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Community & Program Manager

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SUMMARY

Community and program manager with six years of experience designing and running developer and youth programs in Bangladesh. Organizer of Machine Learning Bangladesh, a 7,000+ member AI community in the Google AI Community Network, and founder of Cedar Initiative. Hosted 42 events since 2020, including two national Kaggle competitions and 11 free hackathons in five cities in 2026, among them Build With Gemma @Bangladesh (82 teams from 42 universities). U.S. Department of State Community College Initiative scholar in project management.

SKILLS

Program and community: Community Management, Program Management, Event Management, Hackathon Design, Kaggle Competitions, Developer Relations, Volunteer Management, Onboarding, Ambassador Programs

Business: Partnerships and Sponsorships, Stakeholder Communication, Budgeting, Vendor Management, Digital Marketing, Social Media, Content Creation

Tools: Kaggle, Devpost, Bevy, Luma, Meetup, Discord, Slack, Notion, Airtable, Eventbrite, Microsoft Project, Google Workspace, Canva, Agile, Scrum

EXPERIENCE

Organizer

Machine Learning Bangladesh (Google AI Community Network), Dhaka, Bangladesh — Sep 2023 – Present

- Grew TensorFlow User Group North Bengal into Machine Learning Bangladesh, a national AI community of 7,000+ members; renamed in July 2024.
- Organized Build With Gemma @Bangladesh (July 2026), a hybrid hackathon in Google DeepMind's global series, planned in about a week: 268 registrants, 82 teams from 42 universities, 47 projects submitted and judged on Kaggle.
- Ran 11 free hackathons in 2026 across 10 venues in five cities (Build With AI Hack Days, Hacktoberfest Hack Days, Tech For Her) with MLH, Google for Developers and HerWILL; judged at UITS and Tech For Her.
- Hosted two national Kaggle competitions: ML Olympiad 2024 with GDG Dhaka (353 entrants, 70 teams, 1,160 submissions; host named on the Google Developers Blog) and Dhaka Breath Index 2026 (72 entrants, 26 teams, 333 submissions), with notebook-only rules that screened out unedited AutoML and LLM templates.

Founder and Head of Programs and Partnerships

Cedar Initiative, Bangladesh — Sep 2025 – Present

- Founded a youth-led nonprofit for climate action, education and civic engagement that has reached 4,000+ people.
- Ran CS Ed Week 2025 in Rangpur and Ushnota Abhijan 2025 (1,000 items of clothing donated in the Karail slum fire response); leads partnerships and the annual finance report.

Director, CMX Connect Dhaka

CMX — Present

- Runs the Dhaka chapter of CMX's network for community professionals: meetups, knowledge sharing and career development.

Junior Program Manager

Early-stage startup (stealth) — Jan 2026 – Jun 2026

Communications Lead

Google Developer Group Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh — Aug 2023 – May 2026

- Ran outreach, event promotion and social media for nearly three years, including DevFest events sponsored by GitHub, JetBrains and Sticker Mule.
- Previously Ambassador (Nov 2022 – Aug 2023).

Community Manager, Growth

Elevate Pay (YC W22), Remote — Sep 2025 – Nov 2025

- Handled onboarding and account-verification cases for a YC-backed fintech.
- Researched markets and partners, sourced vendors for business-development events and planned digital campaigns.

Marketing Intern (Volunteer)
American Red Cross, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA — Feb 2025 – May 2025

- Built a local-business campaign to recruit volunteers; posted roles to targeted zip codes and reported weekly on social performance.

Intern, Programs and Events
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, Iowa, USA — Dec 2024 – Apr 2025

- Helped prepare the Downtown Farmers Market and Market After Dark season: vendor approvals, deposits, scheduling and materials.

Founder (Advisor since Aug 2026)
UniDevs, Bangladesh — Dec 2023 – Present

- Built a student developer community bringing computer science to rural and semi-urban Bangladesh through hackathons and mentorship.

Influencer and Community Champion
Google Crowdsource, Bangladesh — Jul 2020 – Dec 2024

- Hosted contribution and training events and onboarded new contributors; reached contributor level 18.

Earlier roles

- Student Ambassador, AngelHack Campus Hub, Government Shah Abdur Rouf College (Aug 2021 – Nov 2022)
- Chapter Community Manager, Codecademy Chapters, Rangpur (Nov 2021 – Nov 2022)

EDUCATION

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering
United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh — 2023 – 2029 (expected)

Certificate in Project Management
Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA — Aug 2024 – May 2025

- U.S. Department of State Community College Initiative scholar. Dean's List, GPA above 3.33, 75.5 hours of community service.

Higher Secondary Certificate, Science
Government Shah Abdur Rouf College, Rangpur, Bangladesh — 2019 – 2022

AWARDS

Community College Initiative Scholar, U.S. Department of State (2024 – 2025)
Platinum Eagle Leadership Award, highest tier of Kirkwood Community College's Eagle Leadership Program (2025)
3rd Place, CICA AI Art Competition, CICA and Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan (2025)
Dean's List, Kirkwood Community College (2025)
Star Fellow, Awareness360
Community Champion, Google Crowdsource (2021)

LANGUAGES

Bengali (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi (Conversational)