



# North South University

Center of excellence in higher education

## 19th Convocation, February 18, 2016



**Message**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**  
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I am glad to know that North South University is going to hold its 19th Convocation on February 18, 2016. I congratulate all the graduating students, their guardians, faculty members and the university authority on this occasion and appreciate their collective endeavor to materialize the aspirations of our future generation.

Education is a powerful tool which can change the destiny of our nation. The government of Bangladesh has attached the topmost priority to education and is committed to ensuring quality education in order to build a developed and enlightened nation within the structure of democracy.

Our students have to play a vital role in nation-building activities. Universities have to play their roles accordingly. Universities are not simply a training facility; they are institutions of higher learning where students are educated, not merely trained. Universities have multi-dimensional responsibilities towards their students. Foremost, they should develop the critical thinking ability of the students and develop their personalities so that they can cope with the problems and challenges of the modern world. Students have to learn to think innovatively to meet the demands of the time.

I am happy to know that North South University is making good advancement in the field of education. I understand that the Business School of this university has received accreditation from ACBSP, and that other schools of this university are also working on this process. I congratulate you for this. Expose our students and teachers to the very best so that in future they can give their very best to this country.

I wish the 19th Convocation of North South University a great success.  
 Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid



**Message**  
**Minister**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Government of the People's**  
**Republic of Bangladesh**

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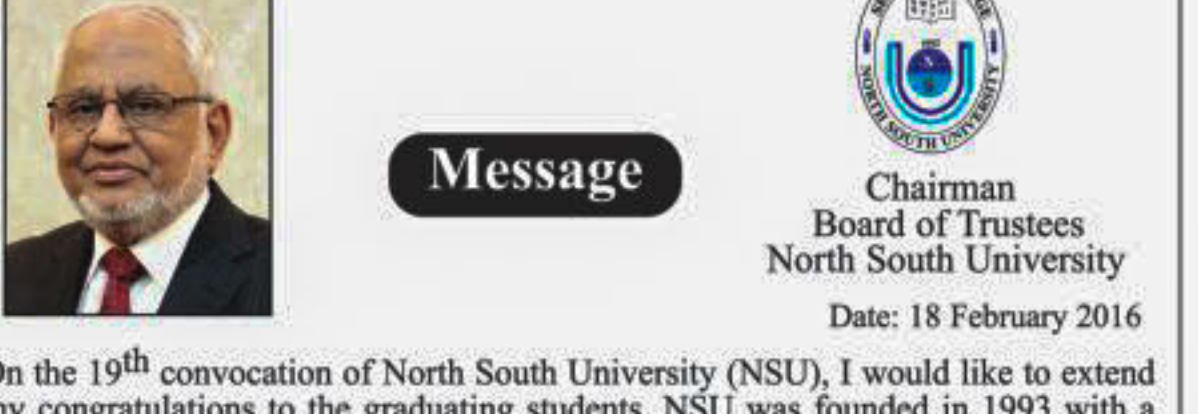
It is a great occasion for me to congratulate the graduating students of the 19th Convocation of North South University (NSU) to be held on the 18 February, 2016. I would also congratulate guardians of the new graduates and faculty members who have contributed to such an accomplishment.

World standard education continues to be a top priority for us to build a prosperous Bangladesh. North South University, as a leading Private University in the country, has an important role to play in this regard. I am delighted to learn that NSU has enlightened the new graduates with a world class education which would make them confident to compete in the global job market.

I would like to remind the graduating students, as much as has been given to you, it is your duty to give much back to the society. As you move up, never forget to lend a hand to someone behind you. I hope, NSU graduates will contribute to making an innovative, equitable and just society.

I wish the 19th Convocation of NSU a grand success.

Nurul Islam Nahid M.P.



