

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Qualifications:

2021-2026
(Degree Conferred on
10.06.2026)

PhD in Public Administration, School of Public Policy and Administration, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Shaanxi, PR China under Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC).

Title of PhD Thesis: *Urban Blue-Green Space Transformation and Its Impact Pathways on Thermal Environment, Mental Well-being, and Willingness-to-Pay for Housing: A Case Study of Dhaka*

Supervisor: Professor Dr. Jinfeng Du

2014-2019
(Degree Conferred on
23.09.2020)

MPhil in Public Administration, University of Dhaka, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

Title of Thesis: *Role of Public-Private Partnership in Infrastructure Development: Bangladesh Experience.*

Supervisor: Professor Dr. Naznin Islam

2010-2011
(Degree Conferred on
23.03.2013)

Master's in Public Administration, University of Dhaka, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
CGPA - 3.47 (out of 4.00)

2006-2010
(Degree Conferred on
18.03.2012)

Bachelor's in public administration, University of Dhaka, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
CGPA - 3.41 (out of 4.00)

Professional Experience:

11 March 2026- Present

Deputy Director, Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.

23 oct. 2022– 11 March 2026

Assistant Director (Studying PhD on Deputation), Rural

	Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
23 July 2022 – 23 oct. 2022	Assistant Director (Project Planning & Monitoring) , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
23 Nov. 2020 – 07 Sep. 2021	Assistant Director (Training) , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
August 2019 – June 2021	Attached Officer (Additional Charge) ; GoB funded Project on " <i>Poverty Reduction of Marginalized People of Kurigram and Jamalpur Districts</i> " (KAJ Project), Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
26 Dec. 2019 - 22 Nov. 2020	Assistant Director (Research & Evaluation) , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
23 Oct. 2017 - 25 Dec. 2019	Assistant Director (Rural Governance & Gender) , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
Dec. 2012 – Dec. 2016	Assistant Researcher , IRG Development Services (IRGDSL), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Training & Workshops:

27 September 2025	<i>‘Data and Decision Science: Higher Studies, Perspectives, Careers, and Research Avenues’</i> organized by ResearchOrbit.org
14-16 June 2024	<i>‘2024 International Conference on Sustainable Water and Environment (ICSWE2024)’</i> ; Jointly organized by Chang’an University, China; University of Zululand, South Africa
30-31 May 2024	<i>‘International Conference on Population and Sustainable development: Policy, Governance and Practice’</i> ; organized by School of Public Policy and Administration, Xi’an Jiaotong University, Shaanxi, China
28 August 2022	<i>“Training of Trainers (ToT) on Upazila Development Plan” Upazila Integrated Capacity Development Project (UICDP)</i> , Central Training Unit of LGED, RDEC, Dhaka
05 May 2022 - 05 July 2022	<i>"Research Course: Basic to Advance"</i> 30 lectures with research software (Zotero, Mendeley, SPSS, NVivo, KoBo

	Toolbox, Latex), Research Help Bangladesh .
21-23 June 2020	<i>Training on Financial Management and Audit Act</i> , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
07-11 June 2020	<i>Training on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</i> , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
16 May 2020	<i>Training on Citation and Referencing Skills</i> , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
13-15 May 2020	<i>Training on the Public Procurement Act -2006 and Rules-2008</i> , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
05-09 May 2020	<i>Training on the Application of STATA in Data Management and Analysis</i> , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
02-06 Feb. 2020	<i>RuralInvest Introductory Training Course: Introduction to Formulation and Analysis of Business Plans and Small Investment Projects</i> jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
18-19 December 2019	Insearch 2019: 6th International Integrative Research Conference on "Governance in Society, Business and Environment" , Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Kotbari, Cumilla, Bangladesh
03-06 October 2019	Training of Trainers (ToT) on "Upazila Parishad Planning and Service Delivery" , Upazila Governance and Development Project (UGDP), National Institute of Local Government (NILG), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
12-16 May 2019	Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on "Public Service Innovation" . Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh.
03-04 May 2019	Training Courses on "Innovation in Public Service Delivery" , Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Kotbari, Cumilla, Bangladesh.

