

# Curriculum Vitae of Prof. Dr. Md Tofazzal Islam FBAS, FTWAS, FAPS, FBAA

B.Sc.Ag. (Hons.) (First Class First) & M.Sc.Ag. (First Class First), Gold Medalist, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh
MS & Ph D (Applied Bioscience with Distinction), Hokkaido University, Japan
Postdoc Fellow, Fulbright (WVU, USA), Commonwealth (UN, UK), Alexander von Humboldt (GAU, Germany) and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS, Japan).

**Visiting Professor**, Kobe University and Gifu University in Japan and Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing in China, BRAC University and East West University in Bangladesh

**Editor:** Scientific Reports (USA), PLOS One (USA), Frontiers in Microbiology, Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology & Frontiers in Fungal Biology (Switzerland), Physiologia Plantarum (Europe), and CABI Reviews (UK). **Chief Editor**, CRISPR-Cas Methods and Bacilli in Agrobiotechnology (Springer, New York, USA).

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American Phytopathological Society: https://www.apsnet.org/members/give-

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Wikipedia page: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Md. Tofazzal Islam

#### **Brief Resume of Professor Tofazzal Islam**

Professor Tofazzal Islam, born on December 20, 1966, is a distinguished academic figure serving as a Professor and Founding Director of the Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE) at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University in Bangladesh. He earned his BScAg (Hons) and MSc(Ag) degrees, both with first-class honors, from Bangladesh Agricultural University in 1988 and 1989, respectively. Tofazzal furthered his education by completing his MS and PhD degrees in Applied Biosciences at Hokkaido University in 1999 and 2002. He has held prestigious postdoctoral positions at esteemed institutions such as Hokkaido University, University of Goettingen, University of Nottingham, and West Virginia University, under various fellowship programs including JSPS, Alexander von Humboldt, Commonwealth, and Fulbright. He served as an Adjunct Professor of the Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Department of East West University from 2014-2017.

Throughout his career, Dr. Tofazzal has garnered international recognition for his groundbreaking research and expertise in the application of frontier sciences, including tissue culture, molecular biology, genomics, and genome editing, to address the impacts of climate change on agriculture through the development of climate-smart agrobiotechnology. He is a pioneer in establishing the IBGE with state-of-the-art laboratories for cutting-edge research, securing over 10 million dollars in internationally competitive grants. Dr. Tofazzal's contributions include swiftly investigating and addressing the 2016 wheat blast outbreak in Bangladesh, employing field pathogenomics and open science principles. He has led extensive research efforts to mitigate the devastating effects of wheat blast disease, developing a CRISPR technology-based rapid point-of-care diagnostic method for detecting wheat blast fungus. Collaborating with researchers at the Global Institute for Food Security of Canada, Professor Tofazzal's team recently achieved a milestone by decoding the entire genome of a year-round fruiting jackfruit. Throughout his career, Prof. Islam has discovered over 50 novel bioactive secondary metabolites from marine and terrestrial organisms, elucidating their mechanisms of action on phytopathogens and highlighting potential avenues for agricultural innovation and disease management.

Prof. Tofazzal holds esteemed editorial roles in leading scientific journals and has authored numerous publications in top-tier journals, accumulating approx. 12,800 citations and boasting an impressive h-index of 58 (Top in Genetics and Biotechnology in Bangladesh, and among top 1% researchers in the world). Recognized for his exceptional contributions, Dr. Islam is an elected Fellow of esteemed organizations including the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, American Phytopathological Society (USA), Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture, and The World Academy



of Sciences (TWAS, Italy). He has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Gold Medal from the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and the Commonwealth Innovation Award.

Prof. Tofazzal's research endeavors have been generously funded by various international organizations, including the World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, BBSRC and FCDO (UK), and USDA-FAS, among others. He has also been invited to deliver plenary and keynote lectures at numerous international congresses and conferences worldwide, cementing his reputation as a leading authority in his field.

