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### **Research Summary**

Area of Interest	IoT, SDN, WiFi-based long distance network, Machine Learning
Research Experiences	7.5 Years
Number of Citations (Google Scholar)	918
H-Index (Google Scholar)	11
i10-index	13
Number of Publications	52
Number of peer-review Journals	23
Number of Patents Filed	2
Number of Conferences	25
Invited as Resource Person	14
Recent Publication Venues	IEEE/ACM/Elsevier/Springer Journals, IEEE Comm. letters, INFOCOM Worksp, GLOBECOM, ICC, HPSR,
Laboratories	Shakoor Lab (DDPSC, St Louis, USA), Splice Lab (Dartmouth College, USA), SWAN Lab. (IIT Kharagpur, India), IoT Lab (NEHU, Shillong, India), Rural WiFi Lab. (NEHU, Shillong, India)
Training and Guidance	<b>Deployment of WiFi-based Long Distance (WiLD) Network</b> in Border Out Posts for Border Security Force (BSF), India, 2 March-4 April, 2018
Tutorial	"Programmability for Context-Aware Smart IoT Applications", WCNC'21, 2021
	"Programmable IoT" Invited speaker: ACM India Summer School, 8 July, 2021.
Hardware & Software Platforms	SensorTag (CC2650), OpenMote (CC2538), TelosB (CC2420), RaspberryPi (Gateway), Arduino, and ContikiOS, NS-2, NS-3, Mininet, Ryu,

## **Employment History**

1 Rengineering Research Scientist: DONALD DANFORTH PLANT CENTER, St. Louis, MO, USA (1 Dec 2022 – till date)

**Responsibilities-**

- Design of Backend system for supporting scalable and interoperable IoT infrastructure for precision agriculture.
- Designing system controller for supporting scalable infrastructure for remote IoT-based agricultural things
- Integration and deployment of different components with the system controller and backend

## **Employment History (continued)**

2 Post-Doctoral Scholar: Computer Science, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, USA (13 Jan 2022 – 30 Dec 2022).

NSF (USA) sponsored Project titled: **Security and Privacy in the Lifecycle of IoT for Consumer Environments**.

Responsibilities- Privacy-preserving smart home:

- Study on user activity inference attacks, where a passive network observer can infer the private in-home activity of a user by analyzing encrypted IoT traffic metadata (completed)
- Developing solutions for privacy against inference attacks by local adversaries such as WiFi eavesdroppers, and neighbors (ongoing). Poster: Nurzaman Ahmed, Mounib Khanafer, Timothy J. Pierson, David Kotz, "Link layer traffic shaping defence against Wi-Fi device finger-printing" at NSF meeting, Dartmouth College, 26 Oct, 2022.
- Designing an accountable IoT management architecture
- Post-Doctoral Fellow: Centre for Networked Intelligence, RBCCPS, and ECE, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, Bengaluru, India (29 Sep 2021 –Dec 2021).
  Responsibilities- Designing SDN-enabled Intent-Driven Network Architecture.
- Research Associate (PostDoc.): Department of Computer Science & Engineering, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Kharagpur, India (21 Aug 2019 20 Aug 2021).
  SERB/IMPRINT-2 (Govt. of India) sponsored Project titled: Unified Software-Defined Architecture for Industrial Internet of Things.
  Responsibilities- (i) Overall monitoring and coordination of the different components/manpower of the project, and (ii) Designing SDN architecture for IoT.

Project Scientist: Department of Information Technology, School of Technology, NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY, Shillong, India. (6 Nov 2015–19 Aug 2019.)
 MeitY (Govt. of India) sponsored Project titled: QoS Provisioning in Internet of Things (IoT) Responsibilities:(i) Overall monitoring and coordination of the different components/manpower of the project, and (ii) Designing MAC protocol for large-scale IoT.

 Junior Research Fellow- Information Technology Department, School of Technology, NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY, Shillong, India. (Aug 2013–Jan 2015.)
 DeitY (Govt. of India) sponsored Project titled: QoS Provisioning in WiFi-based Long Distance Wireless Networks for Hilly Terrain Areas.

**Responsibilities:** (i) Designing MAC and routing protocol for WiFi-based long distance network, (ii) Implementation and evaluation of proposed schemes over real Atheros driver for OpenWrt router.