30 April 2019	Workshop on “Prospects and Challenges to Increase Income of Union Parishad” , National Institute of Local Government (NILG), Dhaka, Bangladesh
18-19 May 2018	Training on "e-filing management System" Organized by Access to Information (A2I) PMO, GoB & Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
19-21 March 2018	Training Workshop on 'Media Relation, Press Release and Media Coverage' , Bangladesh Institute of Journalism and Electronic Media (BIJEM), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
28 Nov. 2017 - 26 Jan. 2018	62th Special Foundation Training Course for BCS (Health) Cadre Officials , Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
August 2016	Quantum Psyche Course for the Development of Psyche Healing Power , Quantum Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
May 2016	Quantum Yoga Course for Physical Fitness , Quantum Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh
20-23 February 2015	Quantum Method Meditation Course for Mind Development and Self-Improvement , Yoga Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
January - March 2010	Certificate Course on "Computer Fundamentals, MS-offices & internet applications" , Institute of Information & Technology (IIT), University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
20-21 August 2008	Workshop on "Result Based Management (RBM)" , Department of Population Science, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Awards & Recognition:

17-19 April 2026	Best Poster Presentation Award , The 2nd XJTU-XJTULU-UoL Doctoral Wisdom Convergence Camp. ‘Interdisciplinarity innovation. Shaping the intelligent future’. Xi’an Jiaotong University (XJTU), Shaanxi, China
19-21 March 2025	Best Poster Presentation Award , The First XJTU-UoL-XJTU Postgraduate Research Joint Conference & 2025 XJTU Postgraduate Research Symposium. Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool

	University (XJTLU), Suzhou Industrial Park, Jiangsu, China.
03 November 2017	<i>Lifelong Blood Donor Silver Club (10 times), Voluntary Blood Donation Program</i> , Quantum Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
17 October 2012	<i>Bronze Awarded "THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD" Program</i> , Bangladesh.
17 May 2008	<i>Championship; Inter-Department Basketball Competition-2008</i> , Physical Education, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Extra-Curriculum Activities, Membership & Affiliation:

10 December 2020	Presiding Officer, Upazila Parishad (Sub-District Council) Vice-Chairman Election, Sherpur, Bogura, Bangladesh
August 2019 - Present	Member, National Integrity Strategy (NIS), RDA, Bogura, Bangladesh
April 2019 - April 2021	Secretary, Faculty Council, RDA, Bogura, Bangladesh
December 2017 - Present	Member, Officers' Association, RDA, Bogura, Bangladesh
October 2017 - Present	Faculty Member, Faculty Council, RDA, Bogura, Bangladesh
October 2019 - Present	Life Member, Dhabian Bogura, Bogura, Bangladesh
February 2015 - Present	Life Member, Quantum Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh
October 2006 – December 2011	Former Executive Member, Dhaka University Tourist Society (DUTS)

Training Management Experience:

16 Feb. 2021 - 15 June, 2021	Course Coordinator, 162 th Foundation Training Course for BCS (General Education) Cadre officers, RDA, Bogura, Bangladesh
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Project Experience:

August 2019-June 2021	Attached Officer, Project on " <i>Poverty Reduction of Marginalized People of Kurigram and Jamalpur Districts</i> "
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List of Publications:

Research Book (02)

2. Ferdous, J., & **Ahmad, M. (2025)**. Social safety net programs in Bangladesh: Fighting food insecurity during COVID-19 (1st ed.). *Palgrave Macmillan Singapore*. Hardcover ISBN 978-981-95-1155-6. Available at:
<https://link.springer.com/book/9789819511556#accessibility-information>
1. **Ahmad, M.** (2021). Public-Private Partnership a New Avenue for Rural Development in Bangladesh: Experience of Rural Development Academy. *Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh*. Available at:
http://rda.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rda.portal.gov.bd/page/62f4df05_defc_4a94_9e6d_2b1693dad083/2021-10-05-15-28-e2341531192583e8c7b4dc71a4d39bcb.pdf

Journal Articles (12)

