



# NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

## 23rd Convocation, April 8, 2021



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নর্থ সাউথ ইউনিভার্সিটিতে ২৩তম সমাবর্তন উপলক্ষে আমি ডিজিটাল শিক্ষার্থী, শিক্ষকমণ্ডলী, কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারী, অভিভাবকবৃন্দসহ সমগ্রীত সকলকে জানাই আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন।

সমাবর্তন একজন গ্রাহকের জন্য অত্যন্ত স্বাগতম একটি মুহূর্ত। এর মাধ্যমে একজন শিক্ষার্থী তার জীবনের নতুন অধ্যায়ে উন্নীত হয়। আমি আশা করি, ডিজিটাল সাক্ষরতা শিক্ষার্থীকে কর্মজীবনে আর্থিকভাবে সাহায্য করে এবং জ্ঞান, মেধা ও কর্মপরিশ্রমের কারণে লক্ষ্যে একটি সুস্থক বাংলাদেশ গড়ে তুলতে অবদান রাখে। আমি নবীন গ্রাহকদের উৎসাহ জন্মাবো জানাই।



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আজ বাংলা, জয় বঙ্গবন্ধু বাংলাদেশ সার্বভৌম হোক।



Message

I am delighted to welcome you on this auspicious day of the 23rd Convocation of North South University. At the very beginning, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest, Honorable Minister of Education, Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., for allowing the much-awaited 23rd Convocation to take place. I also would like to express my profound appreciation to Mr. Salman F. Rahman, M.P., and Private Sector and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister, for agreeing to be this year's Convocation Speaker. I also thank wholeheartedly Professor Kazi Shahidullah, the Chairman of the UGC, for taking out his time to be with us in this Convocation ceremony amidst the pandemic.

We are celebrating today with our graduating students who have worked hard for the last four years to arrive at this precise moment. For them, today is the end of one journey and the beginning of another. It is needless to mention that we have been passing through a global crisis due to the Corona pandemic. During this challenging time, North South University has taken all classes and activities online to ensure that the process of teaching, learning, and research is not interrupted and that students and scholars do not lose their valuable time. Over the past year, we spent almost 100 crores of Taka in the form of financial aid, Covid-19 waivers, and supporting the community. And now we have graduates like you, who will join forces with us to make this world a better place.

Today, NSU is ranked 228th among all the universities in Asia by QS University Rankings and has been recognized as the top private university in the country. The university is ranked globally 351-400 by business and management discipline and 601-650 by computer science and information systems discipline. According to the UGC report, NSU recorded 1,135 publications, the highest number of publications among all the public and private universities in Bangladesh in 2019. However, our drive for sustained improvement in the quality of education and research continues. We are on our way to introduce the world's most advanced learning management system, Canvas, which is used globally, including the Ivy League Universities. To encourage more quality research, we have recently introduced Research Excellence Awards, recognizing our outstanding researchers from each school and rewarding them accordingly.



Message

I thank our Honorable Chancellor and the Education Minister for allowing us to have this online Convocation. It is indeed a wonderful day for us all because we are having this Convocation during the auspicious occasion of the Bangabandhu Birth Centenary and the Golden Jubilee of our nation's independence. Though the Coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted teaching and learning all over the world, we have tried our best to cope with this crisis through online teaching. However, if this pandemic has taught us anything, it is how vulnerable and dependent we are on each other.

I wish our latest batch of graduates all the success in life.

### A Brief History of NSU

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 organization. The FPER later was renamed as the NSU Foundation and is presently named the North South University Trust. The Trust 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, the Founders took the initiative 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 formally started its journey in a very modest way in February, 1993. Later, in 2012, the NSU Foundation, in light of the PUA 2010 and as instructed by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission, formed the North South University 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 Board of Trustees (BOT) is the apex policy making and approving body of the university. Mr. M. A. Kashem, eminent industrialist, renowned patron of education, distinguished philanthropist, a dynamic social worker and one of the promoters and founder members of North South University (NSU) has been elected unanimously as the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT) of North South University on June 29, 2020.