### Education

2016 – 2020	<b>Ph.D., North-Eastern Hill University, India</b> in Information Technology (22 Aug 2016-17 Nov 2020). Thesis title: <i>Designing IEEE 802.11ah-based scalable network architecture for Internet of Things.</i>
2014 – 2016	M.Tech., North-Eastern Hill University, India in Information Technology. Thesis: Designing a MAC protocol for Internet of Things (IoT). First Class, 79% (14 Aug 2014- 8 Aug 2016)
2008 – 2013	<b>B.Tech., North-Eastern Hill University, India</b> in Information Technology. Project: <i>Extension of NS-2 for Long Distance Wi-Fi support.</i> <i>First Class, 70</i> % (21 July 2009- 8 Aug 2013)

## **Education (continued)**

2006 – 2008	Higher Secondary, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, India in Science.
	<i>First Class, 71%,</i> Dakshin Kamrup College (21 July 2006- 3 July 2008)

2003 – 2006 High School Living Certificate, Board of Secondary Education, Assam, India First Class, 78%, Padupara Ancholic High School (3 June 2003- 14 May 2006)

### **Research Publications**

#### **Journal Articles**

- 1 Alam, M., **Ahmed**, N., Rakesh, M., Mukherjee, M., Barbhuiya F, A. (Apr. 2023). "SDN-based Re-configurable Edge Network Architecture for Industrial Internet of Things". *Accepted at IEEE Internet of Things Journal* (SCI, IF: 10).
- 2 Mondal, M. A., Ahmed N., Hussain, M. I. (Feb. 2023). "IoT-MAC: A channel access mechanism for IoT smart environment". *Array*, p. 100285. DOI: 10.1016/j.array.2023.100285. URL: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.array.2023.100285.
- Pal, S., Ahmed, N., Mukherjee, A., Misra, S. (Feb. 2023). "SDN-Controlled Resource-Tailored Analytics for Healthcare IoT System". *IEEE Systems Journal*. URL: https://doi.org/10.1109/JSYST.2023.3245816.
- 4 Ahmed, N., Hussain, M. I. (Jan. 2023). "A QoS-aware scheduling with node grouping for IEEE 802.11ah". Wireless Networks 29.4, pp. 1799–1814. DOI: 10.1007/s11276-022-03206-3. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11276-022-03206-3.
- 5 Das, R. K., Ahmed, N., Maji, A. K., Saha, G. (Oct. 2022). "Nx-IoT: Improvement of conventional IoT Framework by incorporating SDN Infrastructure". *IEEE Internet of Things Journal, (SCI, IF: 10)*. Available at: https://doi.org/10.1109/JIOT.2022.3215650.
- Gazi, F., Ahmed, N., Misra, S., Tiwari, M. K. (Mar. 2022). "ProStream: Programmable Underwater IoT Network for Multimedia Streaming". *IEEE Internet of Things Journal, (SCI, IF: 9.9)*. URL: https://doi.org/10.1109/JIOT.2022.3159404.
- 7 Firoj, G., Ahmed, N., Misra, S. (Feb. 2022). "Reinforcement Learning-Based MAC Protocol for Underwater Multimedia Sensor Network". ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks (SCI, IF: 4.2). Available at: https://doi.org/10.1145/3484201.
- 8 Alam, M., **Ahmed, N.**, Matam, R., Barbhuya, F. (Jan. 2022). "IEEE 802.11 ah-Enabled Internet-of-Drone Architecture". *IEEE Internet of Things Magazine*. Available at: https://doi.org/10.1109/IOTM.005.2100099.
- 9 Gazi, F., Ahmed, N., Misra, S. (2022). "RE-MAC: A Hybrid MAC Protocol for Underwater Multimedia Communication System". *IEEE Systems Journal*, pp. 1–8. DOI: 10.1109/JSYST.2022.3185015.
- 10 Ahmed, N., Hussain, M. I. (Sept. 2021). "Scalable internet of things network design using multi-hop IEEE 802.11ah". *Telecommun Systems* (*SCI, IF: 2.3*) 78.4, pp. 577–588.
  - Ahmed, N., De, D., Barbhuiya, F. A., Hussain, M. I. (Aug. 2021). "MAC Protocols for IEEE 802.11 ah-Based Internet of Things: A Survey". *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, (SCI, IF: 9.9) 9.2, pp. 916–938.
- 12 Ahmed, N., Misra, S. (Aug. 2021a). "Collaborative Flow-Identification Mechanism for Software-Defined Internet of Things". *IEEE Internet of Things Journal* (SCI, IF: 9.9). Available at: https://doi.org/10.1109/JIOT.2021.3099822.
- Hussain, M. I., Ahmed, N., Ahmed, Z. I., Sarma, N., Hussain, M. I. (2021). "QoS Provisioning in Wireless Mesh Networks: A Survey". Wireless Personal Communications (SCI, IF: 1.67). Available at: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11277-021-08893-3.





