply moving story'. 'A brief history of Bangladeshi writing in English' was published in the international art and literary magazine, The Missing Slate in October 2015. Many other columns were published in the Brunei Times and the African Herald Express. Academic interests include Modern and Postmodern Fiction, Colonial and Postcolonial Literatures, South-Asian Writing in English, Bangladeshi Writing in English, Literary and Critical Theories, Creative Writing and Quality Assurance Mechanism at Higher Education Institutions. Had been the General Secretary of Islamic University Teachers' Association from 2014 to 2015 and Secretary General of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association from 2014 to 2015. An Executive Member of Bangladesh Progressive Columnist Forum.

#### CURRENT POSITIONS

Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University, Kushtia Bangladesh

#### CAREER OBJECTIVE

To apply knowledge and experience and academic leadership to quality teaching and research at the universities and to contribute to scholarly and creative writing.

#### EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy (English), 2005, University of Pune, India.
- Master of Arts (English), 1986, University of Dhaka. Bangladesh (2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 4<sup>th</sup> Position out of 10 toppers )
- Bachelor of Arts (Honors) (English), 1985, University of Dhaka. Bangladesh (2<sup>nd</sup> Class 18<sup>th</sup> position)
- Higher Secondary School Certificate, 1982, Rajshashi Board, Bangladesh (1<sup>st</sup> Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Position out of 20 toppers from Humanities Group in the Board)
- Secondary School Certificate, 1980, Rajshashi Board, Bangladesh (1<sup>st</sup> Division with letter grade in two papers,)

#### PROFESSIONAL , ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

- Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh, 21 August 2016

to date

- Professor: 13 June 2013 to 20 August 2016, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
- Professor : 6th October, 2008 to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Department of English, Bisha Faculty of Science and Arts, King Khalid University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Professor: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 to 5th October 2008, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
- Associate Professor: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2000 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia , Bangladesh .
- Assistant Professor: 31<sup>st</sup> July 1993 to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2000, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
- Lecturer: 31<sup>st</sup> July 1990 to 30<sup>th</sup> July 1993, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
- Chairman, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1991 to 31<sup>st</sup> September 1991; 1<sup>st</sup> October 1996 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 1996; 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.
- Chairman, Department of English, Bisha Faculty of Science and Arts, King Khalid University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia : 2009--2010.
- Student Advisor: 5<sup>th</sup> November 1996 to 5<sup>th</sup> November 1997, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
- Platoon Under Officer (PUO) of Islamic University BNCC (Bangladesh National Cadet Corps): 10/04/1995—02/10/2008
- Director, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Islamic University: 13 October 2014 to 21 August 2016
- Involved in different capacities with Bangladesh Public Service Commission
- Expert member of the Selection Board of professors and associate professors of the Department of English at Jessore University of Science and Technology
- Expert member of the Selection Board of professors and associate professors of the Department of English at Patuakhali University of Science and Technology
- Quality Assurance(QA) Expert, Reviewer of Project Proposal and Peer Reviewer of Self-Assessment Report (SAR)
- Member, Board of Governors, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh, 21 August 2016 to date
- Government-nominated member of the Syndicate, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh—from 02 March 2017 till date.
- Member of Trustee Board, Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN).
- Government-nominated member of the Syndicate, Rabindra Maitree University, Kushtia—from 13 November 2018 till date.

## TRAINING

1. Completed an e-Learning QM (Quality Management) Course at King Khalid

University, KSA in 2013.

2. Attended a Training Programme on Using e-Learning Management System at King Khalid University, KSA in 2013.

3. Attended a Professional Development Training Programme on “Quality Assurance in Higher Education” during 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 –1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at AIT (Asian Institute of Technology), Thailand.

4. Attended a Peer Reviewers’ Training Workshop at UGC Dhaka on 30-31 August 2015.

5. Worked as a Quality Assurance Expert in the External Peer Review Team and attended the 3-day External Peer Review Programme (27 March to 29 March 2016).

6. Attended Web-based Project Monitoring Information Management System (PMIS) training at Rajshahi University on 24 November 2015.

#### WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/CONFERENCE

1. Attended a National Workshop on HEQEP Achievements 2015 on 12 November 2015 in Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) Dhaka.

