

MD JAHIDUL ISLAM

Bangladesh-based Investigative Journalist

Investigative journalism • Environment • Climate • Biodiversity • Urban development • Governance • Human rights

11+

Years in journalism

3+

Major reporting awards

10+

Fellowships / professional programmes

PROFILE

Md Jahidul Islam is a Bangladesh-based investigative journalist focusing on accountability, environment, climate change, biodiversity, urban development, migration, politics and governance. He currently works as Senior Reporter (Investigation) at Daily Kaler Kantho and contributes to international and independent media.

CURRENT ROLES

- Senior Reporter (Investigation), Daily Kaler Kantho
- Contributor, Mongabay
- Contributor, The PenPK.com

CAREER & EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Reporter (Investigation), Daily Kaler Kantho — Current
- Staff Correspondent, The Business Standard — 2020–2026
- Reporter, Bangladesh Post — 2019–2020
- Comilla University Correspondent, Daily Sangbad — 2016–2020

RECOGNITION

- 2026 Best Reporter of the Year, Daily Kaler Kantho — investigation reporting on government officials' corruption.
- 2025 Best Urban Reporter Award, Urban Development Journalists Forum, Bangladesh — series on urban canals pollution and government failure.
- 2021 Youth Award for Best Climate Storytelling, EU GCCA+ — story on Dhaka's hazardous landfills.

EDITORIAL POSITIONING

Reporting interests span investigative accountability journalism, environmental and climate reporting, biodiversity, urban infrastructure, public services, governance, migration, human rights, politics and social justice. The work combines field reporting, document-based investigation, data, verification and multimedia skills.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION

- Contributor to Mongabay, with reporting focused on environment, climate and biodiversity.
- Contributor to The PenPK.com.
- International-media oriented investigative reporting and pitching experience.

FELLOWSHIPS, EDUCATION & SKILLS

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

- 2024 Himalayan Climate Boot Camp '24 — Fellow Journalist, May 2–13, Everest Base Camp, Nepal.
- 2023 ICIMOD Fellow — digital storytelling on climate-resilient agriculture, Nov 3–10, 2023.
- 2022 COAST Foundation Fellow Journalist — Oct–Dec 2022.
- 2021–2022 Climate Tracker Fellow Journalist — Nov 2021–Feb 2022.

EDUCATION

- MSc in Mathematics, Comilla University — Session 2017–18; passed 2018.
- BSc in Mathematics, Comilla University — Session 2013–14; passed 2017.

SKILLS & TRAINING

- Photography and videography; multimedia and video editing.
- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
- Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop.
- AFP Digital Investigation Techniques.
- BJIM fact-checking and basic debunking.
- Google News Initiative digital verification for election reporting.
- VOICE digital/social media safety.
- PIB fundamental journalism; TIB training; basic photography/videography.

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Organising Secretary, Urban Development Journalists Forum Bangladesh — Running.
- Member, National Press Club — Running.
- Editor, Comilla University Barta — 2019.
- President, Comilla University Journalist Association — 2019.
- Secretary, Comilla University Journalist Association — 2018.

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