Hussain, M., Dutta, S. K., **Ahmed, N.**, Hussain, I. (2014). "A Multi-gateway based Reliable Low Cost Network Architecture for Rural Region". *National Conference on Emerging Global Trends in Engineering* & *Technology (EGTET)*. Don Bosco University, Assam, India, pp. 1–7.

#### Patents

- Das, R., **Ahmed**, N., Saha, G., Maji, A. (2021). *Multi-Purpose Switch Adaptable for a Specific SDN Based IoT Architecture*. Indian patent filed on:04/12/2019, published on: 02/04/2021, number of pages: 37, number of claims: 7 (Ref: 201931049931).
- Saha, G., Das, R., **Ahmed, N.**, Maji, A. (2021). *An improved SDN based IoT system*. Indian patent filed on:16/04/2021 (Ref: 202131017791).

#### **Books and Chapters**

Ahmed, N., Rahman, H., Hussain, M. I. (2017b). "Scalability Analysis of Medium Access Control Protocols for Internet of Things". *Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing*. Vol. 508. Springer Singapore, pp. 601–611. DOI: 10.1007/978-981-10-2750-5\_62. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-2750-5\_62.

### Skills

Languages	Strong reading, writing and speaking competencies for English, Hindi, and Assamese.
Coding	📕 С,С++,Java, рнр, Jsp, Python, sql, धТЕХ, asp.net,тclscript.
IoT	R Sensor/Actuator, Contiki, солр, мотт, TelosB, сс2650, еsp8266, Arduino, RaspberryPi, iFogSim, Thingspeak, Kaa.
IoT Apps	Healthcare IoT, Smart Agriculture, Smart City, Smart Home, and Smart Lighting.
Networking	Mikrotik Board, Winbox, OpenWrt, Atheros Driver, Driver Programming, 6Lbr, SDN Switch (DELL EMC), Openflow, P4, Mininet, NS-3, and NS-2
Web Dev	Angular 2.0 (above), Нтмь, css, JavaScript, Liferay, Django, Apache Web Server, Tomcat Web Server.
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Misc. 📕 Academic research, teaching, training, consultation, Lagrantic typesetting and publishing.

### **Invited as Resource Person**

- 1 Role of AI and ML in Next-generation Communication Networks, Webinar conducted by IC-FAI University Tripura, India, 18-19 July, 2022.
- 2 Flow Identification for Secure SDN-Based IoT Networks, SPLICE Webinar Series, Dartmouth College, 15 Feb, 2022
- 3 Role of Articial Intelligence/Machine Learning in Next-generation Communication Networks, Internation ATAL Faculty Development Programme (IFDP) on on Data Analytics and Machine Learning, conducted by conducted by Mizoram University, India and North-Eastern Hill University, India, 21-25 March, 2022.
- 4 **Protocols and Platformns for Next Generation IoT**, Five Days AICTE ATAL Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Internet of Things (IoT), conducted by conducted by Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, University of Jammu, Jammu, 1-4 June 2021.
- 5 A Introduction to Contiki-Cooja Simulator: A Demonstration, Five Days AICTE ATAL Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Internet of Things (IoT), conducted by Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, University of Jammu, Jammu, 1-4 June 2021

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### Invited as Resource Person (continued)

