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Dr K M Baharul Islam has been teaching and researching in the area of Education, ICT for Development, and Planning for almost twenty years. Starting his career as a faculty at NIT Silchar (1994-2002), he served a number of universities abroad and became a Reader at NCERT, New Delhi in 2002. Between 2007 and 2012 Dr Islam served as the Chairman and CEO of the South Asian Regional Gateway set up by the Development Gateway (USA). Presently he is the Professor and Chairman of the Communications Area at IIM Kashipur. He also holds the position of Chair at the *Center of Excellence on Public Policy and Government* at the institute. He also serves as a Fellow at the US India Policy Institute in Washington DC and as an International Fellow at the King Abdullah International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Vienna. Very recently he has been completed his tenure as a Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (2016-2018).

Besides teaching Dr Islam has also worked extensively with UN agencies starting as a Consultant for UNESCO in Cambodia in 1998. Later he worked on ICT Policy, Plans and e-Government Strategy with the UN Commission for Africa (UNECA) during 2003-2006. He developed e-Govt Strategies and National ICT plans for several countries. In 2006-2007, Dr Islam served under UNESCAP, Bangkok to conduct an ICT Access Survey in the Asia-Pacific region. He was working for African Development Bank as their Mid-Term NICTSP Review Consultant in Mauritius (2010- 11). Presently, he is leading major World Bank project on Environmental Impact in South Asia as its Program Director.

He has published widely with more than eight books and 30+ papers/articles to his credit. He is a public speaker, debater, TV commentator and communication specialist. He participated at the BBC World Debate in 2006 that brought him to international development communication limelight. He has written the chapter on ICT and Poverty Reduction for the first Encyclopedia of Digital Governance published in 2006.

He holds three masters' degrees: LLM in Telecom and Information Technology Laws from the University of Strathclyde (UK), MA (English) from AMU, Aligarh and MBA from IK Gujral Technical University. He did two PhDs: one in Educational Technology and another in Transitional Justice. He also did his Post-Doctorate from Asian Institute of Technology (Bangkok) on new technologies in education. Besides he has also done B.Ed. specializing in Educational Planning and Administration. He is trained at *Harvard Business School* under GloCOLL (2013) on case teaching method. Dr Islam is a recipient of *Majaz Gold Medal* in MA and United Kingdom Telecom Academy Fellowship. Two of his past projects in India and Ethiopia have received The World Bank's *Development Marketplace Certificate Recognition* in 2003 and 2007.