

THE IMPACT RANKING DIU ranks top among universities from Bangladesh

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The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking results 2021 has ranked Daffodil International University (DIU) first among Bangladeshi universities. Released on Wednesday, the rankings positioned DIU in the range of 301 to 400 among 1,115 universities worldwide.

DIU is placed first among seven universities ranked from Bangladesh in the rankings. THE Impact Ranking measured the achievement of the participating universities' United Nations Sustainable Development Goals performance and ranked accordingly. Brac University has ranked second among the Bangladeshi universities, said a press release.

DIU has been ranked within the top 50 among 966 universities ranked globally in Quality Education (SDG-4). It is a recognition of the university's continuous development in teaching and learning as well as its knowledge acquisition culture, the press release said.

The full rankings can be seen at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/impact/2021/overall>.

Free facilities

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Public health expert Dr Mamunur Rashid, also associate professor of clinical and tropical medicine at BITID, said, "People are not panicked over Covid-19 like they were at the onset of the pandemic last year. So most patients with mild to moderate symptoms are receiving treatment at home instead of visiting the hospital."

"Only those who feel breathing problems are seen visiting the hospitals," he added.

Asked about the higher ratio of patients in private hospitals, Dr Mamunur opined, "Well-off groups prefer private hospitals, while middle-class people also follow suit because they think private hospitals offer better treatment for the high price."

"Mostly lower-income groups rush to government hospitals," he said.

Echoing the statement, CMCH director Brig Gen SM Humayun Kabir said many patients initially get admitted to private hospitals but when they need ICU support at one stage, they want to shift to CMCH as the ICU is highly expensive in private hospitals.

"I say to them my patients at CMCH would get ICU support first if they need

it. If beds are vacant and not needed for my patients, only then can I allow patients from outside in ICU," he said.

Dr Abdur Rob, senior consultant and head of Covid-19 ward at CGH, said, "Last year when the pandemic began, most doctors stopped private practice and doctors had no experience about the treatment of Covid-19."

"Now, the doctors are more experienced and many have resumed private practice. So patients are availing treatment from there instead of hospitals as well," he explained.

"However, private hospitals are becoming overwhelmed with patients. People in our society have a misconception that they will get better treatment only if they spend more money," said Dr Abdur Rob.

"Yes, treatment requires money. But in private hospitals, patients pay out of their pocket. In public hospitals, the same treatment is subsidised by the government," he added.

According to Chattogram Civil Surgeon's office, a total of 279 positive cases were detected in Chattogram on Saturday, while the number of detected Covid-19 cases was 298 and 278 on Friday and Thursday respectively.

BMRC to

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cause harm) and thus prevent infection from the vaccine.

One benefit is that they can be given to people with weakened immune systems.

According to www.covid-19vaccinetracker.org, the phase I trial of SARS-CoV-2 began in May 2020 and its results were released in October 2020 and phase II trial began in June 2020.

IMBCAMS started phase III trial late January this year in Malaysia, it shows.

On March 29, IMBCAMS wrote a letter to Bangladesh embassy in China saying that the unexpected delay has seriously impacted the implementation of phase III clinical trial.

"Once the vaccine is successfully marketed, IMBCAMS will give priority to Bangladesh and donate 100,000 doses of vaccine for free," reads the letter.

The Daily Star obtained a copy of the letter which says the trial will be carried out in Malaysia, Brazil, Mexico and Bangladesh in sequence.

According to the letter, IMBCAMS contacted International Center for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b) in August 2020 and signed a clinical trial agreement.

The trial protocol was approved by the Research Review Committee and Ethical Review Committee of icddr,b on December 10, 2020 and December 20, 2020 respectively.

On behalf of IMBCAMS, the icddr,b submitted the application to BMRC on December 20, 2020.

The first project funds -- US\$ 1048846.20 -- was also paid to icddr,b on January 6, 2021 for the trial, the letter reads.

On April 1, the embassy forwarded the letter to the director general of Corona Cell of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Contacted, KSM Mostafizur Rahman, managing director of One Pharma, local agent of the Chinese company, said it is a US \$50 million project of which 20 percent money is paid to icddr,b.

"We're yet to get any approval. If the approval is given, IMBCAMS will be able to initiate the trial from July," he said. "One Pharma has infrastructure to preserve vaccines at 2 to 8 degree Celsius and a good network throughout the country."

