

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)

___ Training & Resource Center (TARC), BRAC
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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