

**Architect Jalal Ahmed: Biography**

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After graduating in 1983, Jalal Ahmad established an architectural firm in partnership with two other architects. In 1997 after dissolution of the partnership firm he started his independent practice J. A. Architect. Over the last 23 years he has designed varied projects ranging from small training center made of mud blocks to large academic institutions and from prototype low cost houses for the rural poor to multifamily urban apartments. For his designs, he often draws inspiration from the elements of traditional architecture but never imitates the past. His recent projects are expressions of innovative design solutions in response to their context and contemporary needs.

Jalal Ahmad jointly won 1st prize in the Mujibnagar Memorial design competition in 1984. Beside buildings, he has also been actively involved in various planning and interior projects.

A number of building projects designed by Jalal Ahmad has been published in leading international & national architectural journals.

Currently, he is a visiting faculty at the Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific, Dhaka.

He has also served as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

He is a founder executive committee member of the architectural research & study group Chetana Sthapatya Unnayan Society.

**ACADEMIC BUILDING PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ Scholastica Boarding School & Indoor sports Complex  
Sector 10, Uttara, Dhaka (2001-).

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\_\_\_ Training & Resource Center (TARC), BRAC  
Betgari, Bogra (1998-2000)

\_\_\_ Scholastica Senior School Campus  
Uttara Model Town, Dhaka (1997-2000)

\_\_\_ Palok Palli, Rehabilitation Center, Orphanage & Primary School,  
Mirpur, Kushtia.(2001-)

\_\_\_ Low Cost Training & Demonstration Center for Banchte Shekha,  
Haibatpur, Jessore (1992-1994)

\_\_\_ Training & Resource Center (TARC), BRAC  
Faridpur (1991-1992)

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Rangpur (1985-1986)

\_\_\_ Gate House Complex for Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute,  
Dhaka (1983-1984).

\_\_\_ SCEMRC Institute Building Design Competition  
Eskaton Garden, Dhaka (1985).

#### **OTHERS BUILDING PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ 9-Storied Apartment for Navana Real Estates Bashabo, Dhaka (2001-)

\_\_\_ 6-Storied Apartment for Navana Real Estates  
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka (2001-)

\_\_\_ Renovation and Extension of an Existing Building for  
ETCETRA BOOK SHOP  
Gulshan, Dhaka (2001)

\_\_\_ Multi Family Cluster Housing Development  
Ashulia (2001-)

\_\_\_ 6-Storied Apartment for Navana Real Estates  
Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka (2001-)

\_\_\_ Week End House for Ms. Afroza Ahmed  
Ashulia, (2001-)

\_\_\_ Private Residence for Mr. Dominic Million  
Dar-Es-Salam, Tanzania (2001-)

\_\_\_ Proposal for Low Cost Multifamily Rural Housing  
For M/s Nabajatak Ltd., Bagerhat (2001-)

\_\_\_ Mosque at Rajendrapur Cantonment. (2000- )

\_\_\_ Residence cum Automobile Workshop

Khalishpur for SOS Childrens Village, Khulna, (2000)

\_\_\_ Private Residence for Mr.Gazi A. Hossain  
Sector 4, Uttara, Dhaka (1998-2001)

\_\_\_ Shadhinata Stambha Memorial Design Competition  
Suhrawardi Uddyan, Dhaka (1998)

\_\_\_ Uttara Club Complex Design Competition  
Uttara, Dhaka (1995)

\_\_\_ Rayerbazar Killing Field Design Competition  
Rayer Bazar, Dhaka (1992)

\_\_\_ Low Cost Training & Demonstration Center for Banchte Shekha,  
Haibatpur, Jessore (1992-1994)

\_\_\_ Jahanara Al Amin Spinning Mill  
Kaliakoir, Gazipur (1992-1994)

\_\_\_ Textile Pavilion for BRAC  
Textile Fair 1990, Dhaka

\_\_\_ Private Residence for Mr. Jalaluddin Ahmed  
Baridhara Model Town (1990-1993)

\_\_\_ Prototype Low-Cost House for Flood Victims  
Comilla Proshika, Brahmanbaria (1989)

\_\_\_ Private Residence for Mrs Nasim Banu  
Baridhara Model town (1988-1990)