#### Areas of Specialization

- Genomics and Genome Editing
- Agi-biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
- Mining Bangladesh Biogold

#### **Education**

PhD in Applied Bioscience (Grade A, Excellent) (2002), Hokkaido University, Japan MS in Mol. Ecol. Chem. (Grade A, Excellent) (1999), Hokkaido University, Japan MSc(Ag) in Agrichem. (First Class First) (1995), Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh B Sc Agriculture (First Class First) (1991), Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh HSC (Science), Comilla Board (1984), First Division, Brahmanbaria Govt. College, Bangladesh SSC (Science), Comilla Board (1982), First Division, Satbarga High School, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh

### **Professional position held**

Visiting Professor, Kobe University	12/2023-1/2024
Professor (Grade 1) Head, Plant Biotechnology Discipline	7/2019-to date
Visiting Professor, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), China	7/2021-7/2023
Professor & Founding Director, Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic	
Engineering (IBGE), BSMRAU	4/2019-4/2021
Fulbright Visiting Scholar, West Virginia University	9/2017-6/2018
Director (International Affairs), BSMR Agric University, Bangladesh	7/2017-11/2017
JSPS Invitation Fellow, Gifu University, Japan	6/2015-7/2015
Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow, University of Nottingham, UK	3/2013-6/2013
Adjunct Professor, Dept. Genet. Engin. Biotechnol., East West University, Bangladesh	4/2013-8/2017
Director (Outreach Activity), BSMRAU, Bangladesh	7/2012-7/2013
Professor & Head, Department of Biotechnology, BSMRAU, Bangladesh	7/2010 – 9/2017
Professor (Agriculture), SARD, Bangladesh Open University (BOU), Bangladesh	1/2010 - 7/2010
Assoc. Professor (Ecol. Chem.), SARD, BOU, Bangladesh	4/2004 - 1/2010
Georg Forster Fellow, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany	4/2007- 3/2009



JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <i>Hokkaido University</i> , Sapporo, Japan	4/2003 – 4/2005
Assistant Professor (Ecological Chemistry), SARD, BOU, Bangladesh	5/1997 – 4/2004
Lecturer (Agriculture), SARD, BOU, Bangladesh	9/1994 – 5/1997
Graduate Research Assistant, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh	7/1991 – 8/1994

#### **Professional Honors, Awards, Prizes and Fellowships**

- 2023: Elected Fellow, Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture, Bangladesh
- 2022: Best Researcher Award, BSMR Agric University
- 2022: Elected Fellow, American Phytopathological Society, USA
- 2022: Elected Fellow, The World Academy of Sciences, Italy
- 2022: Ambassador, Hokkaido University, Japan
- 2021: Global Network of Bangladeshi Biotechnologists Gold Medal & Award
- 2021: ATN Bangla TV Outstanding Scientist Award, Bangladesh
- 2019: Commonwealth Innovation Award, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK
- 2018: Islamic Development Bank Transformers Science, Technology and Innovation Prize
- 2017: Fulbright Visiting Scholar Fellowship, USA
- 2017: Vocational Excellence Award, Rotary International, Uttara Club, Dhaka
- 2017: Abdul Mannan Memorial Award, Hafiza Khatun Memorial Trust, Bangladesh
- 2016: Elected Fellow of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (FBAS) since 2016
- 2016: Best Speaker Award 2016 in National Convention & International Conference of KIB Bangladesh
- 2016: Genius Award 2016 from Bangladesh Education Observers Society, Bangladesh
- 2015: Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Invitation Fellowship, Japan
- 2015: Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) Fellowship 2015, Malaysia
- 2015: International Consultant, Secretariat of Pacific Community's (SPC), 2015, Fiji
- 2011: Bangladesh Academy of Science Gold Medal 2011, Biological Sciences (Senior Group), Bangladesh
- 2013: Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, United Kingdom
- 2011: University Grants Commission Award 2008 in Agriculture, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2007: Georg Forster Research Fellowship from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.
- 2007: University Grants Commission Award 2004 in Agriculture, Bangladesh
- 2003: JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (April 2003 to March 2005), Japan



2003: Best Young Scientist Award, Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry.

2002: Best Presenter Award in the 3rd World Congress on Allelopathy, Japan

2000: UNDP Young Scientist Award 2002 for Participating in a Workshop (9-28 July 2000) in Jamaica

1997: Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho) (1997-2002) for MS and Ph D Study, Japan

2005: Gold Medal from Bangladesh Agricultural University for outstanding results (highest marks in the whole faculty) in Master's of Science (Agriculture) 1995.