12. **Ahmad, M.**, Du, J., & Rashid, Md. J. (2025). Urban Green Space and Mental Health: Mediating Roles of Physical Activity and Social Cohesion. *American Journal of Health Promotion (IF-2.4, Q1)*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08901171251388878> . Available at:
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/08901171251388878?domain=p2p_domain&token=WZQ9BYDEZQX9QE9YDZE2
11. **Ahmad, M.**, & Du, J. (2025). Unlocking Financial Potential for Urban Nature-Based Solutions: A PRISMA-Based Systematic Review. *Sustainable Development*, 34(1), 510–532. (IF-8.2, Q1).
<https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.70243>. Available at:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/sd.70243>
10. **Ahmad, M.**, & Ferdous, J. (2025). Effectiveness of emergency food assistance programs during COVID-19 at Union Parishad: Mediating role of political neutrality. *Evaluation and Program Planning (IF-2.0, Q2)*, 111 (2025) 102566. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.EVALPROGPLAN.2025.102566>. Available at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0149718925000333?via%3Dihub>
9. Sifullah, M. K., Soheli, M. S., Hossain Sarker, M. F., Islam, M., **Ahmad, M.**, & Rahman, M. M. (2023, October). Mapping out the vulnerabilities of migrant women in the informal sector: A qualitative investigation in Dhaka city. *Heliyon (IF-3.6, Q1)*, 9(10), e20950. Available at:
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2023.e20950> ;
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2405844023081586>
8. **Ahmad, M.** (2021). Financial Autonomy of Union Parishad: A Study of Model Union Parishad. *Bangladesh Rural Development Studies*, 24(1), pp. 61-72.
https://rda.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rda.portal.gov.bd/page/1fed394b_79fc_4e3b_9b75_445f6ae407d8/2021-09-22-09-13-92c4738d944f104c633cbdd62db2dfb6.pdf

7. **Ahmad, M., & Islam, N. (2021).** Environmental Consideration of Infrastructure Projects under Public Private Partnership: Sustainable Development Perspective. *Journal of Development Review*, 30, pp.68-88 .Available at: <https://napd.portal.gov.bd/site/files/bfa48ffd-e99d-486e-9409-530369effb0a>
6. **Ahmad, M., & Islam, N. (2021).** Public-Private Partnership Projects in Bangladesh: The Performance of Public Sector. *Journal of Economics, Finance and Management Studies*, 4 (05), pp. 429-437. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.47191/jefms/v4-i5-09>
5. **Ahmad, M. (2020).** Public-Private Partnership in Rural Development: Experience of Rural Development Academy, Bogura. *Journal of Governance & Innovation*, VI(1), pp. 21-35. Available at: <https://osderpublications.com/uploads/1617783300.pdf>
4. **Ahmad, M., Amin, M., Annadurai, G., & Islam, N. (2020).** Present Scenario of Holding Tax Management of Local Government in Bangladesh: A Case Study on Union Parishad of Bogura District. *Local Government Quarterly*, XC(3), pp. 6-21. Available at: <https://www.aiilsg.org/pdf/Local%20Government%20Quarterly%20July%20-%20Sept%202020%20%20new.pdf>
3. **Annadurai, G., & Ahmad, M. (2019).** Comparative Study of Financial Administrations of Grassroots Level Rural Government Institutions of Bangladesh and India. *Local Government Quarterly*, LXXXIX(4), pp. 6-18. Available at: <https://www.aiilsg.org/pdf/Local%20Government%20Quarterly%20Oct%20-%20Dec%202019-1.pdf>
2. **Ahmad, M. (2018).** Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship: A Study of Jashore District. *Bangladesh Rural Development Studies*, 22(2), pp.31-48. Available at: http://rda.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rda.portal.gov.bd/page/1fed394b_79fc_4e3b_9b75_445f6ae407d8/RDA%20Journal%20Vol.%2022_2018_No.%202.pdf
1. **Mamun, A. M., Ahmad, M., & Sultana, R. (2018).** Economic Analysis Of Post-Harvest Losses In Vegetables In Bangladesh: A Study in Bogura District of Bangladesh. *International Journal of Experimental Agriculture*, 8(1), pp.19-25 . Available at: <http://ggfjournals.com/assets/uploads/MIN-752.pdf>

MPhil Thesis (01)

1. **Ahmad, M. (2020).** Role of Public-Private Partnership in Infrastructure Development: Bangladesh Experience (MPhil Thesis, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka). *Dhaka University Institutional Repository*. Available at: <http://repository.library.du.ac.bd:8080/handle/123456789/1632>

Book Chapter (03)