\_\_\_ Mujibnagar Memorial Design Competition  
Meherpur, Kushtia (1983)

\_\_\_ BCIC Pavilion  
Industrial Fair Dhaka (1980)

## **PLANNING PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ Landuse And Master Planning  
Meherpur Paurashabha, Meherpur Zilla (1991)

\_\_\_ Landuse And Master Planning  
Maheshpur Paurashabha Jhenidah Zilla(1990)

\_\_\_ Landuse And Master Planning

Upazilla Shahar Kaliganj Jhenidah Zila (1990)

\_\_\_ Comprehensive Village Development Plan  
Village Galania, Sharail Upazilla, Brahmanbaria (1989)

\_\_\_ Landuse And Master Planning  
Upazilla Shahar Charghat, Rajshahi Zila (1987)

\_\_\_ Landuse And Master Planning  
Upazilla Shahar Bagha, Rajshahi Zila (1987)

## **INTERIOR PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ JUBOK PHONE LTD. at the following locations:

- Corporate Office at Gulshan, Dhaka (2005-2006)
- MTSO at Uday Tower at Gulshan, Dhaka (2005)
- MTSO at saber plaza chittagong (2005)

\_\_\_ Branches of DHAKA BANK LTD at the following locations:

- Board Bazar Branch, Dhaka (2006)
- OR Nizam Road Branch, Chittagong (2005-2006)
- Joypara Branch, Dohar, Dhaka (2005-2006)
- Sonaimuri Branch, Noakhali (2005)

\_\_\_ ERICSSON RADIO SYSTEM AB.  
SMC tower, Banani, Dhaka (2001)

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\_\_\_ PREMIER LEASING INTERNATIONAL.  
Corporate Head Office of (2000-1)

\_\_\_ PRIVATE APARTMENT  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka (2000-1)

\_\_\_ ARCHITECT S OWN RESIDENCE,  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka (1999)

\_\_\_ ARCHITECT S OWN OFFICE,  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka (1999-2000)

\_\_\_ Corporate Head Office of SOCIAL MARKETING COMPANY (SMC).  
Banani, Dhaka (1999)

\_\_\_ Country Office of MONDIAL ORIENT LTD

Gulshan, Dhaka (1998)

\_\_\_ GRAMEEN PHONE.

Head office at Mohakhali, Dhaka (1997)

\_\_\_ Branches of ANZ GRINDLAYS BANK at the following locations:

- Dhanmondi Branch, Dhaka (1997)
- Business Banking Office Chittagong (1995)
- Kawran Bazaar Branch, Dhaka (1991)
- Khulna Branch, Khulna (1990)
- Korbaniganj Branch, Chittagong (1988)
- UNDP Cash Booth, Dhanmondi, Dhaka (1993)
- Nasirabad Branch, Chittagong (1987)
- Main Branch, Agrabad, Chittagong (1986)

\_\_\_ ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK,

Resident Mission, at Hotel Sheraton annex Bldg,  
Dhaka (1996)

\_\_\_ BRITISH AIRWAYS OFFICES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

\_\_\_ Cabin Crew Office, Sena Kalyan Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka. (1994)

\_\_\_ Gulshan Sales shop, Dhaka (1991)

\_\_\_ Country Office at Sena Kalyan Bhaban, Motijheel Dhaka (1990)

\_\_\_ AMERICAN AIRLINES GSA OFFICE

At Steel House Kawran Bazaar, Dhaka (1991)

\_\_\_ Country Office of KEX GROUP

ABC Tower, Banani, Dhaka (1991)

\_\_\_ Head Office of BURLINGTONS LIMITED

Elephant Road, Dhaka (1990)

\_\_\_ AARONG Rural Craft Shop at following locations:

- Zinda Bazaar, Sylhet (1994)
- Agrabad, Chittagong (1987)
- Dhanmondi, Dhaka (1986)
- Zinda Bazaar, Sylhet (1984)

\_\_\_ EURASIAN TRAVELS offices at the following locations:

- Mohakhali, Dhaka (1983)
- Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

\_\_Head office of SHAMSUL AL AMIN GROUP  
Dilkhusha C/A, Dhaka (1992)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

\_\_1st prize winner in open design competition  
Mujibnagar Memorial at Meherpur, Kushtia. (1983)  
Client: PWD, Govt. of the Peoples of Bangladesh

\_\_3rd prize winner in open design competition.  
Uttara Club Complex at Uttara, Dhaka. (1995)  
Client: Uttara Club Limited.

