

INTERVIEW

Bringing the Lost Market Rationale and Fairness Back into Higher Education

Private universities have made steady establishments in the country, specially in Dhaka, over the last five years, in order to offer quality education, and North South University (NSU) was the pioneer in this regard. To know more about it, The Daily Star correspondent Ekram Kabir talks to NSU's founder president Muslehuddin Ahmad.

The Daily Star (DS): Would you please tell us how the idea of a private university came up as there was no private university in Bangladesh prior to NSU?

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Muslehuddin Ahmad is virtually free. Thus, students apparently do not appreciate nor do they make best use of what is given free while faculty members vacillate in the face of alternate income possibilities.

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Prospects of Private Universities in Bangladesh

by Ambreen Farook

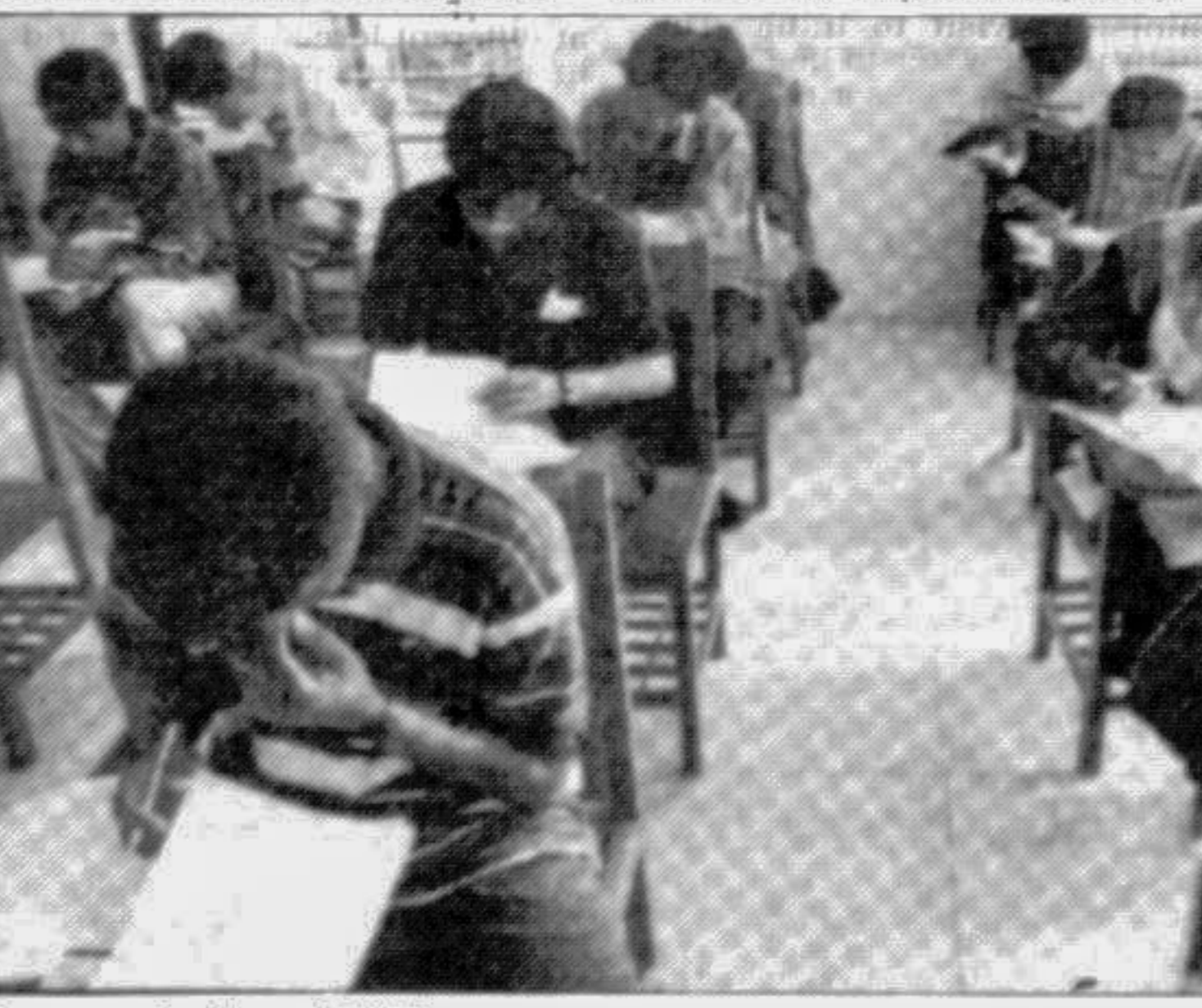
NOVEMBER 5, 1992 is never going to repeat itself and neither will the event that took place on that very day. North South University received the formal approval of the government as the first degree awarding private university in Bangladesh.

