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### EDUCATION

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M.S.S.	2021	Development Studies, Bangladesh University of Professionals CGPA- 3.92/4.00
B.S.S.	2020	Development Studies, Bangladesh University of Professionals CGPA- 3.87/4.00

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Saha, A.**, Dutta, A., & Sifat, R. I. (2021). "The mental impact of digital divide due to COVID-19 pandemic induced emergency online learning at undergraduate level: Evidence from undergraduate students from Dhaka City." *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 294, 170-179.
2. **Saha, A.** (2022). "Knowledge attitude and practice toward union digital center (UDC): Strategies and recommendations regarding building self-efficacy for rural females of Bangladesh." *Journal of Social Service Research*, 48(4), 545-560.
3. Faruk, O., **Saha, A.**, Dutta, A., Sifat, R. I., & Rahman, L. (2022). "Factors associated with living arrangement of older rickshaw-pullers in Bangladesh." *Journal of Social Service Research*, 48(5), 682-695.

### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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1. **Saha A.** (2021) "Fortifying food: An effective strategy to combat hidden hunger." *The Daily Star*.
2. **Saha, A.**(2022) "Packet labeling on food packets." *The Daily Observer*.

### SUBMITTED PROPOSAL/MANUSCRIPTS

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1. **Saha, A.**, Dutta, A., Palash, R. (2022). Exploring social justice and the business of Eco-Tourism among the ethnic groups: A qualitative study in the Chittagong Hill Tracts [Unpublished manuscript]. *Handbook of Social Justice in the Global South*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK.

### MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATIONS

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1. **Saha, A.**, Dutta, A., Zaman, N. & Sarker, PC. (2022). Measuring and in-depth analysis of socio-economic status and its implications: A mixed-method study on indigenous reverse migrants of CHT.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Saha, A.** (2019). Prevalence of digital exclusion in higher education among rural youth, *1st Orientation Exposure to Rural Development Conference*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2020- *Present*      **Research Assistant** under Dr. Ridwan Islam Sifat  
 Research Fellow, University of Missouri
- Facilitated conducting a **systematic review** on transgender population using the PRISMA checklist.
  - Executed a **pilot testing of a questionnaire**.
  - Employed the Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ) guidelines for qualitative data collection.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2022      **Guest Lecturer**, Development Thought-Research Mentorship Program
- Designed and Presented 2 lectures on “*Qualitative research approaches, Basic data coding and Analysis*”.
- 2022      **Guest Lecturer**, Development Studies, BUP
- Took a session on “*Sociological perspective of digital agriculture*” with 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students.
- 2021      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Development Studies, BUP
- *Fundamentals of Sociology* course for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.
  - Took special care of **3 (three) physically challenged students** and helped them to achieve **60% grades** in semester final.
  - Successfully designed a special intervention project to address educational inequality among marginalized community of South Eastern Regions of Bangladesh.
  - Prepared an **interactive dashboard** for my supervisor to keep track of the progress made by the students.
- 2017      **Teaching Assistant**, Summer Internship, Harinathpur SESDP Model High School
- Facilitated reducing dropout to 10 percent
  - Pioneered 310 students to attain schools
  - Supervision of After-School Activities

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2022      **Research Society Research Scholarship-2022**
- Awarded for the best scientific paper (61 citations) among 287 entries under social science stream.
- 2021      **DS Departmental Scholarship-2021**
- 100% tuition fee waiver for masters program for securing top 3% during undergraduation.
- 2021      **Dean’s Letter of Appreciation**
- Extraordinary academic and extra-curricular performance during M.S.S. (1st Semester) and B.S.S. (3rd and 4th year).
- 2020      **1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up**, Right to Food and Nutrition 2020
- Stood 2<sup>nd</sup> among 56 participants in a write-up competition.
- 2019      **Award of Distinction**
- Achieved the highest grades in the "Fundamentals of Sociology" course.

## SKILLS

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### Technical Skills

Microsoft Office; SPSS; Kobo Toolbox; Nvivo-Qualitative Data Analysis, R-Statistics

### Language Skills

English; French; Hindi

## WORK EXPERIENCES

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- 2022-  
Present **Project Coordinator (Childhood to Livelihood Program), Eco-Social Development Organizations**
- Designed a month-long **capacity-building training program** for 8 interns to enhance their critical thinking and adaptation capability with the children, youth, and adolescents.
  - Advocated **data collection** using Kobo Toolbox and monitored ethical compliance.
  - Prioritized **empirical evidence** along with in-depth knowledge (mobilized from interviews using thematic analysis) of the problem, to design the project and achieved the target (56.7 percent school attendance rate) 3 months prior to the forecast.
  - Facilitated donor organization's (Magic Bus Global) team to conduct **mid-line project assessment** which helped them to complete their task 6 days earlier than planned.
  - Conducted employability skills enhancement sessions for adolescent participants.
- 2022-  
Present **Co-editor, Development Thought (English Magazine)**
- Managed a team of **6 writers** to deliver consistent, accurate, engaging social problem-focused content.
  - Conducted successful sessions with advertisers to keep the magazine **free of cost** for its readers.
  - Created an eco-system for the writers to ensure the **credibility** of the article before submission.
  - Sourced third-party content, proofread manuscripts, and modified sentences conforming to branding standards and publication uniformity.
- 2021 **Junior Consultant (Large Scale Food Fortification Program), Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition** (Key job responsibilities)
- **Facilitated Drafting:** Meeting Minutes; Concept Development; Project Feasibility; Terms of References (TOR); Project Proposal; Donor Mapping; Logframe; Gantt chart; Single Source Justification, **dashboard** using *Microsoft Power BI*
  - **Evaluation:** Request for Proposal (RFP) and financial proposal
- 2021 **Senior Vice-President (Research), BUP Development Leaders' Club**
- Provided **technical support**; Facilitated **documentation** of project activities; **finalized** project documents; supported **reports design and implementation** of research activities.
- 2019 **Research Intern, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition**
- Drafted and presented 3 ideas to increase the production, affordability, and nutritious value of food; Supported the adolescent program in different partners' meetings; Assisted Consultant in Capturing Case Studies.

## **VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCES**

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- 2021                    **Fasting and fundraising for Urban Informal Workers**, TVS Motors Bangladesh
- Raised **500 USD** for informal workers in contribution to the Ramadan Iftar program during COVID-19
- 2017- 2018            **Campus Ambassador**, Project Alokito Shishu
- Branded the project to support underprivileged children; Raised funds worth **10000 BDT (\$100 USD)** for 10 homeless children; Taught basic subjects (English, Mathematics, Bengali) to **50 Dalit (Non-caste community)** high schoolers. Among them, 3 are currently enrolled in **public universities**; **Campaigned** Education for slum youths of Dhaka city.

## **REFERENCES**

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References available upon request