Contacted, Prof Dr Syed Modasser Ali, chairman of the executive committee at BMRC, said it is always good to have more than one source of vaccine.

"We could not understand that the Covid-19 situation would deteriorate and we don't know when it will stop. So it is better to have more than one source for vaccine," he said.

Asked about the delay, he said the ethical committee is supposed to look after it.

Contacted, Dr Shahla said due to various complexities they could not hold a meeting in this regard.

She did not elaborate any further.

OBITUARY



ANM Serajul Islam passed away on 14 April, 2021 at 8am in Fortis Escort Heart Institute in New Delhi, India. He was being treated for advanced heart failure. His namaz-e-janaza was held after Jumma prayers at Bhola Mosque, Gulshan 1 on 16 April 2021, following which he was buried in Banani graveyard.

He was the eldest son of Late MA Asghar (retired Joint Commissioner, Income Tax Department) of Paharpur village, Muradnagar, Cumilla and Late Lutfan Nehar of Madhabpur, Cumilla. He graduated from BUET in 1965 and retired as Chief Engineer, Roads and Highways Department in 2001. He had also served as Chief Engineer of Jamuna Bridge Authority.

He is survived by his wife Nargis Islam, retired Joint Chief, ERD, daughter Mahnaz Islam, three sisters, two brothers and many beloved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

His relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Struggling

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Knowing that only one ICU bed was vacant, Fatema Begum at the reception area of the hospital was at a loss. She was planning to shift her 70-year-old father here from the ICU of Birdem hospital.

"We had to pay Birdem hospital more than Tk 1.5 lakh for ICU service in the last 24 hours. It's too expensive for us," Fatema, told The Daily Star on Thursday.

Malasirema, a nurse at the emergency department of the hospital, said, "We've been facing a huge rush of patients."

MANPOWER SHORTAGE

Initially, the hospital started operation with 50 ICU beds, 50 emergency beds, and 150 general beds with 130 doctors, 200 nurses, around 300 staffers and 100 army personnel to supervise the operation.

As the number of ICU beds in operation has increased, the hospital authorities are struggling to serve patients with quality service with the same workforce.

A doctor who came to visit her Covid-19 infected relative at the hospital's ICU said, "All necessary equipment is there. But the service is not good yet."

During a visit on Thursday afternoon, this correspondent saw attendants shifting a patient from the ICU to a private hospital.

"The service is very poor. We are shifting our patient to the nearby Impulse Hospital. We have to pay Tk 60,000 per day there, but we have no other way," alleged Enamul Haque, an attendant.

Brig Gen AKM Nasir Uddin, director of the hospital, said, "We have increased our ICU bed capacity to 100 from 50. Almost

all the beds are full. However, we have a shortage of human resources."

"New doctors and nurses are joining gradually. We will be able to resolve the issues by the end of this month," he told The Daily Star on Thursday.

Contacted yesterday, the director said, "By tomorrow (today), we will get 54 consultants, 25 ICU nurses and five doctors from the armed forces. Besides, another 100 nurses are joining us soon."

NO DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Meanwhile, the hospital is yet to launch pathology test and diagnosis services for patients.

Nurjahan Begum [not her real name] said she had to spend Tk 10,000 for pathological tests of her husband in 24 hours since Wednesday.

"As there is no diagnosis facility here, we had to take my husband out of the hospital in an ambulance to a nearby diagnostic centre," she told this correspondent.

About the absence pathology service, the hospital director said, "The pathology labs are under construction. We have received most of the necessary equipment already and the labs will start operating soon."

"Besides to mitigate the crisis, we have started operating the pathology lab in a limited scale and for the time being, we are using two portable X-ray machines," he added.

At full capacity, this dedicated Covid-19 hospital can have 212 ICU and 250 HDU beds, and 540 isolated high care rooms for Covid-19 patients, according to hospital sources.

Rahmatullah passes away

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Former administrative officer of Directorate General Health Services TM Rahmatullah passed away yesterday morning while undergoing treatment at Green Life Hospital.

He had been undergoing treatment there for some time after suffering a heart attack and brain stroke.

He had more than 20 years of working experience with the health ministry, said a press release.



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Procurement Notice: Expression of Interest (EOI)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is in need for the requirement of proposal from interested Companies for the following requirement:

- EOI-BD-2021-001 and event ID: EOI-21-001: Prequalification form for submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) for enlistment under different category of goods/equipment/supply items.