1995: Bangladesh Agricultural University Prize in 1995 for Securing First Position (out of 400 students) in the First Class in B. Sc. Ag. (Hons.) in 1991.

1991: Prof. Abdul Karim Memorial Award for securing top position in B.Sc.Ag (Hons)

1990: UGC Scholarship for Securing Highest Marks among all faculties of BAU at undergraduate final examination.

#### **Notable Contributions**

- ♣ Developed a rapid, convenient, specific and cost-effective molecular diagnostic method for detection of wheat blast fungus genome-specific primers and Cas12amediated technology. This new technology has been funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for dissemination in Asia and African countries.
- ♣ Decoded the whole genome of the year round fruiting jackfruit.
- ♣ Discovered origin and genetic identity of the first emergence of devastating wheat blast disease in Bangladesh in 2016 using field pathogenomics and open data sharing approaches.
- Developed a formulation of plant probiotics for biological control of wheat blast diseases.
- ♣ Discovered more than 50 new bioactive natural products and elucidated their modes of action.
- Established the Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE) in 2019 at BSMRAU.
- ♣ Secured approx. USD 10 million funds from national and international donors, and established laboratories with state-of-art facilities and developed a Dream Team for need-based research at the IBGE of BSMRAU.
- ♣ Developed novel plant probiotic formulation that reduce 50% requirement of chemical fertilizers in rice.



♣ Developed a strong national and international collaboration to address emerging challenges in agriculture by cutting-edge research (e.g., genomics, genome editing, nanotechnology etc.).

#### **List of Publications of Professor Md Tofazzal Islam**

- Total **360+**; Google Scholar citations **12,800**+ (approx.), h-index 58; i10-index 221; Patents 2 (as on May 20, 2025).
- Ranked among top 1% Researchers in the World (Elsevier-Stanforrd University Database)
- **Top Researcher** in the Country in Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering.
- Published more than **500 articles/editorial** on population science and policy in the national dailies and periodicals.
- Author of two popular books in Bangla titled 'Genome Editing' and 'Frontier
   Techynologies in Industrial and Agricultural Revolution'.

#### List of selected publications in last 5 Years only

SL No.	Article details	Publishing Country and Publisher's name	Impact Factor
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	*Corresponding author		
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7	Rmg8 gene against wheat blast. Islam, T*., Azad, R.B. (2024),	United Kingdom,	15.8
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8	Biological control potential of worrisome wheat blast disease	Switzerland,	4.0
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## **Membership and Activities in Professional Organization**



- 1. Member, American Society for Microbiology, USA
- 2. Member, American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, USA
- 3. Member, American Phytopathological Society (APS), USA.
- 4. Member, National Core Committee for Agricultural Biotechnology, Bangladesh
- 5. Life Member, Bangladesh Chemical Society, Bangladesh
- 6. Vice-President, Bangladesh Nano Society
- 7. *Member*, DAAD MS and Ph D Scholarship Selection Committee, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 8. *General Secretary (2011-2013) & Life Member*, The Association of Humboldt Fellows Bangladesh.
- 9. *General Secretary (2011-2013) & Life Member*, The JSPS Alumni Association, Bangladesh.
- 10. Life Member, Japanese University Alumni Association, Bangladesh.
- 11. *Member*, Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry (JSBBA), Tokyo, Japan
- 12. Member, International Allelopathy Society (IAS), India
- 13. *Member*, International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants (IOBC), France
- 14. *Member*, Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Sciences (BAAS), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 15. Life Member, Bangladesh Krishibid Institution, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 16. Member, Asiatic Society Bangladesh
- 17. Head, Media Department, Global Network for Bangladeshi Biotechnologists (GNOBB)
- 18. *Member*, Board of Governors (BOG, highest authority of BOU), Bangladesh Open University (BOU), 1997-1998.
- 19. Member, Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers Association in 1995-1996.