3. Mridha, M. A. H., & Ahmad, M. (2022). বঙ্গবন্ধুর স্বপ্ন এবং পল্লী উন্নয়ন একাডেমী'র বিভিন্ন প্রায়োগিক গবেষণার আর্থ-সামাজিক প্রভাব (in Bangla). In Khalil Ahmed (Eds.), বঙ্গবন্ধুর দর্শন ও উন্নয়নের রূপকার দেশরত্ন শেখ হাসিনা (in Bangla), pp. 114-132. Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
2. Mamun, A. A., Sarker, S. K., & Ahmad, M. (2022). বঙ্গবন্ধু: স্বাধীনতার রূপকার (in Bangla). In Khalil Ahmed (Eds.), হৃদয়ে বঙ্গবন্ধু (in Bangla), pp. 01-15. Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh.
1. Islam, T. M., & Ahmad, M. (2019). Rural Education System (in Bangla). In A. K. M. Zakaria and S. Rashid (Eds.), *Amar Gram Amar Sohor*, pp. 97-109. Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh. Available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/367090916_gramina_jana_pratyasa_o_parikalpana_amara_grama_amara_sahara_gramina_siksa_byabastha

Conference/Seminar Paper (04)

4. Ahmad, M., DU, J., Hasan, M. R. and Mallik, T (2026, April 17-19). AI-Reveals Urban Expansion: Blue-Green Space Loss and Heat Risks in Dhaka. The 2nd XJTU-XJTULU-UoL Doctoral Wisdom Convergence Camp. 'Interdisciplinarity innovation. Shaping the intelligent future'. Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), Shaanxi, China. (Poster presentation).
3. Ahmad, M., DU, J., Rashid, M. J. & Roy, A., (2025, May 10-12). Decoding Urban Heat: Three Decades of Blue-Green Space Loss and Climate Vulnerability in Dhaka City. 4th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) 2025, hosted by the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP), Dhaka, Bangladesh. Abstract available at: <https://conference.bip.org.bd/> (Poster presentation).
2. Ahmad, M., DU, J. & Rashid, M. J., (2025, March 19-21). Nexus between Urban Blue-Green Space and Residents' Mental Health in Dhaka, Bangladesh: A Multilevel Modeling Approach. The First XJTULU-UoL-XJTU Postgraduate Research Joint Conference & 2025 XJTULU Postgraduate Research Symposium. Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTULU), Suzhou Industrial Park, Jiangsu Province, 215123, P. R. China. Abstract available at: <https://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/xjtlu-postgraduate-research-symposium> (Paper and Poster presentation)
1. Ahmad, M. (2019, December 18-19). Public-Private Partnership in Rural Development: Experience of Rural Development Academy, Bogura (Paper presentation). INSEARCH-2019: 6th International Integrative Research Conference on Governance in Society, Business and Environment, BARD, Kotbari, Comilla, Bangladesh. URL: <https://conferencealerts.com/show-event?id=211567> (Paper presentation).

Newspaper Article (02)

2. Ahmad, M. (2024, July 09). PPP: Why Agriculture and Environmental Development Sectors Are Overlooked? *The daily sun*. <https://www.daily-sun.com/post/756889>

1. Ahmad, M. (2020, August 23). Public-Private Partnership: A New Avenue for Rural Development. *The daily sun*. Retrieved October 16, 2023, from <https://www.daily-sun.com/printversion/details/501112>

Journal Reviewer (09)

9. 'Urban Forestry and Urban Greening' a Elsevier Journal [IF 6.7, H-Index-148, SJR 2.012 (2025) Q1, SSCI, SCIE, Scopus]
8. 'Scientific Reports' a Springer Nature Journal [IF 3.9, H-Index-382, SJR 0.893 (2025) Q1, SSCI, Scopus]
7. 'Human Ecology' a Springer Nature Journal [IF 1.7, H-Index-87, SJR 0.486 (2025) Q1, SSCI, Scopus]
6. 'Environment, Development and Sustainability' a Springer Nature Journal [IF 4.2, H-Index-96, SJR 0.958 (2024) Q1, SCIE, Scopus]
5. 'Cogent Business & Management' a Taylor & Francis Journal [IF 2.9, H-Index-56, SJR 0.596 (2024) Q2, ESCI, Scopus]
4. 'Gender, Work and Organization' a Wiley Journal [IF 3.0, H-Index-101, SJR 2.539 (2024) Q1, SSCI, Scopus]
3. 'Journal of Planning Education and Research' a SAGE Journal [IF 2.5, H-Index-91, SJR 0.933 (2024) Q1, SSCI]
2. 'American Journal of Health Promotion' a SAGE Journal [IF 2.5, H-Index-103, SJR 1.091 (2024), Q1, SSCI, Scopus]
1. 'Heliyon' a Cell Press journal [IF 3.4, H-Index-115, SJR 0.644 (2024) Q1, Scopus]