**Message**  
**Chairman**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**North South University**

Date: 18 February 2016

On the 19th convocation of North South University (NSU), I would like to extend my congratulations to the graduating students. NSU was founded in 1993 with a vision to impart world class education here in Bangladesh. The university, since then, has successfully taken giant steps towards attaining that vision. We firmly believe that the responsibility of a university goes much beyond giving certificates. A university has the responsibility of shaping the individual, and in the present world it is very important that we graduate students who know their roles in society and their responsibilities to their country. Our graduates will receive certificates today which will mark the completion of their studies but these certificates will be validated only when they prove themselves to be responsible citizens, dynamic thinkers, and able leaders in every field. I am confident that our students will not fail to give us this validation, as they have not failed in the past.

Every year, NSU has set up new milestones in search of excellence and recently we have made history once again. The NSU School of Business and Economics (SBE) received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), USA, and became the first Business School in Bangladesh to have received specialized American accreditation. This speaks of the quality of the education the School provides. We are pursuing accreditation for our other programs as well. Accreditation will play a significant role in realizing NSU's vision to implement global standards in education within our regional context.

NSU maintains academic and research collaboration with many renowned institutions. Our most recent collaborations have been with the University of Maryland, The George Washington University and The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

It is my advice to the graduating students to be dynamic and to come up with ever-new ideas which upon implementation will lead Bangladesh to new heights.

M. A. Kashem

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### NSU: A Brief History

North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, was established in 1992 by the then Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research (FPER) - a charitable, non-profit, non-commercial and non-political organization. The FPER later was renamed as the NSU Foundation and is presently called the North South Foundation. The Foundation is comprised of a group of eminent industrialists, prominent patrons of education, notable philanthropists, widely experienced academics and senior civil servants of the country. In the early 1990s, they had a dream to set up a world class university as a center of excellence in higher education in the private sector. Their dedication, tireless efforts and hard work paved the way for approval of the establishment of NSU. Since, at that time, there was no relevant law in the country to set up and operate a university in the private sector, they took the entire burden and extended their best efforts in assisting the then government in formulating the relevant law and enacting it. Subsequently, the government pursuant to the newly enacted law i.e. the Private University Act (PUA)-1992 (now repealed by PUA-2010), approved the establishment of NSU. The University was formally inaugurated by the then Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 10 February 1993 and started its journey in a very modest way. Later, in 2012, the NSU Foundation, in the light of the PUA 2010, and as instructed by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission, formed the NSU Trust with the same group of people in the Foundation, and vested the entire management and administration of NSU in its Board of Trustees (BOT). The honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of NSU.

The BOT is the apex policy making and approving body of the University. Mr. M. A. Kashem is the current Chairman of the BOT. He is an eminent industrialist, a renowned patron of education, a distinguished philanthropist, an active social worker and one of the promoters and founding members of NSU. The former President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) and a successful Banker, Mr. M. A. Kashem served as the Member of the Syndicate of Jahangirnagar University and Bangladesh Open University in two consecutive terms each. He is also the former Chairman of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh.

The other members of the BOT are Mr. Iftekharul Alam, Mr. M. A. Awal, Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Mohammed Shajahan, Mr. M. A. Hashem, Mr. Ragib Ali, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, Dr. Roushon Alam, Mr. Yussuf A. Harun, Mr. M. A. Kalam, Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, Mr. Abul Kashem, Mr. A. S. F. Rahman, Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, and Mr. Mahbubur Rahman. All of them are also the members of the NSU Trust. Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, the Vice Chancellor in charge of NSU, is the Ex-Officio Member of the BOT. The other members of the NSU Trust are Mr. Nurul H. Khan, Prof. Syed A. Ahad, Mr. Shah Abdul Hannan, and Mrs. Shaista Ahmed.

The Syndicate is the next policy making and approving body after the BOT, and is headed by the Vice Chancellor. He is responsible for managing the administrative and academic affairs of the university as per the Private University Act (PUA 2010), and implementing the policy guidelines set by the BOT. The Vice Chancellor is assisted by a Pro-Vice Chancellor and a Treasurer. All of them are appointed by the Honorable Chancellor on recommendation of the BOT. Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami is the current Vice Chancellor in charge of NSU.