# **Some Selected Recent Invited Talks in Workshop, Seminar, Symposia and Conference**

- Delivered a keynote lecture on Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases in Plants and their Detection and Mitigation. Annual Biorisk Conference 2025, May 16-17, Rangamati Science and Technology University, Rangamati, Bangladesh.
- 2. Delivered a Keynote Lecture on **Commercialization of Agricultural Biotechnology Innovations for Food and Nutritional Security of Bangladesh** in the Annual Workshop



- of the Association of Humboldt Fellows Bangladesh, May 10, 2025 at Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, Bangladesh.
- Delivered an invited webinar talk on Breadbasket in Peril: Strategies to combat wheat blast for food security on August 30, 2024 organized by Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, UK
- 4. Delivered a keynote lecture titled **Genomics and Genome Editing** on August 20, 2024 in the training workshop on basic microbiological study by scientists of Soil Resource Development Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5. Delivered an invited talk on **Strategies to Combat Wheat Blast for Food Security** at South China Agricultural University in Guangzhou, China on August 8, 2024.
- 6. Invited to deliver a talk on 'Point-of-care diagnosis and molecular breeding for tackling wheat blast disease' in the Asian Plant Pathology Conference (ACPP) 2024 from 3-7 August 2024, Chanchun, China.
- 7. Delivered training on **Molecular Breeding and Diagnosis of Wheat Blast** to the wheat scientists in the International Training on **Disease Screening and Surveillance of Wheat Blast in Zambia** on 3-13 March 2024.
- 8. Delivered a seminar lecture on **Cracking the Wheat Killer Code: Genomics and Genome Editing Strategies to Tackle Wheat Blast Fungus** in the Inter Genomics Seminar at Kobe University in Japan on January 26, 2024.
- Delivered the opening plenary talk on Wheat blast: an emerging threat to global food security in the International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interaction Congress 2023 at Providence in Rhode Island on July 16-20, USA.
- 10. Delivered a keynote lecture on **A CRISPR-based later flow assay is a point-of-care diagnostic method for wheat blast fungus** in the International Congress of Plant Pathology in 20-25 August 2023, Lyon, France.
- 11. Delivered an invited keynote lecture (online) on **Wheat blast: a potentially catastrophic disease threatening global food security** organized by Wheat Initiative, Germany, on February 16, 2023.
- 12. Invited to deliver a seminar lecture on "Wheat blast: a new threat to global food a nutritional security" at TEMASEK, National University of Singapore on September 1, 2022.
- 13. International Conference Lecture: Tofazzal Islam (2022) Development of durable blast-resistant wheat through molecular and mutation breeding: progress and challenges. In: Plant Breeding Innovation Showcase, May 30, 2022. Lecture video link at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q3F32sGJwU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q3F32sGJwU</a>



- 14. International Conference Lecture: Impacts of Climate Change on Epidemic of Wheat Blast Disease in Asia and Its Threat to Global Food and Nutritional Security in South Asia. In the International Conference on Climate Change and Food Security in South Asia, 19-20 May, 2022.
- 15. Invited to deliver a talk on "Wheat blast: an emerging threat to global food and nutritional security" in Interchange21 organized by Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, UK on 8 March 2021.
- 16. Invited to deliver a plenary talk on "Novel approaches to mitigate the fearsome wheat blast in Bangladesh and beyond" in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Rice Blast Conference in Chengdu, China on May 27-31, 2019.
- 17. Invited to deliver a talk on "International Collaboration, Open Science and Open Data Sharing to Manage Worrisome Wheat Blast in South Asia by Genomics and Genome Editing Approaches" in 6<sup>th</sup> South Asia Biosafety Conference, 15-17 September 2018, Westin Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 18. Invited to deliver a lecture on "CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing technology and it's potential for improvement of crop plants" in a training workshop on CRISPR/Cas9 Genome Editing for Crop Improvement, July 15, 2018 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Bangladesh.
- 19. Invited to deliver a keynote lecture on "Open Science and International Collaboration to Tackle the Fearsome Wheat Blast in Asia and Beyond" in the International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2018) on August 3, 2018, Boston, USA
- 20. Invited to deliver a seminar lecture on "Bioactive Natural Products for Managing Plant Diseases" at Crop Bioprotection Research, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria on April 30, 2018, Illinois, USA.
- 21. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach Lecture on "Novel genomic and genome editing approaches for detection and mitigation of fearsome wheat blast in Bangladesh and beyond" at Department of Plant Sciences of North Dakota State University on April 20, 2018, Fargo, North Dakota, USA.
- 22. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach Lecture on "Understanding molecular cross-talks between plants and probiotic bacteria for sustainable protection and nutrition of crop plants" at Biosciences Department of University of Minnessota on April 20, 2018, Moorhead, Minnesota, USA.
- 23. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach Lecture "My journey of unknowns in an emerging tiger (Bangladesh) in South Asia" at North High School on April 20, 2018, Fargo, North Dakota, USA.
- 24. Invited to deliver a seminar lecture on "Plant Probiotic Bacteria as Living Tools for Protection and Nutrition of Crop Plants" at AgBiome on April 12, 2018 in Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA



- 25. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach Lecture "Plant Probiotics as Sustainable Tools for Nutrition and Protection of Plants" at Department of Horticulture, University of Georgia, Athens on April 11, 2018, Athens, Georgia, USA.
- 26. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach "Novel bioactive natural products for sustainable management of plant diseases and bioprospecting" at Speciality Plant Biotechnology Research, Fort Valley State University on April 10, 2018, Fort Valley, Georgia, USA
- 27. Invited to deliver a Special Seminar Lecture "Novel Genomic Approaches for Detection and Mitigation of Worrisome Wheat Blast in South Asia" at Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics, University of Georgia, Athens on April 9, 2018, Athens, Georgia, USA.
- 28. Participated and delivered a symposium talk on "A new pathotype of *Magnaporthe oryzae* causing devastating wheat blast disease in multiple continents" in American Phytopathological Society (APS) Potomac Division Annual Meeting 2018, 20-23 March, Ocean City, Maryland, USA.
- 29. Delivered an invited Fulbright Outreach Lecture on "Plant Probiotic Bacteria as Tools for Biorational Management of Phytopathogens" at Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii Manoa on March 12, 2018, Hawaii, USA.
- 30. Invited to deliver a Fulbright Outreach Lecture on "Genomic analysis and open data sharing for understanding biology and mitigation of worrisome wheat blast in Bangladesh and Asia" at Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii Manoa on March 9, 2018, Hawaii, USA.
- 31. Participated in the National Plant Diagnostic Network Bioinformatic Workshop held on 5-7 March 2018 at USDA Laboratory in Beltsville, MD, USA.
- 32. Invited to deliver a talk on "Integrated Management of Black Root Rot Complex and Crown Rots of Strawberry" in 2018 Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, on January 30 to February 1, 2018 at Harshey Lodge, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA.
- 33. Invited by the Federal Foreign Ministry of Germany to participate in a Study and Research visit to Germany from November 12-18, 2017.
- 34. Invited to present a country report titled "Emerging fungal diseases in crop plant and their management for food and nutritional security of Bangladesh" in the Asian Plant Pathology Conference in Jeju Island in South Korea on September 12-16, 2017.
- 35. Invited to deliver a keynote lecture titled "International collaboration for understanding biology and sustainable management of fearsome wheat blast fungus *Magnaporthe oryzae"* in the South Asian Biotechnology Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal on March 16-18, 2017.
- 36. Invited to participate in the 'UK Research Councils Global Challenges Research Fund Animal and Plant Health Workshop' held in London on July 6-7, 2017.



- 37. Invited to deliver a lecture on "Discovery of plant probiotic bacteria from native environment and their biotechnological applications for sustainable crop production and bioprospecting" in the International Conference on Sustainable Development 2017 at United International University on February 16-18, 2017, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.
- 38. Invited to deliver a seminar lecture on 'Novel bioactive secondary metabolites for biorational management of peronosporomycete phytopathogens' at Nagoya University, Japan on July 6, 2015.
- 39. Invited to deliver a public lecture on 'Discovery of bioactive secondary metabolites from marine and terrestrial organisms' at Institute of Biological Sciences (IBS) of University Putra Malaysia, 17 May, 2015.
- 40. Invited to deliver a seminar lecture on "Novel bioactive natural products from marine *Streptomyces* species" on May 29, 2013 at School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Queen Mary University of London, UK.
- 41. Delivered a talk in the 12th Int. Conference on Oomycete Genomics and Genetics Network, May 25-28, 2012, Nanjing, China
- 42. Invited to deliver a plenary lecture on "Biotechnology for food security, sound health and clean environment" on February 24 & 25, 2012 in Int. Symp. on "Sci. for Soc." organized by Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association, BARC auditorium, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 43. Invited to deliver a talk on "Ecological chemistry of peronosporomycete zoospores" on March 29, 2011 at Department of Plant Pathology, Nanjing Agricultural University, Ninjing, China.
- 44. Invited to deliver a talk on "Signaling and interactions between plant and rhizosphere microorganisms" on March 23, 2011 at Research Center of Eco-environmental Sciences (RCEES), Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China.
- 45. Invited to deliver a talk on "Biocontrol of oomycete phytopathogens by rhizobacteria: principle and mechanism of action' on March 22, 2011 at Institute of Tropical Agriculture, University Putra Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 46. Invited to deliver a talk on "Rhizosphere microorganisms and their interactions with plants' on March 21, 2011 at University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 47. Invited to deliver a talk on "Ecochemical interactions between plants and rhizosphere microorganisms' on March 15, 2011 at University of Nottingham, UK sponsored by INSPIRE program under the British Council, UK.
- 48. Delivered a symposium talk entitled "Ecochemical interactions between plants and zoospores of the phytopathogenic Oomycete *Aphanomyces cochlioides*" after receiving the Best Young Scientist Award 2003 from Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology, and Agrochemistry (JSBBA), November 7, 2003, Hokkaido, Japan.