2. Attended a Project Proposal Review Workshop on 08 December 2015 at UGC Dhaka.

3. Attended a two-day long (15/4/2016-16/4/2016) International Seminar on Folklore organized by Rajshahi University Folklore Department as the chief discussant in a paper reading session.

4. Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> South and Southeast Asian Rectors Forum held in Yunnan University, Kunming China from 23/11/2017 to 27/11/2017.

5. Attended the 46<sup>th</sup> Conference of Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) held in Auckland, New Zealand from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

6. Attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Brunei Darussalam as a special guest held on 17 September 2018.

7. Attended the 2nd South and Southeast Asian Rectors Forum held in Yunnan University, Kunming China from 9 to 11 December 2018.

8. Attended the International Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations (CDAC) held in Beijing, China from 15 May 2019 to 15 May 2019.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

1. The founding General Secretary of the Kushtia Islamic University Bangabandhu Parishad from 1999 to 2002.

2. General Secretary of the Islamic University Teachers' Association from February 2014 to April 2015.

3. Secretary General of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Associations (FBUTA) from March 2014 to May 2015.

4. Life Member of Bangladesh India Friendship Society.

5. Senior Vice-President, (91 Sadhana Sangsad Foundation—a nonpolitical, nonprofit intellectual forum established by the late nuclear scientist Dr. M. A. Wazed Ali.

6. Senior Vice-President of Coalition Against Tobacco, Tracks and Terrorism (CATTT), a nationwide intellectual-cultural organization.

#### COUNTRIES VISITED

India, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Brunei, New Zealand

#### PUBLICATIONS

a) Books: Texts and creative writings

1. *The Dying Homeland*, a collection of essays in Bengali, Dhaka-1996.

2. *Indo-English Literature and Others*, a collection of literary and critical essays in Bengali, Dhaka-1996.

3. *Today's Folktale*, a collection of short stories in Bengali, Dhaka-1997.

4. *Deconstructing Thoughts*, a collection of critical essays in Bengali, Dhaka-

2001.

5. *Postmodern Literary and Critical Theory*, a book on literary and critical essays in Bengali, Dhaka-2002.

6. *The Wounded Land*, a collection of socio-political and cultural essays in English, Dhaka-2011.

7. *Nineteen seventy one and other stories*, a collection of short stories in English, Dhaka-2012.

8. Edited books: *English Writings of Tagore* (3 Volumes) Pathak Shamabesh-Dhaka (2012-2013).

9. *Bangladesh: Contemporary Society-Politics*, a collection of columns. Dhaka: Agamee Prakashan, 2019

b) Articles: Research

1. "Postcolonial Writing & Nirad C. Chaudhuri: An Introduction", Critique, vol.1, 2003, Department of English Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

2. "Theme of Exile in the Old English Poems: The Wanderer and The Seafarer", Islamic University Studies, vol.7 No 2. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

3. "Rethinking Nirad C. Chaudhuri", Critique, vol.2, 2004, Department of English, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

4. "Beowulf: The Making of an Epic", Islamic University Studies, vol.8 No1. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

5. "William Golding's Pincher Martin and Manik Bandyopadhyay's Bhiku: Two Existentialist Heroes", Islamic University Studies, vol.10 No1. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

6. "Influence of Twentieth Century English Poetry on Modern Arabic Poetry: Especially on its Form and Style", Islamic University Studies, vol.8 No1. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

7. "Nirad C. Chaudhuri's Contribution to Indo-English Prose with Reference to The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian". Islamic University Studies, vol.5 No1. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

8. "Terry Eagleton and Marxist Criticism". Islamic University Studies, vol.5 No2. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

9. "Islamic University, Bangladesh: Its Past, Present and Future". Islamic University Studies, vol.6 No1. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic

University, Kushtia.

10. "Feminist Criticism: A Contemporary Approach to Critical Inquiry". Islamic University Studies, vol.6 No2. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

11. "Chaucer and Modernism: A Critical Analysis" Islamic University Studies, vol.7 No1.Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

12. "New Criticism: Emergence and Development", Islamic University Studies, vol.10 No.2.Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

13. " Commercialization of Bengali Literature : A Critique", Islamic University Studies,vol.11 No.1.Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences ,Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

14."The Problems of English Language Acquisition an Learning among Students in Bangladesh : A Study of the Sociopolitical and Sociolinguistic Realities", Islamic University Studies,vol.11 No.2.Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences ,Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

15. A brief history of Bangladeshi writing in English. THE MISSING SLATE. 01 October 2015.

#### INTERNATIONAL PBLICATI ONS ( POPULAR ESSAYS AND SHORT FICTION)

1."War crimes and the criminals" (article); The Brunei Times, Saturday, December 15, 2007.