In general, NSU is modeled on US universities and follows their academic features such as semester systems, credit hours, letter grades etc. When first introduced, its curricula of undergraduate programs such as economics, business, and computer science were largely modeled after the curricula of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and were duly approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, the highest accrediting authority on higher education of the country. NSU has an International Advisory Board, comprised of scholars from all over the world, to counsel and to suggest improvements on academic matters of the university.

The school of Business and Economics (SBE) received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), USA and NSU SBE is the first in Bangladesh to receive such a prestigious international accreditation. Presently, NSU is pursuing program wise as well as institutional accreditations from reputable accrediting bodies in the USA. The Computer Science & Engineering programs are under the process for accreditation by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The University is also preparing for the accreditation of its Public Policy & Governance Program by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). Similarly, the Public Health Program is preparing for the accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The university is delivering a substantial general education curriculum, has a Strategic Plan, and has initiated and implemented student instructional learning assessment for degree programs and courses and is in the process of developing the infrastructure for evaluation of institutional effectiveness for its institutional accreditation. The Government of Bangladesh is also in the process of introducing an accreditation council for the enhancement of educational quality.

**Vision:** North South University will be and will remain as a center of excellence in higher education. It will gain recognition, nationally and globally, and will attract students, faculty, and staff from all parts of the world.

**Mission:** The mission of North South University is to produce competent graduates in their selected disciplines who will have productive careers or will choose to engage in advanced studies. Our students will be: (1) life-long learners with good leadership skills; (2) more proficient in oral, written, and electronic communication; (3) critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills; (4) ethical and socially responsible; (5) champions of diversity and tolerance; and (6) globally aware with commitment to social justice and sustainability

**Strategy:** The university aims at: (1) offering socially relevant academic programs consisting of a substantial general education component in all undergraduate programs; (2) recruiting and retaining good students, well-trained faculty with graduate degrees from overseas and qualified staff; (3) promoting effective teaching, quality research, and outstanding service; (4) providing appropriate physical facilities including classrooms, laboratories, and library with state-of-the-art educational technology; (5) supporting co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; (6) practicing good governance and administration that encourage academic freedom and faculty-staff participation; and, (7) purposeful engagement of our alumni and community leaders.

### Gold Medalists Undergraduate Program

 Ms. Maria Moosa Munnee B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering School of Engineering & Physical Sciences Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal	 Ms. Rufaida Hassan Khan Bachelor of Pharmacy School of Health & Life Sciences Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal	 Ms. Shohala Hakim B.A. in English School of Humanities & Social Sciences Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal	 Ms. Tajrian Binte Zaman Bachelor of Business Administration School of Business & Economics Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal
 Ms. Tayebah Mohammad Sharif Hossain B.Sc. in Microbiology School of Health & Life Sciences Chancellor's Gold Medal Valedictorian	 Ms. Sirazoom Munira M.Sc. in Environmental Management School of Health & Life Sciences Chancellor's Gold Medal	 Ms. Farzana Akhter Sumi M.Pharm in Pharmacology & Clinical Pharmacy School of Health & Life Sciences Chancellor's Gold Medal	 Ms. Moonia Farlina Islam Master of Business Administration School of Business & Economics Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal

### Gold Medalists Graduate Program

 Ms. Marwa Mohammad Masood M.A. in English School of Humanities & Social Sciences Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal
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**Graduating students of the 19th Convocation**

School	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
School of Humanities & Social Sciences	37	52	89
School of Business & Economics	1134	303	1437
School of Engineering & Physical Sciences	289	14	303
School of Health & Life Sciences	133	168	301
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>2130</b>



**Message**  
**PRIME MINISTER**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**  
**BANGLADESH**

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 18 February 2016

I am happy to know that the 19th Convocation of North South University is going to take place on 18 February 2016. I congratulate the graduating students, their guardians and also the university staff.

To make Bangladesh a poverty-free and hunger-free developed country, education continues to play a central role towards the achievement of this goal. Our government, therefore, fully supports quality education across all sectors of the society.

With this in mind, the universities have a tremendous responsibility to prepare the future generations for their role in bringing Bangladesh to the world stage through innovation, science, technology and peace.

Now it is time for you to apply the knowledge you have accumulated over the past four years.