Details on Third Party Funding/Grants Received by Prof. M. Tofazzal Islam

#### **Current major projects**

1. Wheat disease early warning system (DEWAS)-Wheat blast diagnostic (PI). Year 2023-2026. Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and FCDO (UK).

Total grants: US\$ 150,000.00 (approx.)

2. Development of a formulation for biological control of wheat blast using plant probiotic bacilli" (PI). Year 2023-2026 funded by the BAS-USDA.

Total grants: BDT 70 lac (approx.)

3. Marker-based selection for the development of durable blast resistant wheat variety using *Rmg8* and *RmgGR119* introgressed advanced wheat lines (PI). Year 2023-2026. Funded by Research Management Wing of BSMRAU.

Total grants: US\$ 15000.00 (approx.)

4. A sub-project of OFANS project titled "Characterization of a core wheat biodiversity collection for wheat blast resistance" (PI). Year 2021-2025. Funded by Krishi Gobeshona Foundation.

Total grants: BDT 60 lac (approx.)

#### Successfully completed projects

1. Development of blast resistant wheat variety through introgression of *Rmg8* and *RmgGR119* genes into the local wheat varieties of Bangladesh (**PI**). Year: 2020-2023. Funded by Research Management Committee, BSMRAU, Gazipur, Bangladesh

Total grants: US\$ 10408.28 (approx.)

**2.** A five-year (2018-2023) project titled "Development of Novel Blast Resistant Wheat Varieties for Bangladesh by Mutation Breeding (**PI**)" funded by International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria & FAO, Rome, Italy.

Total grants: Euro 44,000.00.

**3.** A three-year (2018-2021) Project on "Molecular diagnosis, genome epidemiology, biocontrol, and development of durable blast resistant wheat by genome editing (**PI**)" funded by Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Total grants: US\$ 177,500.00 (BDT 1,42,00,000/-).

**4.** Strengthening capacity and establishment of Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE) at BSMRAU. Funds allocated from the Ministry of Planning and



Development of the government of Bangladesh for IBGE for the session (2017-2021).

Total grants for IBGE: US\$ 1250,000/- (BDT 10,0000,000/-).