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Proposals may be submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the **e-Tendering system**. For submission through online e-Tendering system kindly use the following link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration for the e-tendering. **Username:** event.guest **Password:** why2change

The complete user guide can also be downloaded from the UNDP Bangladesh website in the link below:
<https://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/procurement.html>

Syed Abul

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guide future generations for many centuries to come."

Centre for Policy Dialogue's Distinguished Fellow Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya said, "Syed Abul Maksud was a true public intellectual who utilised his vast knowledge for the correction and reconstruction of our society."

Mujahidul Islam Selim, president of Communist Party of Bangladesh, said, "Syed Abul Maksud was a rare breed of scholar who, many times, took to the street all alone for what he believed right and for what he believed wrong. His courage and activism inspired all of us."

Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Awami League politician and former minister, said, "He never fulfilled his responsibility just by giving statements and speeches. He participated in every struggle, movement physically. Our future generations have many things to learn from this great life."

Journalist Sohrab Hasan said, "He was a journalist of a different kind. He interacted with mass people."

"He travelled to all corners of Bangladesh to write for the oppressed and marginalised people," Sohrab Hossain added.

Chairing the seminar, Shujan central executive committee member Justice MA Matin said, "He resigned from Bangladesh Shangbad Shangstha but never compromised with his humanist ideology. Very few people can do such sacrifice for ideology. Throughout his life, he was an honest and courageous person."

Eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik; Adviser to Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research Mushtaq Hossain, journalist Ajoy Dasgupta, and Maksud's son Syed Nasif Maksud also spoke at the seminar.

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Invitation for e-GP Tender

Sl. No.	e-GP Tender ID & Tender No.	Name of work	Tender proposal closing date and time
1	571394, PWD/RNGPR/DEV/OP/20-21/HPNSP/3	Construction of main gate and boundary wall at Rangpur Medical College and Hospital.	06-May-2021 12:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

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Ref. No: KUET/EIAA/2021/04/374 Date: 25-04-2021

INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER
(One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method)

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the eligible suppliers for the following goods as per terms & conditions stated below:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education, Secondary and Higher Education Division
1	Organization	Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Expansion of Infrastructure and Academic Activities of KUET
3	Procuring Entity District	Khulna
4	Invitation for	Supply of Scientific Equipment
5	Invitation Ref. No and Date	Ref. No: KUET/EIAA/2021/04/374, Date: 25-April-2021

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (International)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and Source of Fund	Development Budget
9	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	224270900
11	Project/Program Name	"Expansion of Infrastructure and Academic Activities of Khulna University of Engineering & Technology"
12	Tender Package No	DG-57/2021
13	Tender Package Name	Supply of Scientific Equipment
14	Tender Publication Date	28-04-2021
15	Tender Last Selling Date	03-06-2021, 3:00 PM
16	Tender Last Submission Date & Time	06-06-2021, 12:00 PM
17	Tender Opening Date & Time	06-06-2021, 4:00 PM
18	Name & Address of the Office of Selling/Receiving/Opening of the Tender Document	Office of the Project Director, Khulna University of Engineering & Technology, Administrative Building (Extension), 3 rd Floor, KUET-9203, Khulna.
19	Place/Date/Time of Pre-tender Meeting (Optional)	None

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of Tenderer	As Per Tender Schedule (TDS & PCC)
21	Brief Description of related service	Supply of Scientific Equipment
22	Tender Document Price	2000/- (Four Thousand Taka Only) Pay Order in Favor of "JAMANAT EIAA, KUET"

SN	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security (TK.)	Completion Time
23	(i) Lot 1: Air Sampling Equipment	Office of the Project Director, EIAA, KUET, Khulna	4,00,000/- (Four Lac Only) Pay Order in Favor of "JAMANAT EIAA, KUET"	2 Months
	(ii) Lot 2: Air Monitoring Equipment	Office of the Project Director, EIAA, KUET, Khulna	5,00,000/- (Five Lac Only) Pay Order in Favor of "JAMANAT EIAA, KUET"	2 Months

24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Md. Julfikar Hossain	
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director, EIAA	
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Administrative Building, 3 rd Floor, KUET-9203, Khulna	
27	Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: (PABX) +88041-769468-75 Ext. 8249; Fax: +88041-774403; Mob: +8801948941800; Email: pd-eiaa@kuet.ac.bd	
28	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender Proceeding. The tender notice is also available at web site: www.kuet.ac.bd		

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