He served as the Syndicate Member of Jahangirnagar University and Bangladesh Open University both for two consecutive terms. He was also the former Chairman of the Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh. He is a successful former President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI). He is also the Founder Chairman and Director of Southeast Bank Ltd., a leading Bank in the country. He is also associated with various social and philanthropic activities. He is the Founder Chairman of M Kashem Trust, which is aimed at fostering education through providing scholarships and stipends to the underprivileged students in his locality. He founded a modern non-profit hospital named "Tareque Memorial-Ibrahim General Hospital" in Chhagalnua upazilla, Feni, with an aim to provide all kinds of medical facilities to the rural people. He made remarkable contributions to the export sector and for that he was awarded "President Export Trophy" twice. He was also honored with Long Term and High Tax Payer-2011 award by NBR. In 2019, Mr. Kashem received the "Abu Rushd Memorial Award" for his outstanding contribution in higher education in Bangladesh. He was awarded the "C R Das Gold Medal" in recognition to his notable contribution to the industrial sector.

The other members of the BOT are Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. M. A. Kalam, Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, Mr. Abul Kashem, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mr. A. S. F. Rahman, Mr. Mohammed Shajahan, Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Mrs. Fawzia Naaz, Mr. Tanveer Harun, and Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser. All of them are also the members of the NSU Trust. Professor Atiqul Islam, the Vice-Chancellor of NSU, is the Ex-Officio Member of the BOT.

The Syndicate is next to the BOT and is headed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the University. He is responsible for managing the administrative and academic affairs of the university as per the Private University Act 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.

Professor Atiqul Islam is the current Vice-Chancellor of NSU. He was the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) of Edith Crown University in Australia. Earlier he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Government at the University of Canberra. Over his long academic career, he served at the University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, Curtin University, University of Canterbury and the National University of Singapore. He has a strong track record in academic administration and negotiation of international programs.

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 on the curricula of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and were duly approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, the highest guiding authority of 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 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.

### Chancellor's Gold Medal

**Abu Mohammad Shabbir Khan**  
Valedictorian  
ID: 1530736042  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, CGPA: 4.00

**Rudbar Mahmood**  
ID: 1835005080  
Master of Public Health  
CGPA: 4.00

### Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal

**Tasneem Tabassum Athoi**  
ID: 1510595015  
Bachelor of Arts in English  
CGPA: 3.84

**Md. Risalat Huda**  
ID: 1612147030  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
CGPA: 3.97

**Rabla Saleh**  
ID: 1530649042  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, CGPA: 3.98

**Nusrat Uddin Abu Saleh**  
ID: 1611308047  
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology, CGPA: 4.00

**Rabeya Sultana Tama**  
ID: 1815353055  
Master of Arts in English  
CGPA: 3.95

**Novaira Rahman**  
ID: 1725054060  
Master of Business Administration  
CGPA: 4.00

**Farzana Tamannur Ony**  
ID: 1815333052  
Master of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, CGPA: 3.95

**Promil Ananya Chakraborty**  
ID: 1735333080  
Master of Public Health  
CGPA: 4.00

### Graduating Students of the 23rd Convocation 2021

SCHOOL	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL
School of Business and Economics	1757	500	2257
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	905	12	917
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	143	88	231
School of Health and Life Sciences	291	318	609
<b>Total</b>	<b>3096</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>4014</b>

### The Board of Trustees 2020-2021

**M. A. Kashem**  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
North South University  
Former President, FBCCI

**Azim Uddin Ahmed**  
Member & Former Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Benajir Ahmed**  
Member & Former Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
North South University  
Former President, DCCI

**M. A. Kalam**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**S. M. Kamaluddin**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Abul Kashem**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Yasmin Kamal**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Rehana Rahman**  
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**A. S. F. Rahman**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Mohammed Shajahan**  
Member & Former Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
North South University  
Former President, BTMA

**Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Fawzia Naaz**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Tanveer Harun**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Aziz Al Kaiser**  
Member, Board of Trustees  
North South University

**Professor Atiqul Islam**  
Vice-Chancellor, NSU  
Ex-Officio Member  
Board of Trustees, NSU

**NSU 23rd Convocation-2021**

**LIVE Telecast on April 8, 2021 from 2.30 - 4:00 PM**

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Message

I am happy to know that the 23rd Convocation of North South University is being held on 8 April 2021. On this joyous occasion, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all the graduating students, their parents, current and ex-students, faculty members and officials of the university.

