

Inter Milan will reach the last 16 if they win at Salzburg but coach Simone Inzaghi is taking nothing for granted.



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# No more Super Overs: Joty

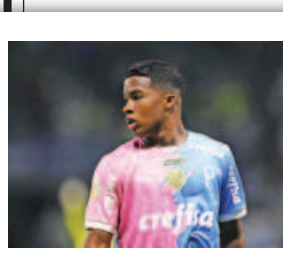
"I think this is a very big

"Then my thoughts were about

One of the three leg spinners in Bangladesh's rank, Rabeya Khan took out three of Pakistan's first five batters, including skipper Nida Dar, who top-scored with a 47-ball 27, to bundle out the visitors for 169 with one ball to spare, taking the match to a Super Over contest.

# Brazil call-up for Endrick at 17

Besides 31-year-old Neymar -- sidelined for several months by a knee injury sustained on October 17 in Brazil's 2-0 loss to Uruguay at their last 2026 World Cup qualifier -- Brazil will also be missing their captain, Manchester United midfielder Casemiro, ruled out for several weeks with a hamstring injury.



# The 24<sup>th</sup> Convocation

## Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

### IUB AT A GLANCE

Established in 1993, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) is the leading private university in Bangladesh with an explicit focus on research and global partnerships. With a current enrollment of around 12,000 at undergraduate and graduate levels, more than 450 highly qualified faculty members (47% of whom have PhD degrees), and an alumni strength of close to 18,000, IUB strives to ensure education for all to promote the national agenda of sustainable inclusive development.

**Vision**  
IUB aspires to be a leading seat of learning and research for developing technologically competent, environmentally responsible, globally conscious future leaders with a strong liberal arts foundation.

**Mission**  
1. Produce graduates with cutting-edge knowledge and transferable skills.  
2. Foster an environment to enhance research and innovation promoting sustainable development.  
3. Develop impactful partnerships through academia, industry and community engagement to contribute to the advancement of society.

**The campus**  
The IUB campus sprawls over 3 acres in the Bashundhara Residential Area in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. There is an amphitheater, dedicated state-of-the-art laboratories for life, environmental and social sciences, and engineering. There are a total of 135 multimedia classrooms fully equipped for both physical and online classes. The campus also hosts an auditorium, a 6,000 sq-ft modern gymnasium (with separate spaces for men and women), yoga studio, food court, spacious sports complex and a swimming pool.

**Accommodation**  
IUB has a secured dormitory for female students coming from outside Dhaka, foreign students, and a guesthouse for visiting scholars.

**Academic Programs**  
The curriculum is based on the North American Liberal Arts Model and the medium of instruction is English. There are currently five academic schools, namely:

1. School of Business & Entrepreneurship (SBE)
2. School of Engineering, Technology and Sciences (SETS)
3. School of Environment & Life Sciences (SELS)
4. School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS)
5. School of Pharmacy and Public Health (SPPH)

The academic year is divided into three semesters: Spring (starting in January), Summer (starting in May) and Autumn (starting in September).

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**  
IUB provides scholarships and financial aid, ensuring qualified new and current students have access to financial support. We strive to extend financial help to a broad range of deserving students. With the use of technology, we ensure that the aid is granted in a just, discreet, and accountable manner.

**Available Financial Assistance at IUB:**

- Scholarships based on Admission test & previous academic results: 30%-100%
- IUB Merit Scholarships based on semester Results: 30%-100%
- Need-based aid for returning students: 20%-100%
- For the children of Freedom Fighters: up to 100%
- For achievements in Extra-Curricular Activities: up to 100% (national level achievements considered)
- IUB-Salma Hall (dormitory for female students funded by IUB & Shaheed Khalek & Major Salek Bir Uttam Trust): 100% (subject to availability)
- Aid for outstanding students from 'economically challenged areas', including small ethnic communities: up to 100%
- Scholarship for female students: 10%
- Sibling discount: 30%
- IUB employees and their families: 50%-100%
- Offsprings of IUB Alumni: 10%
- IUB ARROWS: up to 100% (annual selection basis)

**Live-in-Field Experience**  
IUB's pioneering Program, Live-in-Field Experience, a 3-credit Program mandatory for all undergraduate students, gives a distinctive opportunity to learn about rural life. The program complements the course titled "National Culture and Heritage", a comprehensive study of the history, society and culture of Bangladesh.