- **5.** Development of novel blast resistant wheat varieties for Bangladesh by genome editing (2019-2020). The GCRF Foundation Award for Global Agricultural and Food Systems Research, BBSRC, UK. This is a collaborative project of Prof. Nicolas Talbot (Exeter University, UK), Prof. Sophien Kamoun (The Sainsbury University, UK), Dr. Emaa Wellington (National Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, UK) and Prof. Md Tofazzal Islam (BSMRAU, Bangladesh). Total grants: US\$ 864,000/-
- **6.** Reduction of fertilizer use in rice by probiotic bacteria and elucidation of molecular mechanism of rice and bacterial interactions (**PI**). A Bangladesh Academy of Science USDA funded project (2018-2020). Total grants: US\$ 35,000/-
- **7.** Supplementary Project on Enrichment of facilities for high quality research and education in biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh (**PI**). A 3-year sub-project (2017-2018) under the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh funded by the World Bank. Total grants: US\$ 119,000.00 (BDT 9500,000/-).
- **8.** Biological control of wheat blast pathogen by plant probiotic bacteria (**PI**). A one-year project (January 2017 to December 2017) from the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Dhaka. Total grants: US\$ 3,750/-
- **9.** Morphological and molecular characterization of the isolates of wheat blast fungus *Magnaporthe oryzae Triticum* pathotype in Bangladesh (**PI**). A one-year project (2017) funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the government of Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 4,050/-
- **10.** Development of a convenient molecular diagnostic tool for detection of anthracnose pathogen in asymptomatic strawberry plants and foliage (**PI**). A nine-month (September 2017 to June 2018) project from the Fulbright Foundation, West Virginia University, WV, USA. Total grants: US\$ 31,050/-
- **11.** Enrichment of facilities for high quality research and education in biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh (**PI**). A 3-year sub-project (2012-2015) under the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh funded by the World Bank. Total grants: US\$ 330,000.00 (BDT 2,6400,000/-).
- **12.** Renewable energy from animal wastes: Benefits to agriculture and society. A 3-year project (January 2014-December 2016) (**PI**) in collaboration with University of Nottingham, UK funded by INSPIRE program Round-4 of the British Council, UK. Total grants: US\$ 58,000.00 (approx.)
- **13.** Improving sustainability of strawberry production in Bangladesh through adopting low cost management methods and value added products by small-holder producers (**PI**). A 2-year project (2013-2015) in collaboration with West Virginia University, USA funded by USDA. Total grants: US\$ 44,000.00



- **14.** Evaluation of plant probiotics in phosphorus nutrition in rice (**PI**). A 12-month project (July 2013 to June 2014) funded by Research Management Committee of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 1,250.00 (approx.)
- **15.** Discovery of biofunctional bacteria and their usage in sustainable agriculture. A 12-month project (**PI**) (June 2013 to July 2014) funded by the Ministry of Science & ICT, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 3,750.00 (approx.)
- **16.** Adaptation to climate change: food security, water resources and rural resilience in western Bangladesh (**PI**). A 3-year project (2010-2013) in collaboration with University of Nottingham, UK funded by INSPIRE program of the British Council, UK. Total grants: US\$ 70,000.00 (approx.)
- **17.** Discovery of biofunctional environmental bacteria and their usage in agriculture (**PI**). A 12-month project (July 2012 to June 2013) funded by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 1,562 (approx.)
- **18.** Herbal medicinal plant extracts as biopesticides against lateblight pathogen *Phytophthora capsici* (**PI**). A 12-month project (July 2011 to June 2012) funded by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 1,700 (approx.)
- **19.** Impacts of climate change on microbial diversity in the mangrove forest, Sundarbans in Bangladesh (**PI**). A 3-month (March 2013 to May 2013) project, which was funded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. Total grants: £ 15,544.00 (approx.) (including monthly fellowship)
- **20.** Biological control of soilborne oomycete phytopathogens (**PI**). A 12-month project (January to December 2011) funded by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 1,500 (approx.)
- **21.** Plant growth promoting microorganisms and their usage in low input sustainable agriculture (**PI**). A 12-month project (June 2010 to July 2011) funded by Ministry of Science & ICT, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Total grants: US\$ 9,500 (approx.)
- **22.** Signal transduction mechanisms of motility and differentiation of peronosporomycete zoospores (**PI**). A 24-month (April 2007 to March 2009) project was funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany. Total grants: US\$ 128,744.00 (approx.) (including monthly fellowship of Georg Forster Research Fellowship)
- **23.** Signalling systems between root and rhizoplane microorganisms and their agricultural usage (**PI**). A 24-month (April 2003 to March 2005) project was funded by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Tokyo, Japan. Total grants: US\$ 91,663.00 (approx.) (including monthly fellowship/salary)
- **24.** Regulation of motility, taxis, viability and differentiation of zoospores of oomycete phytopathogens by host and nonhost plant secondary metabolites. Five-year project (5 years) (October 1997 to September 2002) co-funded by Ministry of Science, Technology, Sports and Culture (Monbukagakusho) and the Core Research for Evolutionary Science and Technology (CREST) of Japan from 1997-2002. Total grants: US\$ 152,000 (approx.) (including monthly scholarship).



