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ABOUT

I am an architect with nearly a decade of professional experience, specializing in designing contextually responsive and environmentally sustainable projects. Passionate about design and storytelling, I love illustrating and exploring creative expressions beyond architecture. My work prioritizes functionality, aesthetics, and social impact, reflecting my commitment to advancing equitable and sustainable practices in the built environment. With a strong foundation in architectural principles and experience in design management, I am also dedicated to mentoring future architects and contributing to meaningful change in practice and education.

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Housing Policy and Spatial Justice in the Built Environment
- Intersections of Architecture and Urban Ecology
- Sports Architecture and Its spatial and social impact on surroundings
- Sustainable and Resilient Architectural Practices
- Computational Design and Automation in Architecture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HEAD OF DESIGN

DEHSAR WORKS, DHAKA, BANGLADESH | MAY 2022 - Present

- Lead and coordinate a **15-member multidisciplinary team** of architects and engineers, overseeing project workflows from concept to completion.
- Conduct design reviews and provide conceptual and technical mentorship to architects.
- Introduced standardized templates for design documentation and presentations, improving clarity and collaboration across all ongoing projects.
- Strengthened coordination with structural, electrical, and MEP consultants to streamline design integration and approval processes.
- Supervise **20+ residential, commercial, and institutional projects**, ensuring design quality, timely delivery, and client satisfaction.
- Guided the design team that achieved **3rd place** in the *Purbachal International Convention Center* competition (in collaboration with Neoformation Architects).
- Resolved major design-build inconsistencies in the *Jurain–Muradpur Graveyard Complex* through strategic on-site interventions.
- Conduct periodic site inspections and oversee the submission of authority documents.

ARCHITECT / DESIGNER I

VOLUMEZERO LIMIDED, DHAKA, BANGLADESH | AUG 2018 – APR 2022

- Led design and documentation for **5 residential, healthcare, and commercial projects**, ensuring design intent translated accurately to construction.
- Served as **Project Architect** for the *Bashundhara Sports Complex*, managing all design phases from research to construction supervision.
- Coordinated with engineers, consultants, and contractors, resolving design challenges during on-site implementation.
- Supervised a **team of 6 architects** to curate drawings, illustrations, and layouts for **40 projects** featured in *Foyez Ullah: Dhaka's Tropical Expressive Architecture* (Oscar Riera Ojeda Publishers).
- Developed digital workflows integrating 3D visualization tools, improving design presentation turnaround and client communication.
- Contributed to competition and publication projects, strengthening the studio's national and international presence.

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT

VOLUMEZERO LIMIDED, DHAKA, BANGLADESH | AUG 2016 – JUL 2018

- Assisted senior architects in the design and development of **multiple high-rise residential and commercial buildings**.
- Contributed to the **Oasis at Ispahani Colony** project as a core team member, emphasizing community-oriented design and passive environmental strategies.
- Prepared detailed presentation and working drawings supporting design reviews and construction documentation.
- Conducted on-site inspections to ensure accuracy, quality, and adherence to design intent.
- Collaborated with visualization and graphics teams to enhance design communication and presentation materials.

ARCHITECTURAL INTERN

VOLUMEZERO LIMIDED, DHAKA, BANGLADESH | MAY 2015 – AUG 2015

- Supported project architects on **interior and landscape design** tasks through 3D modeling and presentation drawings.
- Assisted in preparing construction documents for ongoing residential projects.
- Conducted site visits, compiled documentation, and reported progress to senior architects.
- Participated in client presentations, gaining firsthand experience in project communication and coordination.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BANGLADESH (AIUB) | 2010 - 2015

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

- Served as an **External Juror** during the final jury for the Tall/Large Building project at ARC302 DESIGN VI, held at Brac University in the Summer Semester of 2024.
- Facilitated a workshop on the design of sports facilities for Chittagong University of Science and Technology students during their visit to the Bashundhara Sports Complex and the office of Volumezero Limited in 2021.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Design & Modeling: AutoCAD, Rhino, Revit, Blender, SketchUp

Rendering: V-Ray, D5, Cycles

Computation: Grasshopper

Graphics: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Documentation: MS Office, Google Workspace

PUBLICATION

Foyez Ullah: Dhaka's Tropical Expressive Architecture (Oscar Riera Ojeda Publishers, 2022.)

Contributed architectural drawings and diagrams for **40 featured projects**. Collaborated with editorial and design teams in preparing publication content.

AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (K-156)

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- Captained the AIUB Architecture Alumni Football team in the Annual Sports Fest organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in 2022 and 2023.
- Led the studio team to championship victories in the Intra-department Football Tournament organized by the Department of Architecture, AIUB, in 2013 and 2014.
- Bass player in the alternative rock bands “Surface Tension” and “Fill in the Blanks” from 2008 to 2015.
- Actively participated in and won several local football tournaments between 2010 and 2018