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Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee is person with visually impaired primarily engaged as a Program Manager of Young Power in Social Action (YPSA). YPSA is a social development organisation directed towards assisting development initiatives to bring positive socio-economic change since 1985. Mr. Bhattacharjee is responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of disability and ICT related activities in YPSA. [www.ypsa.org](http://www.ypsa.org)

Another noteworthy role of Mr. Vashkar is that he is the focal person for DAISY in Bangladesh. DAISY stands for Digital Accessible Information System. It's a Switzerland based International e-accessibility consortium pioneering research, development, production and distribution of disabled friendly technology solutions worldwide. [www.daisy.org](http://www.daisy.org)

Mr. Vashkar is also the official Convener of the National ICT Thematic Group. This group has been established to advise the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh Government to ensure accessibility to ICT for people with disabilities. [www.nfowd.net](http://www.nfowd.net)

Mr. Vashkar as well selected GAATES (GLOBAL ALLIANCE on ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGIES & ENVIRONMENTS) Country Representative in Bangladesh. [www.gaates.org](http://www.gaates.org)

Mr. Vashkar have been working as a national consultants web accessibility with activities of Access to Information (A2I) Program under Prime Minister office, Digital Bangladesh initiative. Provided expertise service to A2I since long. Specialization in issues of disability & development, ICTs for development, e-Accessibility and Information accessibility for person with disability. Personal rapport with national and international media agencies and development networks. International Trainer of Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY). Founder of Chittagong Computerized Braille production Centre and ICT & Resource Centre on Disability.

In addition to the above mentioned roles and responsibilities, Mr. Vashkar is actively involved with a number of local, national and international agencies ranging from Bangladesh Visual Impaired Society to Duskin in Japan,. He is also a regular author of National ICT publications like The Monthly Computer Jagat etc. Furthermore, Mr. Vashkar is a renowned disability training specialist and speaker who regularly contributes these skills at national and international platforms.

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