The founder of this university has done more than his share; he has provided indirectly a wealth of opportunities for those who want to invest in higher education through the establishment of private universities for the well-being of future generations.

After the establishment of the Private University Act, many trend setters of higher education have opened private universities throughout Bangladesh. Now the nation can account for 18 private universities within a span of four years.

These accreditation teams should not turn into another political arena synonymous with corruption and sluggishness. These teams should be fuelled with different faculty members rotating every year and contributing extensively to the accreditation of other private universities.

As people are catching on to the concept of 'private universities' fast in Bangladesh, private universities should sail skywards to keep up with changes occurring throughout the rest of the world. We must not remain stagnant, but seek new horizons of improvement for the sake of our future generations.



An examination at NSU

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

- Thursday 28th November (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes.)
BTU
3:00 Opening Announcement: Aquran Programme Summary

- Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours
CHANNEL V
6:00am Frame By Frame 7:00 Rewind Vj Sophya 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Big Bang Vj Alessandria 10:30 Frame By Frame 11:30 The Vibe Vj Luke 12:00 Rewind Vj Sophya 1:00 By Demand Vj Trej 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 BPL Oye 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 By Demand Vj Trej 5:00 Music Update Tokyo 6:00pm Rewind Vj Sophya 7:00 Big Bang Vj Alessandria 8:00 Planet Ruby 8:30 The Vibe 9:00 Videococ Flashback 9:30 Top of the Pops 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 Classic Rock 12:00am Jump Start Vj Trej 1:00 Haysan 2:00 By Demand Vj Trej 3:00 Big Bang Vj Alessandria 4:30 BPL Oye

- 3:30 Tehkka! 4:00 Home and Away 4:30 Lost in Space 5:30 Adventures of Black Stallion 6:00pm Kate & Allie 6:30 Today's Gourmet 7:00 Destinations 'Nine Cruise 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Small Wonder 8:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 9:00 Shutar 9:30 Star News 10:00 Family Towers 10:30 The X-Files 11:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 12:00 Santa Barbara 1:00 Baywatch Nights 2:00 21 Jump Street 3:00 Quincy 4:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:00 Barnaby Jones
STAR SPORTS
6:00am Asian Q22 Champ For Men 3rd/4th Place 7:00 Spanish Fbali League HL 7:30 Trans World Sport 8:30 World Team Skating 9:30 World Windsurfing HL 10:00 ATP Tennis Kremlin Cup Final 12:30am Australian Open Day 1:30 SuperCross Paris France 3:30 SEA Touring Cars Rd 11&12 4:00 Bud Pro Surf Tour 5:00 Spanish Fbali League HL 5:30 Asian Q22 Champ For Men Final 6:30pm World Wrestling Federation Raw 7:30 WTA Tour Advanta Championships 9:00 Gillette World Sport Special 9:30 SuperCross Paris France 10:00 World Cup Hall of Fame 10:30 Futbol Mundial 11:30 Australian Open Day 1 1:00 Bud Pro Surf Tour 3:00 World Windsurfing

