



Biography of Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu has spent 33 years of his career playing as a leading role as the Social & Industry evangelist for ICT Journalist, Internet Governance, e-Commerce, e-Development, Telecommunication, ICT for Development (ICT4D), Internet Service Provider, Business Development and ICT Consultancy. He has unique quality of experience and contribution in an inclusive manner in multi-stakeholders of Private Sector, NGO & Civil Society, Public Sector, Policy Makers, Academia and Media. He is known as Transformational Leader, Strategic Visionary, Elite Communicator and Change Agent. An active participant in policy discussions, both at domestic and international platforms, he is also involved in capacity building, outreach and research in Internet Governance.

He inherited in his soul as a people and country loving enthusiasm by birth from a renowned and noble Muslim family from Dhaka. He was born on 15 February 1975 in the capital city of Dhaka at Lalbagh, 6 Hossain Uddin Khan 1st Lane, Nawabganj, Bangladesh. Present address 41/1 Subal Dus Road, Apartment CGDL Der-A-Aziz, Flat-8A, Lalbagh, Dhaka-1211.

His father late Mohammad Abdul Hai was a businessman by profession who was actively involved in many socio-organizational activities and his mother, Sabera Khatun was self-made and almost self-educated and had a passion for education.

Mr. Anu is the Executive Editor of the monthly Computer Jagat, the first ICT magazine in Bangladesh since 1991. He has been a leader in ICT journalism since the beginning of his career. His expertise encompasses technical expertise on ICT, business and IT, ICT business analysis, ICT country strategy and policy. He has applied his business knowledge in business development at Computer Jagat, the highest circulated magazine in Bangladesh. His contribution in ICT journalism and business development has placed him among the front line contributors who have been working heart and soul for the ICT adoption and growth in the country. He served as the co-founder and President of Bangladesh ICT Journalist Forum (BIJF) and was awarded the National ICT journalist award in 2016.

He is presently working as founding Secretary General of Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF) in conjunction with United Nation Internet Governance Forum created by UN World Summit on the Information Society (UN WSIS) Action plan from 2006. He is also a member of Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG) of Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF). He has been associated with ISOC as a member since 2009. An active participant in policy discussions, both at domestic and international platforms, he is also involved in capacity building, outreach and research in Internet Governance.

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu has participated and contributed in various UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) meetings and workshop at national and international levels and led a number of projects to bring qualitative changes through capacity building and value creation for required objectives such as- 4th IGF in Sharm EL Sheikh, Egypt on 2009, 5th IGF in Vilnius, Lithuania on 2010, 6th IGF in Nairobi, Kenya on 2011, 3rd APrIGF in Tokyo, Japan on 2012, NETmundial meeting on April 23rd and 24th, 2014, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 9th IGF in Istanbul, Turkey on 2014, 6th APrIGF in Macau on 2015, 8th APrIGF in Bangkok, Thailand on 2017, 12th IGF in Geneva, Switzerland on 2017, 10th APrIGF in Vladivostok, Russia on 2019, 14th IGF in Berlin, Germany on 2019, 13th APrIGF in Singapore on 2022, 17th IGF in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 2022, Stockholm Internet Forum 2023 (SIF23) meeting on May 30-31 in Stockholm, Sweden, 18th IGF in Kyoto, Japan on 2023 and 19th IGF Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 2024.

He is also serving as the National School of Internet Governance (SIG) Coordinator in Bangladesh. He popularized the Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (bdSIG) as a community driven initiative to build capacity of the local community. bdSIG a product of long discussions with Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG). He played a significant role in successfully organizing the Bangladesh School of Internet Governance, First 26 to 27 December 2017. He also builds community driven initiative on 2021 the Bangladesh Kid's IGF, Bangladesh Youth IGF, Bangladesh Women IGF and Bangladesh Parliamentarians Caucus on Internet Governance, Digital Economy & Media Development (BPCIDM) since 2022.

He is one of the founding members of e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB) and founding Finance Secretary of the association. This association is the national apex body of all e- Commerce businesses of Bangladesh since 2014. He is also the Policy Advisor of e-Commerce Sector in Bangladesh. During his tenure with this association, he has successfully developed e-CAB as a reputed trade organization acceptable to the government as well as to all stakeholders. As a national ICT expert, he has also served in the Digital Commerce Policy Formulation Committee.

