

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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## BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Dr. Md. Harun-Ur-Rashid Askari (Rashid Askari): An academic, educationist, researcher and the Vice Chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh. Also a Bengali-English writer, columnist, fictionist, translator, literary critic, and media personality. Served with King Khalid University, KSA as 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. Part-time Member of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and also Member of UGC Finance Committee. 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* was published by Rubric Publishing, New Delhi, in 2019 and was translated into Hindi and French. 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 the New York and India based magazine Cafe Dissensus. '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. Member of the International Publication and Translation Sub- Committee under Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee.

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University, Kushtia Bangladesh

## **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

To apply knowledge, experience and leadership skill in creating and maintaining academic excellence for the higher education institutions ensuring accountability, transparency and professionalism.

## **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 for one year.
- 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.
- Part-time member of the University Grants Commission (UGC) from 5 October 2019 for two years.
- Current Member of the Finance Committee of University Grants Commission.

- Member of the International Publication and Translation Sub-Committee under Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee.

## **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.
9. Attended the International Webinar on “Fighting against COVID-19 in the Campus” held on 20 May 2020 organized by South and Southeast Asian University Network (S &SE ASIAN UN), Yunnan University, China and presented the keynote paper titled “Online Teaching during COVID-19 Outbreak”.
10. Attended an online International Faculty Development Programme (IFDP)-jointly organized by Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Management and Entrepreneur Development, Pune and Gramonnati Mandal’s Arts, Commerce and Science College, Pune, India on 31 May 2020 and presented the keynote paper titled “Innovative Teaching Pedagogy and Igniting Students’ Interest through Virtual Mode for Higher Education Institutions.”

## **ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

1. The founding General Secretary of Islamic University Kushtia 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 Miah.
6. Senior Vice-President of Coalition against Tobacco, Tracks and Terrorism (CATTT), a nationwide intellectual-cultural organization.
7. Member of the Advisory Committee of Bongio Literary and Cultural Sangsad with Selina Hossain as the Chair.
8. An Executive Member of Bangladesh Progressive Columnist Forum.
9. An Advisor to Dhaka Translation Fest (DTF), a literary and translation forum that organizes annual international festivals.

## **COUNTRIES VISITED**

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

## **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. *Bangladesh: Contemporary Society-Politics*, a collection of columns. Dhaka: Agamee Prakashan, 2019
9. Edited books: *English Writings of Tagore* (3 Volumes) Pathak Shamabesh-Dhaka (2012-2013).

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 Bandopadhyaya's Bhiku: Two Existentialist Heros", 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 ( 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.

14. 'Life in the Time of Corona', Café Dissensus, 30 March 2020.

## **TRANSLATIONS**

Bangabandhu's 10 January 1972 Speech, published in the booklet titled "Waiting for Centenary" on 10 January 2020 by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee on the occasion of Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day.

## **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND COLUMNS**

Regular contributor to the Daily Sun, the Weekly Dhaka Courier, the Daily Ittefaq, and the Jai Jai Din. Wrote 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 the 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.
3. A review of the book *Nineteen Seventy One* published by the International Journal of Community and Social Development, written by Dr. Manohar Pawar, Professor of Social Work at Charles Sturt University, NSW, Australia, and the President of the International Consortium for Social Development.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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

## **OTHER EXPERIENCES**

1. 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.
- Awarded the 'Jononetri Sheikh Hasina Sommanona Padak-2019' by Bangabandhu Peshajibi Parishad for outstanding contribution to the field of education.
- Awarded the 'Dhaka University Alumni News Award 2020'.

## **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 traveling

**PERMANENT ADDRESS**

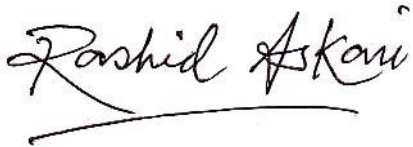
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**PRESENT ADDRESS**

Vice Chancellor, Islamic University, Kushtia-7003, Bangladesh

**REFEREES**

1. Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam: Former Professor of English, University of Dhaka.
2. Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Chief Coordinator, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee.



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