- STAR MOVIES
7:30am Family Quat Victory 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 8:30 Classic Oh Mr. Porter PG (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Adventure Lone Wolf Mqadee 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Family Miracle On 34th Street G (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Comedy Lucky Stiff PG (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Adventure Eat My Dust 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Comedy Used People 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 US Top Ten 9:30 Romance Sweet Bird of Youth 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Musical help 12 1:30 Tnglre The Harvest 18 3:30 Action State Of Grace 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Comedy When Pigs Fly 18
ZEE TV
6:00 The News 6:30 Jaagan 7:00 A to Z of Computer 8:30 All Out 9:00 Gnuma Aana 9:30 Hindi Feature Film Show Akhr Koyan 12:00 17 Shriey Road 12:30 Ek Minute 1:00 A to Z Computer 1:30 Asian Sky Spa 2:30 Raahat 3:00 Serial TBA 3:30 Shahi Dawat 4:00 Helpine 4:30 Mere Ghar Ana Zindagi 5:00 A to Z of Computer 5:30 Teer Kaman 6:00 Hum Honge Kamyab 6:30 The Low Cal Show With Kitu, Gidwani 7:00 News 7:30 The Hindi News 7:45 Raahat 8:00 Ek Minute 8:15 EK Nazari 9:30 Jaspal Ki Yaah Zindagi 9:00 Yeadoli-Ae-Qo 9:30 Dastan 10:00 Umeed Ep-20 10:35 News 11:00 Pakeezan Ep-2 11:30 Hum Paanch 12:00 Tara 12:30 Parampara 1:00 No Problem 1:30 Beji Ke PG 2:00 Zee Arabia Arabic 2:30 Zee Arabia Infotainment TMM
-07:30 Pyar Hi Pyar 08:30 Jeevan Ke Rang 09:30 Dance Dance 10:30 The Music Show-Real Countdown 11:00 Nukaad

- 11:30 Shatranj 12:00 Top of the Tops 12:30 Brigader Baiwani 1:00 Suhana Safari 1:30 Nazrana 2:00 Special 3:00 Amar Prem 3:30 Chetree 4:00 Azans Serial 4:30 Sring Yatra 5:00 Derry El 05:30 Special 6:30 Sory Meri Lory 7:00 Hit Hi Hit Hai 7:30 Hakke Bhakke 8:00 Fauji 8:30 Public Demand 9:30 Gambler 10:00 Peoples Club 10:30 Humrari 11:00 Casper Number One 11:30 Filmi Chat 12:00 Newsline 12:30 Special 1:30 Tarane Aur Fasane 2:30 Party Time
PTV
8:00am Tisawat Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Cut Piece 9:20 Aahang & Roshni 9:45 Phool Chand 10:05 Sona Chandi (Drama Serial) 10:30 Buttons & Rustis (Eng Film) 10:55 Mithi Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Aabshaar (Music Programme) 11:55 Tele Play (Drama Serial) 12:45pm Qawwali 12:55 Qurane-Hakeem & Bismillah 1:15 Muqaddar (Drama Serial) 2:00 Puthar (Drama Serial) 2:45 Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Taleemi Maloomat 4:35 Aurat Aur Qanoon 5:05 Home Economics 5:25 Humaray Saath 5:55 Yarna (Drama Serial) 6:25 Aaur Courses 7:05 Muqabil Hai Aana 7:20 Anah Wali Jenn 7:45 English News 8:05 Jawaan Sangeet 8:45 Endhan (Drama Serial) 9:00 Break for Headline News 9:30 The Khabrainama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanjo 11:15 Urdu Feature Film & Khas Khas Khabrain/ Close down
SONY ET
8:30am Yaadon Ki Baaraat 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 11:00 Ghaav (Serial) 11:30 Faasle (Serial) 12:30pm Kismat (Serial) 1:00 Zarin Aaman (Serial) 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geel 2:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film

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Janea Kaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji (Serial) 11:00 The Young And The Restless 11:30 Yah Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti (Serial) 12:00 Pehli Mulakat 12:30 Sunday Ki Sunday 1:00 Nirlup Rasoi Show 1:30 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 2:00 Premier 2:30 Closed

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10:30 Jannatni 10:35 Classical Music 11:00 Dance 12:00 ETV Programme 12:30 Monorama Darpan 1:00 Janani (Serial) 2:30 Darpan (Serial) 3:00 Eto Tuku Basha (Serial) 3:30 Shroesh 5:05 Nepal Programme 5:30 Closed

- ZEE CINEMA
3:45 Sharada 7:00 Raju Dada 9:30 Do Dishayan 12:30 Souten 3:45 Mithi Aur Sona 6:30 Amavedu (Teigu) 10:00 Jaanwar 12:45 Anuragam (Tamil)

Garfield by Jim Davis. Attention! Step away from the burger! Step away from the burger! Why do you spend so much time chasing mice? A burger alarm! A fish hiding behind the sofa!



Arabian Nights on BTV, Tonight at 8:25