He is the Founder, Chairman of Arpon Communication Limited, established on February 19, 2012. Arpon Communication Limited has been operating their business revolving around ICT hardware, software, ISP, VSP and e-Commerce. Arpon Communication Ltd. has skills and experience in organizing ICT and gaming events all around the country. Mohammad Abdul Haque has been positioned as a frontier in the company to lead the wisdom and experience in ICT business. He, on behalf of Arpon Communication Limited, is representing in the e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB), Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), Internet Service Providers Association Bangladesh (ISPAB) and Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) as member. He is also the General Body Member of The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) on behalf e-CAB.

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu participated in the U.S.-Bangladesh Consultation on Digital Economy and Cyber Issues, taking place in Washington, D.C. USA from November 15 through 18, 2021. This high-level consultation was organized by The Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State & the Digital Connectivity and Cyber security Partnership (DCCP) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The visit will further contribute to strengthening the collaborative bond between the USA and Bangladesh.

Mr. Anu has been selected as the co-chairman of the Standing Committee on e-Commerce of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) for the term 2021-2023. This contribution will bring a positive outcome providing policy advocacy and trade facilitations for the business community and to the digital economy of the country.

He has been working as the research fellow of the Bangladesh Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution. Because of his interest he is engaged as Research Assistant in the Accident Research Institute under Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka. He completed post graduation degree from Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology in the field of social science in Sociology & Anthropology. He has also completed a Diploma in Human Rights and Legal Aid from Dhaka International University.

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF), actively participated as a speaker at the 19th UNIGF 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He contributed to the seminar titled “Global Governance of Digital Ecology and Digital Security: Taking the United Nations Cybercrime Convention as an Example.” The session was moderated by Prof. Dr. Shenkuo Wu of Beijing Normal University, China, and organized by the China Internet Governance Forum (China IGF).

Mohammad Abdul Haque is an active member of the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) under ICANN. He is committed to promoting the multistakeholder model of Internet governance and enhancing end-user participation in policy development processes. As a dedicated advocate for digital inclusion and Universal Acceptance, Mohammad engages in regional and global forums to voice the interests of underserved communities. His work contributes to strengthening the Internet ecosystem across the Asia-Pacific region. With a strong background in digital policy and grassroots engagement, he plays a vital role

in advancing APRALO's mission within the ICANN community.

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu has been associated with Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) since 2009. He also achieved a certificate from ICANN on 13 March 2019 because of outstanding service to the internet community as a member of the Neo-Brahmi Script Generation Panel, a group that has contributed to making the Internet multilingual. The panel's proposal will be integrated into the Label Generation Rules, the mechanism used to validate internationalized domain names and determine their variants for the internet's Root Zone.

Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu is a dedicated advocate for digital inclusion and Universal Acceptance (UA) in Bangladesh. He successfully organized the country's first-ever UA Day in 2023, creating significant awareness around multilingual internet access. Building on that success, he also led the organization of the second UA Day in 2025, engaging a broader range of stakeholders including government bodies, ISPs, academia, and civil society. His tireless efforts have positioned him as a key figure in the UA movement in South Asia, especially in promoting support for Bangla and other local scripts across digital platforms. His leadership continues to inspire regional UA progress.

Mohammad Abdul Haque, a dedicated advocate for inclusive Internet governance, has been selected for the Internet Society's 2025 Community Fellowship cohort. As one of only 56 fellows chosen from over 800 global applicants, he brings a wealth of experience in digital policy, community engagement, and multistakeholder collaboration. Based in Bangladesh, Mohammad serves as Secretary General of the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum and actively contributes to regional and global Internet policy dialogues. His selection reflects his commitment to empowering local communities and advancing digital inclusion. This fellowship will further strengthen his ability to drive impactful change in the Internet ecosystem.

He travels to different countries across Asia, Middle East, Europe, Russia, Africa, USA and North America.

He is married to Ms. Saima Israil Haque and is blessed with one daughter Ms. Zartaj Haque Simra.

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