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Borned in 1954, did his Ph.D. in Horticulture in 1993 and serving since last 39 years in agricultural research and development particularly in production, post-harvest management, food safety and quality assurance, value chain development and agribusiness. He served as Senior Scientist of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) for about 25 years, and after voluntary retirement, he started his carrier as Freelance Expert and served as Consultant to the World Bank, FAO of the United Nations. SEDF/IFC, AVRDC, ICIMOD, UNCTAD & SEARCA. Currently, he is the Chairman of Kernel Foundation and Kernel Group of Companies in Bangladesh.

He served as Postharvest & Quality Assurance Expert in National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) funded by World Bank for more than six years, Postharvest and Agribusiness Specialist under Northwest Crop Diversification Project (NCDP) funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) for about three years, National SME Business Adviser under SME Sector Development Project (SMESDB) funded by ADB, Ministry of Industries, Government of Bangladesh for about a year and Senior Value Chain Expert under FAO for about two years and also in several donor assisted projects funded by JICA, CIP, IDA, ADB, the World Bank, Katalyst, European Commission, ICIMOD, DANIDA, AVRDC-World Vegetable Center and South Asia Enterprise Development Facility (SEDF/IFC)etc. He presented Keynote papers/Technical papers in 15 international and 78 national seminars/workshops on emerging issues of agriculture/horticulture, post-harvest & marketing, food safety, and export promotion of agro-commodities.

Moreover, he offered 9 (nine) courses in two public (Bangabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University and Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University) two private (State University Bangladesh & Atish Dipankar University of Science) universities as Adjunct Faculty and supervised eight postgraduate students' thesis research projects as the Supervisor and has 31 scientific publications in national & international journals in his credit. He has been awarded "**Justice Syed Mahub Morshed Memorial Award 2017**" by Shadinata Shongshad for his outstanding contribution in Business Promotion, and **Ekushe Sriti Shonmanona 2017** by Ekushe Sriti Shangshad for his outstanding contributions in Agricultural Sector Development.