2."Nineteen seventy one" (short story) The Journal of Postcolonial Cultures and Societies (JPCS) Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, USA, Vol. 2, NO.4,2011

3."Lottery" (short story); The Contemporary Literary Review: India (CLRI), Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

4. "Jihad" (short story) The Contemporary Literary Review: India (CLRI)-Nimba Issue 1, 2012.

5. "Nineteen seventy one" (short story) Journal of the Postcolonial Cultures and Societies (Volume-2, Number 4), 2011.

6. "The virgin whore" (short story) Cafe Dissensus, 31 Mach 2019.

7. "Eve-teasing in Bangladesh: Crime and punishment", African Herald Express, March 14, 2012.

8. Psychological torture on women and the legal cure", African Herald Express, March 17, 2012.

9. "Population explosion and the fate of mankind", African Herald Express, April 10,

2012.

10." Bangladesh's conquest of the sea: a daunting prospect", African Herald Express, May10,2012.

11."Future of literature: Global Art-Malady and its Consequences", Lit Search, Volume 1, Number 1, December 2011: ISSN: 2277-6990(Print).

12."Locked-in Syndrome" (short story); The Contemporary Literary Review: India (CLRI), June 2012.

13.'Historic 21<sup>st</sup> February and the birth of a nation' an article published in the African Herald Express.

#### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND COLUMNS

Regular contributor to the Daily Sun, the Weekly Dhaka Courier, the Daily Ittefaq, and the Jai Jai Din. Wrote more a large number of columns both in English and Bengali at home and abroad in the newspapers like: The African Herald Express, The Brunei Times, The Daily Star, The Daily Observer, The New Age, The Financial Express, The Daily Sun, The Daily Ittefaq, The Daily Prothom-Alo, The Daily Jai Jai Din, etc.

#### BOOK REVIEW

1. "The Story of an Inspirational Figure"- a review by me of the biography of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by Syed Badrul Ahsan published by the Embassy of Bangladesh, Washington D.C. News on 15 Jan 2014.
2. A review of my book *Nineteen Seventy One* published by Rubric Publishing, New Delhi, India in 2019 has been published in the March-April 2019 edition of Indian Literature published by Sahitya Akademi, India.

#### AREAS OF INTEREST

Modern and Postmodern Fiction, Postcolonial Literatures, South Asian Writing in English, Literary and Critical Theories, Creative Writing and Quality Assurance Mechanism at Tertiary Education in Bangladesh.

#### OTHER EXPERIENCES

1. Member of the International Publication and Translation Sub Committee under the National Implementation Committee for the Celebration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman .
2. Editor, Islamic University Studies, Vol.10 No2.2005-2006, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences ,Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.
2. Editor, Islamic University Studies, vol.11 No1.2005-2006, Faculty of

Humanities & Social Sciences ,Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

3. Chief Editor, Critique , vol.2 No2, 2004, a research journal published annually by the Department of English , Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

4. Member of Editorial Board. Journal of the Institute of Islamic Education and Research, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

5. Member of the Editorial Board of “Islamic University Newsletter”.

6. Regular participant in Bangladeshi TV talk shows

#### AWARDS

Awarded the Oitijjo Gold Medal 2019 by Bangladesh Folklore Research Centre of Rajshahi University for his contribution to the fields of literature and education.

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 01 June 1965. Place of Birth: Rangpur, Bangladesh. Father’s Name: Md. Abdul Mannan. Mother’s Name: Setara Begum. Spouse’s Name: Masuma Ferdous. Ethnicity: Bengali. Nationality: Bangladeshi (by birth). Religion: Islam. Height: 5'-7"/ Weight:75 kg

HOBBIES: Reading, writing and sightseeing tour

#### PERMANENT ADDRESS

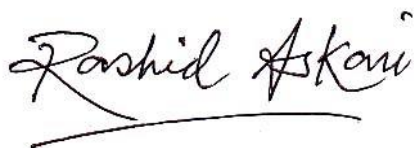
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#### REFEREES

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2. Professor Rafiqul Islam : National Professor of Bangladesh



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