**Co-Curricular Activities**  
IUB places strong emphasis on co-curricular activities and provides students with unlimited opportunities to enhance their talent and skills. The Division of Student Activities (DoSA) coordinates all student activities including the programming of the 48 student clubs. Students are also encouraged to participate in community services programs like blood donation drives, distribution of winter clothes in marginalized locations, fundraising for victims of natural disasters, and so on to promote leadership and personal growth.

### POFILE OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Selina Hossain

In the vast expanse of Bengali literature, few names shine as brightly as Selina Hossain. She has not only established herself as one of the leading figures in the literary realm but also as a steadfast guardian of Bangladesh's cultural and literary heritage. Born in 1947 to A. K. Mosharraf Hossain and Mariamenna Bakul, her journey into the world of literature was nurtured in an environment that imbued the rich traditions of Bengali language and culture. She further cemented her foundation in the language by earning her MA degree in Bengali language and literature from Rajshahi University in 1968.

Selina Hossain's narrative is both expansive and intricate, with her novels often weaving social issues into the storylines. Her major works like "Hangor Nodi Grenade" (1976) and "Poka Makorer Ghor Boshoti" (1996) represents her unique storytelling. Her outstanding contribution was recognized early in her career when she received the Bangla Academy Literary Award in 1980. Throughout her life, she has adorned many significant roles. She retired as the Director of Bangla Academy, served as a Member of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh, and represented the Bangladesh government on the Executive Board of UNESCO. Between 2014 and 2018, she chaired Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Her prowess is not only limited to novels but also extends to short stories. Her stories like "Utso Theke Nirontor" (1969) and "Narir Rupkotha" (2009) have been milestones in Bangladeshi literature. Furthermore, her work has found audiences beyond Bengali speakers. Her tales have been translated into multiple languages including English, Russian, French, Japanese, and Korean. Her novel, "Bhumi O Kusum" was the first in Bangla literature to address the enclave issue, showcasing her ability to blend socio-political issues seamlessly with fiction.

Over the years, Selina Hossain's literary mastery has been acknowledged with numerous awards. Apart from the Bangla Academy Literary Award, she was bestowed the Ekushey Padak in 2009 and the Independence Award in 2018. Her list of accolades is exhaustive. Some notable ones include the Dr. Muhammad Enamul Haque Gold Medal (1969), the Premchand Fellowship of Sahitya Akademi, Rabindra Smriti Puraskar by IIPM, New Delhi (2010), and the International Award for Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) from the Rabindra Bharati University (2010). In 2015, she was honored with the SAARC Literary Award alongside other eminent personalities, marking her significant influence in the South Asian literary arena. In 2018, she received the honorary Doctor of Literature (DLitt) Degree from Rajshahi University, her alma mater.

Selina Hossain's career has been both prolific and impactful. From her debut with novels like "Josnay Shurjo Jala" (1973) and "Jolochchhas" (1972) to later masterpieces like "Guerilla O Beerangona" (2014), her works have chronicled the changing landscapes of Bangladesh, both politically and socially. Her resilience, coupled with her passion for writing, has ensured that her voice remains significant in contemporary literature. Serving as the President of Bangla Academy, her influence continues to shape and guide the future of Bangladeshi literature, ensuring that the rich heritage of Bengali storytelling lives on for generations to come.

### GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION

Name of School	Graduate	Undergraduate
Business & Entrepreneurship	323	1110
Engineering, Technology & Sciences	33	381
Environment and Life Sciences	45	190
Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	50	175
Pharmacy and Public Health	38	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1,860</b>

### THE 24<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION AT A GLANCE

Total Number of Graduates : 2,349		
Undergraduate Level: 1,860   Graduate Level : 489		
<b>TOP PERFORMERS (Undergraduate Level)</b>	<b>TOP PERFORMERS (Graduate Level)</b>	
Summa Cum Laude	09	Top Achiever's Awards 06
Magna Cum Laude	70	CGPA: 4.0 (on a scale of 4.0)
Cum Laude	146	

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