In the light of the philosophy of education of the Greatest Bangalee of all times, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Awami League government has brought outstanding changes to education sector by attaching top priority to this sector in the last 12 years. The present government has persistently been working to produce knowledge and technology savvy human resources by ensuring quality and time-worthy education in the country through nurturing the next generation in the spirit of our War of Liberation, moral values and national heritage. The government has taken some significant steps towards expanding access to higher education and enhancing its quality towards primary and higher secondary education in the country. Public universities have been set up in almost all districts. The numbers of private universities have increased significantly in the country in the last 12 years. By increasing the numbers of universities, the government has tirelessly been working to ensure higher education facilities to the doorsteps of the countrymen. The scope of education has been expanded through the introduction of digital system in education, development of infrastructure, establishment of new educational institutions, inclusion of more educational institution under MPO facility, and construction of physical infrastructures.

I believe that economic development of the country depends on education and human resource development. To this end, various initiatives have been taken to expand education to educate hundred percent people of the country. Academic Innovation Fund has been given to encourage creativity and promote research at the higher education institutions in the country. Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BDREN) has been established in order to increase technical skills of the universities and connect foreign universities and research institutes with the local universities. As a result, students and teachers from different faculties of universities in the country have got the opportunity to connect with the international academic communities and information hub. "Private University Act-2010" has been enacted to develop the quality of education of the private universities. Besides, "Accreditation Council-Act-2016" has been passed to control the quality of the universities.

We have relentlessly been working to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country by 2021 and a prosperous-developed one by 2041. I do believe that the students of North South University will apply their acquired knowledge, talent and creativity with patriotism, integrity and dedication to build hunger-poverty-free Golden Bangladesh as dreamt by the Father of the Nation from their respective position.

I wish the 23rd Convocation of North South University a grand success, and bright future of all the graduates.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Sheikh Hasina



Message

It gives me immense pleasure to be able to deliver the Convocation Address for the graduating class of 2021 of North South University which is the first and without doubt one of the best private universities of Bangladesh. Thank you very much for inviting me to speak. It is really a distinct honor.

Dear Graduates!  
Heartiest Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021 for completing this stage of your life. The graduation is going to be one of the most memorable incidents of your life. All of you have worked very hard in the last years and today you are reaping the results of your hard work and dedication. On this day when all of you are overjoyed on successfully finishing your studies and moving on to further studies or to new challenges in employment, we must also recognize your parents and guardians, who for most of you, have paid for your education with their hard-earned money and who are full of pride today. While the dedication and affection of parents towards their children cannot be measured by any monetary value, you must remember that your parents tried their best for you to become an accomplished individual. When you will be out in the world trying to shine, do not forget to do your part and continue to make your parents proud.

As we celebrate your graduation, please do not forget that so many people have, directly or otherwise, made contributions to your life that culminated into your success. Today, you must also remember with gratitude the sincere efforts and contributions of your respected professors and faculty members towards your education and graduation.

Finally, I am truly delighted to be here with you today to celebrate your success and achievement. My best wishes will follow each of you in every step you take. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! May God bless you all!

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Salman Fazlur Rahman MP



Message

I am delighted to know that North South University is holding its 23rd Convocation. It is a great occasion both for the university and the graduating students whose years of dedication and labor can finally be celebrated on this day. My heartfelt congratulations go out not only to the graduates but also their parents who no doubt had a role in the success of their children. I also extend my appreciation to the faculty members without whose contribution North South University would not have come this far.

The University Grants Commission has been working tirelessly towards ensuring quality education in Bangladesh. Even the pandemic could not be an obstacle to the education of the millions of university students in the country. During this difficult pandemic period, the Commission extended its full support to the universities to carry on their teaching online. North South University, a cornerstone of progress at the tertiary level in Bangladesh, has played its due role in continuing the study of its students online and also in maintaining the quality during this challenging time. I have been informed that in the latest QS Asia University Rankings- 2021, North South University has secured the number one position amongst the private universities in Bangladesh and has also secured 228th position amongst universities in Asia. I am also aware that in Business and Management Studies, and Computer Science and Information Systems, it has been ranked highly by QS World University Rankings. This is no doubt a great achievement for the NSU community, and especially for today's graduates.

I hope the graduating students will play a due role in the future development of our country and I wish this convocation a grand success.

Professor Kazi Shahidullah

**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 choose to engage in advanced studies. Our students will be: Life-long learners with good leadership skills; more proficient in oral, written and electronic communications; critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills; ethical and socially responsible; champions of diversity and tolerance; 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 a 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.