Each one of you has a role to play in our society, and many of you are well prepared to continue on to your higher studies and achieve even greater heights.

It is with this hope that I again congratulate the new graduates of North South University and encourage them to work hard to fulfill our common dream.

I wish the 19th Convocation of North South University a great success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
 May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina



**Chairman**  
**University Grants**  
**Commission of Bangladesh**

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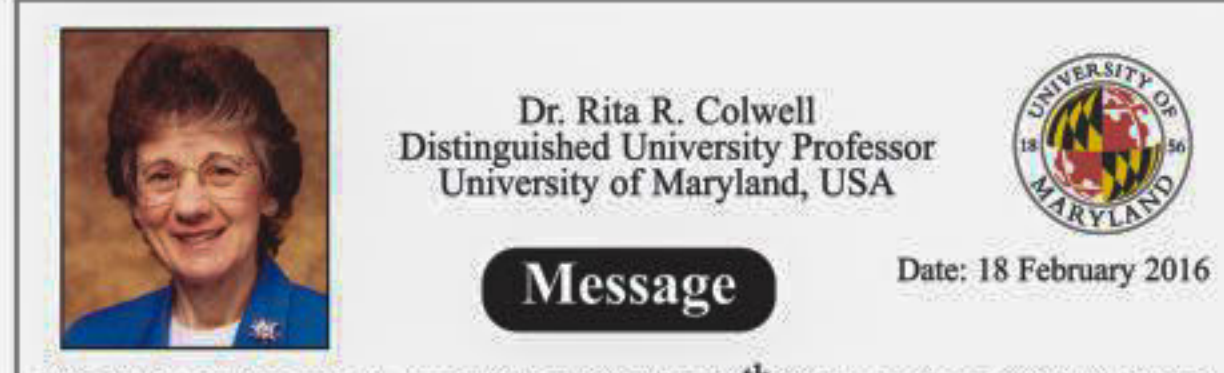
Congratulations to North South University (NSU) on the occasion of its 19th Convocation being held on February 18, 2016. Such an important event would not have been possible if it weren't for the staunch commitment by the faculty, staff, and administration of NSU.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) continues to uphold the highest of standards for quality higher education throughout the country, because an educated citizenry is the pathway to nation building. As such, the UGC continues to be committed to ensuring that the expected standard of higher education in private universities in Bangladesh is both promoted and maintained.

As a center of excellence in higher education, NSU provides some of the best opportunities available for students to gain the most up-to-date skills necessary to be successful in the twenty-first century. Moreover, the exposure that it offers to general education ensures that students are able to think critically and creatively about the vast challenges that they will face in today's world. Students should feel confident that they are well-prepared to make significant contributions toward making the world a better and more gentle place.

I am convinced that with the skills gained through their education that the new NSU graduates are ready to face the challenges necessary to make Bangladesh even greater in the years to come. We have high expectations that they will devote themselves wholeheartedly to act in good faith in all of their words and deeds and to be moral, honest, hardworking and charitable. I wish them good fortune and deep reflection on this occasion of NSU's 19th Convocation and every success in the future.

