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about

Shakil Reja Efti is a Bangladeshi author, elocutionist, and documentary filmmaker living in Istanbul. He has authored 'Osruoto Ekush,' an autobiographical novel written in the Bengali language and published in 2021. Efti is a regular contributor for different newspapers and magazines in Bangladesh and Turkey. He won the National Talent Hunt in Language and Literature in Bangladesh, received the Prime Minister's Award, and is currently pursuing his Bachelor's education at Istanbul University. Efti directed 'Türkiye Bangabandhu'yu Anıyor,' the first-ever documentary about Bangabandhu and Bangladesh in Turkish. He has anchored in over 100 national and international events and runs the 'Take Me Home' initiative to archive endangered culture, language, and traditions. He is also the Executive Editor of 'The Awakening.'

education

Undergraduate, Bachelor of Social Science (Journalism), Istanbul University Faculty of Communication, Turkey (2019 – continues)

High School Graduation, Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2016 – 2018)

languages

Bengali (Native)
English
(Advanced)
Turkish
(Advanced)

awards

National Talent Award 2015 & 2017 in the Language and Literature Category, received from the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh

COF Inspiration Award 2017 in the Thought Leadership category, the youngest awardee for social change through promoting the culture of the minority groups living in Bangladesh

Champion of the Dhaka District Public Speaking Competition in 2017, organized by the National Debate Federation of Bangladesh

The Best Speaker Award at the National Television School Debate Competition in 2015 held at BTV

skills

Verbal and Written
Communication
Script Writing
Storytelling and Analysis
Teamwork
Productivity and
Organization
Master of Ceremonies
(MC)

references

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Istanbul
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career highlights

Author

“Osruto Ekush” (Unheard Twenty-one), an autobiographical novel published by Ananya Publication, Bangladesh, in 2021

Founder

“Take Me Home”, a platform to exchange and archive culture, language, tradition, and related identities, especially those at risk of disappearance. www.thetakemehome.com (2020 – Present)

Interpreter

Various bilateral and cultural events of the Istanbul Bangladesh Consulate General and the Embassy of Bangladesh in Ankara (2019 – Present)

Literary Translator

Translated literary pieces from Turkish to Bangla and vice versa, published in Bangladeshi and Turkish media

Print and Electronic Media

Executive Editor of the Awakening, a multilingual bulletin published from Dhaka, Bangladesh (May 2020 – Present)

Contributing writer of Bangladeshi national dailies (the Daily Sun, the Prothom Alo, the Kaler Kantho) (2014 – Present)

Producer and host of the Take Me Home Podcast, which is broadcast on Radio Communication, the radio station of Istanbul University (March 2023 – Present)

Contributing writer and reporter for Istanbul University News Agency (İÜHA), and İLETİM, a bulletin published by the Istanbul University Faculty of Communication (2022 – Present)

Voiceover artist and presenter at Bangladesh Betar (Bangladesh National Radio), Dhaka FM 90.4, ABC Radio 89.2 FM, and RTV (2016 – 2018)

Attended talk shows and interviews at Bangladeshi and Turkish TV channels, including Atn News, Channel 24, British Bangla News, and NTV.

Documentary Filmmaker

Director of “Türkiye Bangabandhu’yu Anıyor” (Turkey Remembers Bangabandhu) – a documentary film produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh (2021)

Director of “Bangladeş Atatürk’ü Anıyor” (Bangladesh Remembers Atatürk) – a documentary film that explores the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey, in Bengal (post-production continues)

Co-Director of “Hakan's Journey to Peace” – a documentary film that examines the impact of Sufism on South Asian culture and society (2019)

Co-Director of “Being an Istanbulite” – a documentary film produced by the Istanbul University Rectorate that delves into the lives of international students studying at Istanbul University (2019)

Production Coordinator of “Psychology of Immigrants” – a documentary film directed by Turkish filmmaker Mr. Ferhat Atik (2020)

Project Consultant of “Age of Terror” – a documentary film directed by Turkish filmmaker Mr. Ferhat Atik (2020)

Instructor

Bengali Language
Instructor at Istanbul
Gedik University and
Take Me Home
(2023 – Present)

Public Speaking
Instructor at 21&YOU
(December 2022)

English Language
Instructor at Istanbul
(2018 – 2019)

Public Speaking and
Debating Coach at the
Prothom Alo
Bondhushava (2017)

Skill development
instructor at multiple
Bangladeshi schools,
including Saint Joseph
Higher Secondary
School, Amena Baki
School, etc. (2015 –
2018)

Freelance Coach for
Public Speaking and
Creative Writing
(2013 – Present)

Voiceover Artist

“Cindrella’s Sister”, a
Korean TV Series dubbed
into the Bengali language
by the Korean Embassy in
Bangladesh

Documentaries of the
Ministry of Education,
Bangladesh

Master of Ceremonies

Cultural events and panel
discussions of the Istanbul
Bangladesh Consulate
General (2019 – Present)

“Ki Ananda”, the largest
youth festival in South
Asia, organized annually by
the popular Bangladeshi
youth magazine Kishor Alo
(2017)

More than 100 national
and international events in
Bangladesh, Turkey, and
online (2015 – Present)

Content Creator/ Presenter

“Hep Türkçe”, an online
platform for teaching the
Turkish language to
foreigners (2018 – 2019)

“Sobjanta”, an online quiz
Show based in Bangladesh
(2017 – 2018)

Personal YouTube
Channel: “Shakil Reja Efti”

International Representations

Visited Thailand under a Cultural
Exchange & Study Tour Program
arranged by the Ministry of
Education, Bangladesh.
Participated in cultural and
educational activities to promote
cross-cultural understanding
and exchange. (2015)

Visited West Bengal, India, as the
BGB-BSF Friendship
Ambassador to participate in a
Cultural Exchange Program.
Represented Bangladesh and
promoted international
friendship and cooperation
through various cultural events
and facilitated cross-border
dialogue and collaboration
between the Border Guard
Bangladesh and the Border
Security Force of India. (2015)

Visited the Uttar Pradesh of
India (Lucknow) to participate in
an International Conference
organized by the City
Montessori School of Lucknow,
India. (2016)

Visited Malaysia as the Youth
and Education Ambassador of
Bangladesh under the
supervision of the Ministry of
Education, Bangladesh. (2017)

Visited Chanakkale, Turkey, to
attend a 10-day volunteer camp
organized by the Ministry of
Youth and Sports, Turkey. Visited
old homes, volunteered in the
village schools as an instructor,
and participated in community
service activities. (2020)