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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest lies at the intersection of sustainability and design, use, and creation of technologies for communities at the margins. My broader interest encompasses effective civic technology & Internet, ICTD, and social computing.

EDUCATION

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Bachelors in Computer Science and Engineering

CGPA: **3.94/4**, Department Rank: **2/120**

March 16 - December 20

Notre Dame College, Dhaka

Higher Secondary Certificate

Aggregate: **85%**, College Rank: **1/2500**

July 13 - December 15

PUBLICATIONS [UNDER REVIEW]

* mark denotes equal contribution to the paper.

- [1] S.M. Taiabul Hoque*, **Rayhan Rashed***, Mehrab Bin Morshed, Naeemul Hassan, and Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed. “Exploring the Tensions between the Owners and the Drivers of Uber Cars in Urban Bangladesh”. In: (**submission at CSCW 21: major revision**).
- [2] **Rayhan Rashed**, Mohammad Rashidujjaman Rifat, Priyank Chandra, and Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed. “Pandemic, Repair, and Resilience: Coping with Technology Breakdown during COVID-19 in Bangladesh”. In: (**submission at CSCW 21**).
- [3] **Rayhan Rashed**, Aminul Hoque Sohel, and A.B.M. Alim-Al Islam. “Dakter Bari: Introducing Technological Intermediary to Ensure Healthcare Services to Extremely Impoverished People”. In: (**submission at CSCW 21: major revision**).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Third Space Group, University of Toronto

Research Assistant under Prof. Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed

Ontario, Canada

January 19 – Present

- Led a project to understand the infrastructural breakdown of informal repair and recycling practices in Bangladesh due to COVID-19 and understand the communities’ resilience to withstand the situation. Recruited participants, conducted semi-structured interviews, and analyzed the data using appropriate qualitative coding methods. Our manuscript is currently under review [2].
- Studying the perception and preference of computing device end-users toward informal repair and e-waste processing industry, self-repair practice, and the flow of computing devices. Created and deployed the survey, recruited participants via flyers on social media. Analyzing the survey data collected from 351 participants.
- Contributed to a project examining the local adoption of Sharing Economy ventures (e.g., Uber) in the Global South highlighting the tensions and opportunities shaped by the involvement of a new group of stakeholders—private car owners—who make money from Uber without driving their cars. Responsible for designing the questionnaire, recruiting and interviewing participants, and transcribing the data. Submitted a paper detailing our findings and design implications [1].

Computing Lab, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology September 18 – Present
Undergraduate Researcher with Prof. A.B.M. Alim Al Islam
Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Contributed to a healthcare information system for resource-constrained homeless communities in urban Bangladesh that leverage technology and information intermediaries within society. Conducted semi-structured interviews with 70 homeless people and 71 intermediaries to assess the contextualized needs and inter-community relationships; designed, developed, and deployed the system. Performed statistical analysis on system usage data to examine the efficacy of the approach. The paper that resulted from this project is currently under review [3].
- Working in a project to understand adoption, availability, and predict the future demand of the Internet in large families in rural Bangladesh. Collaborated with ICT Division, Government of Bangladesh to design the survey and collect 4121 responses from field surveys conducted in rural areas over the country. Leading the quantitative analysis of survey data. Preparing a draft for CHI Student Research Competition.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Cheman Ara Scholar 2019:** Academic Honor by Computer Science Department, BUET.
- **University Award for Academic Excellence (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)**
- **Champion, National Science Olympiad 2015:** by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences
- **Award of Merit 2015:** Highest Academic Honor by Notre Dame College, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Ninth Place 2015:** Among 12,000+ candidates in BUET Entrance Exam [top 0.008%]
- **Earth Champion Fellow 2015:** Awarded by Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative

SERVICE, TEACHING & LEADERSHIP

Student Volunteer

CSCW 2020, UIST 2020

Teaching Assistant. Course: Design Thinking in HCI

June 19 - August 19

Instructor: Prof. Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed

Workshop series at BUET, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Co-Lead, Knowledge, Policy, and Sustainability Team

January 16 - June 19

Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative [BYEI]

Camp Mentor

2017, 2018

Team Bangladesh for International Earth Science Olympiad [IESO]

SKILLS

User Research: Semi-structured interviews, Surveys, Field studies, Observation, Contextual inquiry.

Data Analysis: Qualitative data analysis (e.g., coding, thematic analysis, affinity diagramming), Quantitative and Statistical analysis (e.g., R, Python), Prototyping and development (e.g., Angular, D3.js).

Languages: Python, R, Java, C/C++, SQL (Postgres), JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Frameworks & Libraries: BeautifulSoup, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Node.js, JUnit, WordPress, Pandas

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, TravisCI, Google Cloud Platform, VS Code