\_\_BCIC Pavilion designed by the Architect own 2nd prize from the Industrial Fair Management Committee in 1981.

## **PROJECTS PUBLISHED:**

\_\_Project Review

Training & Resource Center, BRAC at Bogra.  
Scholastica School, Dhaka.

\_\_ Indian Architect & Builder .(September 2001), vol.15, No.01, pages 144-147.

\_\_SCHOLASTICA SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS at Uttara, Dhaka in Dhaka s  
Architectural Scenario , The Daily Star (9th May 2001), p.16.

\_\_SCHOLASTICA SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS at Uttara, Dhaka in the Daily Pratham Alo (13th May 2001), page.20.

\_\_TRAINING & RESOURCE CENTRE, BRAC at Faridpur in Architecture in the Spirit of a Place The Daily Star (16th May, 1999), page.5.

\_\_TRAINING & RESOURCE CENTER, BRAC at Faridpur in Contemporary Architecture & City Form, The South Asian Paradigm 1997. Front Cover & page 36.

\_\_Project Review: Banchte Shekha , INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION (ITRAD), Arabpur, Jessore in Sthapatya O Nirman April-June1996.Pages 22-26.

\_\_Project Review: TRAINING & RESOURCE ENTER, BRAC at Rangpur. Architecture + Design .(May-June 1988) vol.4, No.4, pages 42,44.

## **SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS**

\_\_Slide Presentation on Own Works in Architecture Festival 2001 at the Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Dhaka, November, 2001

\_\_Slide Presentation on Scholastica Senior School Campus at Sector-1, Uttara at Goethe Institute, Dhaka. May 2001

\_\_Participated and presented a study on Buriganga Riverfront Development at the Save Buriganga Workshop Jointly Organized by The Daily Star and CHETANA, 1999

\_\_Slide presentation on Contemporary Architecture of Bangladesh at the Sri Lankan Institute of Architects (SLIA), June 1990.

\_\_Represented Bangladesh in the Regional Seminar on Housing at Colombo, Srilanka, organized by Regional Architectural Program of South Asia (RAPSA), 1989

\_\_Slide presentation on Le Corbusier's Works in India at the Birth Centenary Celebration of the Architect jointly organized by Chetana & Alliance Francaise, Dhaka March 1988

\_\_Participated & presented a study on Buriganga Riverfront development in the workshop "Dhaka City and its Architecture" jointly sponsored by the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT & Harvard University and CHETANA, 1987

\_\_Participated in discussion on Housing Situation of Dhaka City in 'DRISHTIPAT'- Radio Bangladesh, September, 1987

\_\_Slide presentation on Houses of Bangladesh at the workshop called "Dhaka City and its Architecture" jointly sponsored by Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at M.I.T. Harvard & Chetana. August 1987.

\_\_Presented a paper on Architectural Education in Bangladesh jointly at the regional Seminar. "Architectural Design & Education" organized by CHETANA at Dhaka., March, 1987

\_\_of a rural house in the workshop on Openings in Buildings at Lahore organized by Regional Architectural Program of South Asia (RAPSA), 1987.

\_\_Slide presentation on Contemporary Architecture of Bangladesh at the University of Engineering & Technology, Punjab, Pakistan. November, 1987

\_\_Slide presentation on works of Architect B.V. Doshi at a lecture series called "Architecture of India" at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka. May 1986.

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Architecture

Bangladesh University of  
Engineering and Technology

Dhaka, 1983

**PROFESSIONAL AND  
ACADEMIC  
AFFILIATIONS**

-- Member, Institute of Architects  
Bangladesh, IAB - A036

-- Enlisted Architect of  
RajUK (Capital Development Authority) A-00392

-- Visiting Faculty Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific , Dhaka.

-- Founder Member Chetana Sthapatya Unnayan Society.

-- Member Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City.

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