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A glimpse into the vibrant university clubs in Bangladesh



▲ **BRAC Onnesha, the first nano-satellite created by a Bangladeshi university**

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For most students, their university clubs are a safe space they turn to for guidance and support, a place that nurtures their interests and provides them with various opportunities to explore their passions, build invaluable skills, forge lifelong friendships, and unleash their full potential outside the confines of lecture halls. By immersing themselves in these enriching experiences, students embark on an extraordinary journey of self-discovery, personal growth, and holistic development.

This article will give you a peek into several of the vibrant clubs offered by some of the best private universities in Bangladesh.

BRAC University

BRAC University is renowned for its commitment to excellence in education and social development. The university offers a transformative learning experience with strong academic programs, coupled with an array of extracurricular activities. At present, there are 31 clubs at BRAC University catering to various interests of students and helping to build teamwork and leadership capabilities in them.

One of the notable clubs, The Robotics Club of BRAC University (ROBU), encourages its members to gain skills

complement the academic curriculum through its 18 club organizations.

Debating contributes significantly to the development of logical thinking in society. They recently competed in the National University Debate Competition, representing the talented debaters of the country. Furthermore, CIU's "Law Society" and "Debating and Mooting Club" organize seminars on relevant legal topics.

There are other clubs, such as the English Club, Social Welfare Society, Intrinsic Finance Club, Independent Marketing Club, HRM Society, Cultural Club, Model United Nations Club etc. Stressing the importance of clubs, the driving force behind the Cultural Club, Dr. Robaka Shams, says, "Studies alone do not help a student become a well-rounded individual. Beyond the classroom, creativity, morality, and ethical awareness thrive. Through clubs and organizations, CIU nurtures its students to become compassionate human beings."

East Delta University Bangladesh

Located in the magnetic seaport city

"TUBDC helps students to develop their critical thinking, public speaking, and competitive debating skills through in-house training. It also helps them shine their organizing skills for the future. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends," adds Ahmad Tousif Jami, Director of Debate, at IUBDC.

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) With extracurricular clubs such as the Nursing Society, Civil Engineering Society, and Agriculture Society, IUBAT stands tall as an institution dedicated to fostering excellence in business, agriculture, and technology.

In pursuit of nurturing talent and fostering growth, the IUBAT IT Society has established itself as a dynamic organization by organizing and winning awards in a diverse range of activities such as the NCPC (National Collegiate Programming Contest), IT Olympiad 2021, Inter Polytechnic Programming Contest (IPPC), and more.

"We have built a bridge between

the students and the CSE department and shaped the IT landscape within the university by actively engaging students through mentoring classes, programming and robotics sessions, cultural adda, training sessions, regular seminars, workshops, and boot camps. Furthermore, we also contribute to the university's mega programs through voluntary work, demonstrating our commitment to social responsibility," shares Nazmul Alam Nafis, President of IUBAT IT Society.

Southeast University

Southeast University is committed to providing a world-class education and fostering a vibrant campus environment. From Debate Club and MUN Club for those interested in debating, to Language & Literature Club and Photography & Visual Arts Club for students interested in the arts and humanities, the university offers an extensive selection of clubs to engage students in various extracurricular activities.

At Southeast University, the

Southeast Cultural Society (SCS), which has been recognized at the South Asian University Fest and India-Bangladesh Solidarity Festival, is renowned for organizing cultural programs such as the Victory Day celebration, Baishakhi Utsab, International Women's Day celebration, and more. By hosting interdisciplinary cultural events and organize interactive programs, they incentivize the students to be proactive and showcase their skills, keeping the university spirit alive.

"We provide a platform for the students and organize many programs like Cultural Talent Hunt, Workshop for song, dance & poetry, and more, that help them improve their self-confidence a lot," shares Dr Israt Jahan Bulbul, moderator of SCS.

State University Bangladesh

Known as a hub for innovation and knowledge dissemination, State University Bangladesh offers three central clubs for their students- Cultural Club, Sports Club and Debate Club.

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Southeast Cultural Society (SCS) of Southeast University at the South Asian University Fest



Golam Murshed, CEO of Walton, at the "Meet the CEO" event organized by UAP's Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC)



▲ **State University Bangladesh Debate team won the "UCB Parliamentary Debate"**

in the robotics field by participating in robotic competitions to showcase their own robotics projects and attend seminars, and workshops.

"Our club is known for its high achievement in various national and international competitions, most significantly our project for BRAC ONNESHA, the first nano-satellite created by a Bangladeshi university, solidifying our pioneering spirit in space exploration and robotics," shares Md. Shawon Mollah, President of ROBU.

Another notable club, the Debate Club, has recently claimed the very prestigious World University Debate Championship (WUDC) 2022, proving BRAC University Debating Club's dominance in the debate circuit.

Canadian University of Bangladesh

The Canadian University of Bangladesh offers a world-class education that blends academic excellence with a global perspective. Committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals, the university provides a diverse range of academic programs and extracurricular opportunities, such as CUB Sports Club and CUB Social Welfare Club, to enhance students' personal and professional growth.

One such critically acclaimed club, the CUB Carpe Diem English Club, prepares students for the professional world by organizing different seminars and lecture series and fostering analytical skills through regular participation in English Olympiad competitions.

The club's advisor Md. Abdullah Al Mamun shares, "If you want to see how creative and talented your students are, engage them in club activities." Adding to it, he shares a famous quote by William Bennett, "The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing and arithmetic...music, dance, painting and theatre are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment."

Chittagong Independent University

Situated in the lively city of Chittagong, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) offers students a vibrant campus atmosphere. The university prides itself on a plethora of extracurricular clubs that

of Chittagong, East Delta University possesses a diverse range of student activity clubs, including the EDU Debating Society, EDU Career Club, EDU Computer Club, and more, aimed to develop the learning process of its student body. The clubs provide a platform for students to gain exposure and enhance their skills.

The EDU Social Business Club has become one of the most renowned clubs in the university based on its multiple achievements at various business competitions, such as being champion at the Social Business Plan Competition 2013 and Runners-up at the Social Business Plan Competition 2012.

"Through events and activities, our club allow students to demonstrate their soft skill abilities and enhance their leadership opportunities," explains Tabassum Chowdhury, Director, Directory of School Activities of East Delta University Bangladesh.

International Standard University:

The numerous clubs and events available at International Standard University (ISU) open up a world of possibilities for its students. From Textile Club to IT Club, there's something for every student to participate in.

In a short period of time, the International Standard University Business Club has organized a number of events like the Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages factory visit where students learned and gathered knowledge on the beverage making process, "Campus Meet Up" with City Brokerage where immense knowledge was shared about finance and investments made in the real market, a session on "Digital Marketing" where Creative IT Institute's mentors shared their valuable knowledge.

Recently, ISU business club also organized a session on "Meet Your Mentor" where the marketing superstar of AKIJ Venture, Syed Alamgir shared his experience and gave advice to the students about how to become successful in the real world and ensured the students about their internships.

Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)

Recognized for its academic excellence and progressive learning environment, IUB offers a wide range of extracurricular clubs that enhance students' skills beyond the classroom.

Notably, the Independent University Bangladesh Debate Club (IUBDC), won the championships at the United Asian Debate Championship Bandung 2018, Bangladesh Debate Council Nationals 2022, BUP National IV 2022, as well as the Calcutta Debate Circle CDC-JIS Invitational 2023. IUBDC is also renowned for organizing the IUB Ascension, which is the largest Debate Tournament in South Asia, where participants come from prestigious institutions all over the world such as Oxford, Cambridge etc.



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