#### **Courses Offered**

#### **Undergraduate**

BTL410: Introductory Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, GEB 105: Cell Biology II GEB 310: Plant Physiology, GEB 306: Environmental Biotechnology, GEB 403: Plant and Animal Tissue Culture, GEB 425: Plant Developmental Biotechnology

#### Graduate (MS & Ph D level)

BTL 610: Molecular Biology of Cell, BTL 605: Genetic Engineering, BTL 527: Introduction to Ecological Chemistry, BTL 530: Bioactive Natural Products, BTL 532: Environmental Biotechnology and Biosafety, BTL/ PLP 540: General Microbiology, BTL 603: Nanobiotechnology, BTL 604: Bioinformatics

#### **Number of MS and Ph D Student Supervised**

Masters: 52 (completed) and 8 (running)

**Ph D (Doctoral)**: 6 (completed), and 8 (running).

**Post-doc Researcher**: 2 (running) and 6 completed.

#### **Important Administrative, academic and other position (leadership)**

- Director, Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, BSMRAU (April 2019 to date).
- Director (International Affairs) (June to November 2017 & May to August 2024), BSMRAU,
   Gazipur, Bangladesh
- Director (Outreach activity), (July 2014 to June 2015), BSMRAU, Gazipur, Bangladesh
- *Member*, Syndicate of Sylhet Agricultural University (2014-2016)
- *Member,* National Technical Committee for Crop Biotechnology, Bangladesh
- Member, Academic Council (2012-2017), Hajee Danesh Science & Technology University,
   Dinajpur
- Member, Academic Council, BSMRAU
- Member, Planning and Development Committee, BSMRAU
- *Member*, Board of Governors (BOG, highest authority of BOU), Bangladesh Open University (BOU), 1997-1998.
- Member, Academic Council, BOU (2004-2010).
- *Dean* (in charge), School of Agriculture and Rural Development, BOU.
- *General Secretary,* Executive Committee of Bangladesh Open University Teachers Association (BOUTA), 1995-1996.



- *Member,* Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers Association in 1995-1996.
- Member, Executive Committee of BOUTA in 1996-1997, 2002-2003, 2010-2011.
- Head (July 2010 to date), Department of Biotechnology, BSMRAU, Gazipur, Bangladesh.
- Member (July 2010 to date), Academic Council, BSMRAU, Gazipur, Bangladesh.
- Treasurer, Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers Association in 2011-2012.

# Involvement of members of organizing/program committees of international conferences

- 1. Organized Online International Biotech Symposium on 9-13 March 2021 as Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2. Organized a concurrent session on "Wheat Blast Developing Strategies for Assessing and Managing a Global Threat on the Move" in the ICPP2018 to be held on July 29 to August 3, 2018, Boston, USA.
- 3. Chaired a session in the South Asian Biotechnology Conference 2017 in Kathmanadu, Nepal.
- **4.** Symposium Organizing Secretary, 4th International Symposium of BJSPSAA on "Global Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability, and Adaptation", December 1, 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- **5.** Symposium Organizing Secretary, Symposium of Association of Alexander von Humboldt Fellows Bangladesh on "Biotechnology and Food Security", September 20, 2012, BSMRAU, Gazipur, Bangladesh.
- **6.** Convener, Publication and Publicity Committee, International Workshop on Nanotechnology, 21-23 September 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- **7.** Chaired the first technical session of the TWAS-ROSEAP Symposium on Industrial Biotechnology, 26-30 August, 2011, Beijing, China
- **8.** Chaired a session in the Centennial Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, USA held on July 26-30, 2008 Minneapolis, USA

#### **International Major Collaborators (Total 750 co-authors from 5 continents)**

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#### **Community Services**

- **Elected President,** Bangabandhu Shiekh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University Teachers Association (2020 & 2021)., Bangladesh
- **Chief Patron** (2015 to date), Bijoynagar Students Welfare Organization, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh
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#### **Some Selected Media Appearances**

- 1. My lecture on our research on wheat blast in South Asia Biotechnology Conference 2017 in Dhaka at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN5 DBz4nj0&t=205s
- My interview titled Blast from the Past published in Common Knowledge by Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, UK. Please see at <a href="http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/common-knowledge/common-knowledge-issue-7/">http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/common-knowledge/common-knowledge-issue-7/</a>
- 3. A TV program on our research on mitigation of wheat blast.

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