



The artificial highland waterfall at DIU.

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DIU: The largest green campus amongst private universities in Bangladesh

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Daffodil International University (DIU) started their journey in 2002 in Sukrabad, Dhaka. By 2010, the DIU community inaugurated their campus in Ashulia Model Town, at a location surrounded by nature. Classes began at the campus in 2011.

The university premises, covering 100 acres of land, has a beautiful view. The whole area is well organised and wisely planned. "I have a vision of turning the university into the finest green campus in the world, along with quality education," says Dr Md Sabur Khan, the Chairman of DIU. "I want to provide the students with excellent and affordable facilities."

DIU secured the first position in the country and 159th globally, at UI Green Metric Rankings, in 2018. It is the only university in Bangladesh which was simultaneously ranked by three of the most renowned university rankings, including Times Higher Education (THE), QS Rankings and



Dr Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, DIU.

UI Green Metric Rankings.

"The campus has a spacious and attractive entrance with a huge playground, which was my first priority," says the Chairman. "Cutting down trees was a major requirement when we



The solar car made by the 'Yes You Can' group.

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were designing the buildings, but I did not allow that because I wanted a green environment for our students. As a result, the architects had to go through many challenges to complete the buildings, while keeping the trees unharmed."

There is a guest house at the university premises, named after Anisul Haque, consisting of eight rooms. The building is partly made of tin containers, along with concrete. There is also a big pond at the venue.

In addition, DIU has a jungle named Bonomaya, which is kept with the intention of conserving the environment. It can be used by the students of the Nutrition and Food Energy Department as a source of gathering organic materials. There is a polo-ground and a basketball ground, along with a big cricket pitch, for the students.

The university has its own swimming pool and fountain, in addition to an artificial highland waterfall.

The electricity at the campus is provided through DIU's own generator, along with the help of solar panels. 'Yes You Can' is a group of 22 CSE students at DIU, who made a solar car, with the support of green technology. They received the Future Award in Asia's largest solar technology event, Electric Solar Vehicle Championship 2015, in India.

To attract students to the green and healthy environment, DIU has a promotional offer of 20 percent waivers for those who want to start classes at their permanent campus.

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The 'ChotoBhai' comes of age

Iftekhar Rafsan, better known as 'Rafsan the ChotoBhai', is inarguably one of the most popular vloggers in the country. The always upbeat youngster re-imagined what food vlogging could be like in Bangladesh, with his recent videos receiving an unprecedented number of views for a local food vlogger. He recently garnered 100,000 followers on his Facebook page. The Daily Star talks to the young star about his passion and career.

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

When did you decide to become a food vlogger?

It happened very randomly, I must say. In 2017, a friend, who also made YouTube videos, took me to Burger King, and we shot a video. It got a lot of traction, and I did not expect that at all. Slowly, I started coming out with more videos, and that is how it all started.

Your video about an allegedly 'counterfeit' restaurant got viral all over the internet, making you an instant 'celebrity'. How much has your life changed after this?

I cannot possibly describe the feeling, it was something that I never expected. The moment I walked into my university after the video got published, I got an ovation from everyone who was present at the campus. Even while I was coming here, the Uber driver was asking me about my videos. It feels great to have your hard work recognised by the people.

Have you ever thought of taking up vlogging as a full-time profession?

To be honest, it is very difficult to sustain a livelihood with only vlogging. If I did that, I would have to resort to dishonest practices, which would include putting out positive reviews of places that not deserve them at all. However, there will be a time when this budding industry will have more professionalism, and more opportunities for people who want to do it full-time.



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Do you have a message for your fans? I want to thank everyone who has been there with me throughout my journey. My page has hit 100,000 subscribers recently, and it has all been a bit overwhelming for me. I hope that you all will show the same kind of support for whatever I do next.