- 6 Sensors & Actuators with Communication Protocols for Next-Generation IoT, Five Days AICTE ATAL Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) *Internet of Things (IoT)*, conducted by department of Information Technology, Mizoram University, Aizwal, 1-4 Feb 2021.
- 7 Rands on Contiki-OS and Cooja Simulator, Five Days AICTE ATAL Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) Internet of Things (IoT), conducted by department of Information Technology, Mizoram University, Aizwal, 1-4 Feb 2021
- 8 **Wireless Sensor & Actuator Network Using Contiki-Cooja Simulator**, Five Days AICTE ATAL Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) *Internet of Things (IoT)*, conducted by department of Information Technology, Mizoram University, Aizwal, 1-4 Feb 2021
- 9 Software & Hardware platforms for NextGen IoT Implementation, in AICTE sponsored workshop on *IoT and its Applications*, conducted by department of IT, NEHU, Shillong and CKolon, 5-9 Oct 2020.
- 10 Implementation of IoT, in a Two-weeks National workshop-cum-Summer Internship on *IoT and Android Applications Development*, conducted by department of CSE & IT, Assam Don Bosco University, India, 11-23 Jun 2019.
- 11 Implementation of IoT using 6LoWPAN-based Network, 2-day MeitY sponsored National workshop on *Internet of Things: It's Inside out*, in the department of IT, NEHU, Shillong, India, 12-13 May 2017
- 12 **Technologies and Protocols for Internet of Things (IoT)**, 2-day MeitY sponsored National workshop on *Internet of Things: It's Inside out*, in the department of IT, NEHU, Shillong, India, 11-23 Jun 2019
- 13 Protocol Implementation in open source Wireless Local Area (WLAN) driver, 2-day National workshop on *Trends in Wireless Networks - Protocols and Practice* in the department of IT, NEHU, Shillong, India, 29-30 Jan 2015
- 14 **Protocol Implementation and Simulation using Network Simulator 2 (NS2)**, 2-day National workshop on *Trends in Wireless Networks Protocols and Practice* in the department of IT, NEHU, Shillong, India, 29-30 Jan 2015.

#### **Tutorials**

- 13 Misra, S. Ahmed, N., Roy, A. "Programmability for Context-Aware Smart IoT Applications", Half-day tutorial for *WCNC'21*, 29 March 1 April 2021, Nanjing, China
- 14 Ahmed, N., Sarkar, K. "Programmable IoT" Invited speaker: ACM India Summer School, 8 July, 2021.

### **Paper Presented**

- 1 **Programmable IEEE 802.11ah Network for Internet of Things**, in IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), Virtual, 2021.
- 2 SDN-Based Link Recovery Scheme for Large-ScaleInternet of Thingsin IEEE HPSR'21. IEEE. Virtual, 2021
- 3 Channel Access Mechanism for IEEE 802.11 ah-Based Relay Networks, in IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), Dublin, Ireland.
- 4 A QoS-aware MAC protocol for large-scale networks in Internet of Things, in 11th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (ANTS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, June 2020.
- 5 Augmentation of Directional and Sector Antenna support in NS-2, in IEEE sponsored International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Networks (CINE) held on January 2015 in KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Orisha.

## Paper Presented (continued)

- 6 **Driver Level Implementation of TDMA MAC in Long Distance WiFi**," in IEEE sponsored International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Networks (CINE) held on January 2015 in KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Orisha.
- 7 A QoS-aware Multipath Routing Protocol for WiFi-based Long Distance Mesh Networksin 2nd IEEE conference on Emerging Technology Trends in Electronics, Communication and Networking (ET2ECN) held on December 2014 in NIT Surat, Gujrat.

### **Professional Services**

#### Workshop Committee

May 2017	■ Organizing Member, National workshop on <i>Internet of Things: It's Inside out</i> , 12-13 May, 2017, conducted by Department of IT, NEHU, Shillong, India.			
Technical Program Committee				
IEEE ICC'21 Workshop	COVI-COM: Communication, IoT, and AI Technologies to Counter COVID-19.			
IEEE HPSR 2021 Workshop	VNI: Virtualization for Enabling Next-Generation IoT Networks.			
Journal Referee				

- 1 **IEEE Internet of Things Journal**
- 2 **IEEE Access**
- 3 **IEEE Transaction on Mobile Computing**
- 4 📕 IEEE Transaction on Vehicular Technology
- 5 📕 Iranian Journal of Science and Technology
- 6 🛛 📕 IEEE Transactions on Green Communications and Networking
- 7 📕 IEEE International Conference on Communication

### Teaching

#### **Guest Lecturer**

Dec 9-15, 2022 📕 Edge computing, SRM University, AP, India

#### Guidance

Jul 2018 Guided Border Security Force (BSF) Technical Team, Deployment of WiFi-based Long Distance (WiLD) Network in Border Out Posts (BOPs), Ftr, HQ, BSF Frontier Shillong from 2 March to 4 April 2018.

#### Workshops and Training

Jul 2012	Undergone an internship programme on IP addressing for 7-days at Indian Oil Corpor- ation Limited, Noonmati, Guwahati, Assam.
Mar 2011	Participated in the Bhuwan workshop organized by North Eastern Space Applications Center, Umiam, Shillong
Sep 2009	Attended workshop on C programming organized by CIPHER (a forum under Depart- ment of IT, NEHU)

# Declaration

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is correct to the best of my knowledge and I bear the responsibility for the correctness. **NURZAMAN AHMED**