Professor Abdul Mannan



**Message**  
**Dr. Rita R. Colwell**  
**Distinguished University Professor**  
**University of Maryland, USA**

Date: 18 February 2016

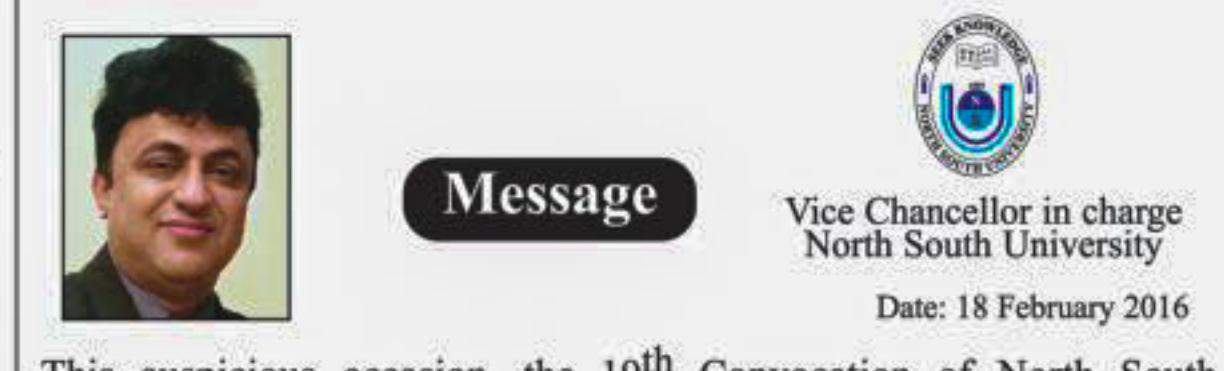
It is truly a pleasure to experience this, the 19th Convocation of North South University (NSU), with all of you, graduates, faculty members, staff, and families. I have been involved with higher education for decades, and have participated in many convocation ceremonies, but I will never grow tired of seeing the joy, excitement, and pride in the faces of a group of graduates and their loved ones.

I wish all of you the best of luck in the lives on which you are about to embark. Seeing what a remarkable and talented group is graduating from NSU this year, I have no doubt that I will hear the names of some of you graduates again in the future and even see some of you an ocean and a continent away, in the United States. Bangladesh is a country on the rise, and you are the leaders who will send it to new, previously unimagined heights. The University of Maryland and NSU are in partnership to develop state-of-the-art facilities, particularly to carry out research in the areas of biomolecular science and global environmental health here in Bangladesh to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I am deeply proud to be associated with NSU. Over the years, this university has graduated many students with bachelors and master's degree and today, you are one of those proud students. I envision students receiving their Ph.D.'s from North South University in the very near future.

As you embark on those exciting futures, though, do not forget the lessons you have learned here at NSU. I'm sure you will reflect today on some of those lessons, but I will let you in on a little secret: the truth is, you don't yet know which of those lessons will prove to be the most important, the most enduring. You can't know, not yet. You may not know until many years in the future, when you have the chance to think back on your beloved university days. You may be surprised which lessons prove to be the most significant and the most influential in your lives. Often, the most lasting of these lessons don't come in the classroom or at least they aren't listed on any syllabus.

Of course, that is all years away. For now, congratulations on your tremendous accomplishment. Enjoy this convocation day with all your heart and soul. You have earned it!

Dr. Rita R. Colwell



**Message**  
**Vice Chancellor in charge**  
**North South University**

Date: 18 February 2016

This auspicious occasion, the 19th Convocation of North South University (NSU), is cause for great joy and pride for me. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Vice Chancellor in charge, over the past two semesters. Serving in this position, of course, comes with great responsibilities, but occasions such as this leave me with no doubt because this accomplishment of all you graduates makes it worthwhile. I am certain that this is true of all the parents, faculty, and staff who will be in the audience for Convocation today. It is you, the students, who make our work a blessing.

On this illustrious occasion, I ask you to do two things, each of equal importance. First, you should celebrate. Celebrate with your friends, your classmates, your faculty, and, of course, your family. You have earned this day of celebration.

At the same time, you should reflect. Think back to all that you have done to get here today, and all that you have learned. Think too about the task that lay ahead. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had a dream to create a nation where tolerance and equality thrives. Where poverty remains only in the annals of history. It is through you that the world will come to know of this dream. You must willingly shoulder this glorious burden and work hard to place your nation among the upper income countries, and you must strive to make this world better than what you have found it to be. This is not an impossible task. You have been trained by some of the best minds in the world. Allow yourself to be fueled by generosity and hope, and believe in yourself as we have come to believe in you.

The founders of NSU followed the same dream. You are the fulfillment of that dream. On this day, therefore, I ask you to feel both the joy and the responsibility that come with your great accomplishments.

Again, congratulations, and I wish nothing but the very best for every one of you, the graduates of North South University, Class of 2016. May your Convocation day be joyful, and may your futures be bright.

Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami

A live telecast of the Convocation ceremony will air on 18th February 2016 at 3:00 PM on:



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