Academic Biography
Prof. Dr Munaz Ahmed Noor



Prof. Dr Munaz Ahmed Noor is a distinguished professor of Civil Engineering at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), recognized for his extensive contributions to engineering education, research, and academic leadership. Over the course of his career, he has held several prominent leadership positions, including Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the National University. His academic leadership further includes roles as a member of the Academic Council of DUET and as a Syndicate Member of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He also previously served as Director of the BUET-Japan Institute for Disaster Prevention and Urban Safety.

His professional contributions have earned international recognition, including an Honorary Doctorate from Commonwealth University and the Education Leadership Award presented by World Congress Education CMO Asia. He was also honored by the American Leadership Board as an Exceptional Educator, reflecting his sustained impact on higher education and institutional leadership.

Prof. Noor earned both his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering and M.Sc. in Structural Engineering from BUET, receiving the University Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance in both degrees. Earlier, he achieved distinction by securing first position in the combined merit list in Higher Secondary Certificate examinations, earning the Presidential Gold Medal. He subsequently pursued doctoral studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Tokyo, Japan, supported by an Asian Development Bank scholarship, and later conducted postdoctoral research in seismology at NIED (Tsukuba), Japan.

Since then, he has contributed extensively to numerous public and private sector projects related to earthquake engineering and concrete materials. His professional development includes advanced training and research engagements at several international institutions, including earthquake engineering training in Bangalore, India; participation in a Public–Private Partnership program in Delft, Netherlands; advanced earthquake engineering and nuclear power plant design training at ICTP, Italy; and completion of a fire protection engineering course at the University of Maryland, USA. Additionally, he completed multiple specialized courses on disaster risk management and climate change through programs offered by the World Bank Institute. In recent years, he has increasingly focused on improving tertiary education through innovative teaching and learning approaches.

Prof. Noor's research interests encompass concrete technology, urban safety, climate change adaptation, earthquake engineering, and disaster risk management. He has more than 100 scholarly publications in national and international journals and conference proceedings. He has authored and edited several influential professional works, including Designing with Grade 500 Steel, and has also authored and edited notable publications such as Construction Workplace Safety, Health and Welfare and the Earthquake Resistant Design Manual of the Bangladesh Earthquake Society, along with editorial contributions to books and manuals on earthquake-resistant design and construction safety. He also serves as editor of the professional magazine

Beyond Building. In addition, he is a regular contributor to leading Bangla and English daily newspapers, where he writes on engineering, infrastructure development, disaster resilience, and public safety issues.

Prof. Noor has also played significant roles in national policy and technical advisory capacities. He served as a member of the National Council for Science and Technology. He has acted as an individual consultant on seismic and structural engineering matters for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project. His professional leadership roles include serving as Vice-Chairman of the Civil Engineering Division of BSTI, and as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Civil Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB). He currently serves as Vice-President of the Bangladesh Earthquake Society.

In addition to his academic and professional commitments, Prof. Noor remains actively engaged in numerous social and professional organizations, applying his expertise to advance engineering practice, institutional development, and national capacity building.