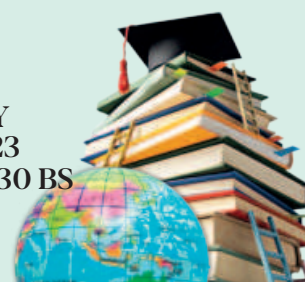


PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES PAVING THE PATH for the **BANGLADESHI YOUTH**

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Enrolling into private universities

What prospective students should know

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In the dynamic scene of tertiary and higher education in Bangladesh, the range of options available for students has expanded considerably, with universities investing greatly in resources for creating an optimal environment for intellectual development. This article aims to serve as a guide for prospective students in choosing the ideal institution for their higher education journey.

Uttara University (UU)

UU has been on a journey to establish itself as a reputable institution since its inception in 2003. Now, with more than 12 departments, several clubs and two campuses, the university encourages students to develop themselves under highly qualified lecturers under a bi-semester system and through research opportunities. Additionally, the various clubs and friendly environment allows students to build a community for themselves as they go through their educational journey.

Imamul Hasan Rana, who is currently in his final year studying CSE, says, "I was always very passionate about

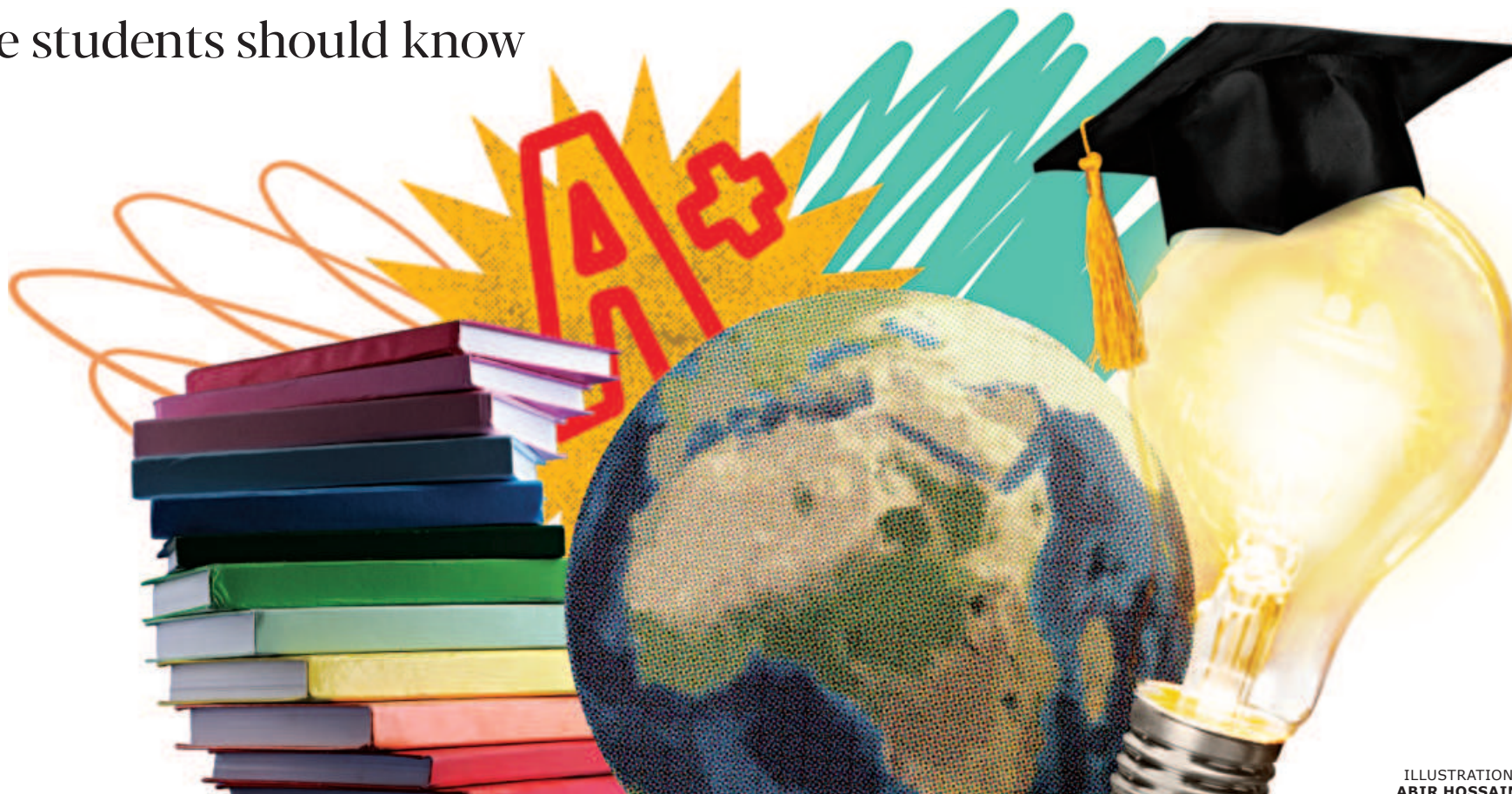


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software and coding, and knew I wanted to pursue a career in Computer Science. My university has been extremely helpful in this case because the faculties here do provide a lot of guidance. Sometimes, the academic pressure we have to face may be a bit high but at the end of the day, we benefit from it."

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)

ULAB, a private university with its permanent campus in Mohammadpur, is a popular choice for those who are keen on receiving a Journalism and Media Studies education. However, the university offers excellence in its other departments as well, such as English, Archaeology, and Engineering. ULAB also offers student counselling, student transportation services from Dhanmondi to the main campus, and credit transfer options to foreign universities. Students are also given various different opportunities for earning scholarships.

"Before joining ULAB, you should know that the education system

here is a bit different from the other universities," says Mahmud Al Faisal, a Public Relations major. "Besides the education part at departments, there are also multiple apprenticeship programmes available such as ULAB TV/ Radio Campbuzz, Animation Studio etc. These programmes allow the students to get a glimpse of the industries and professional life while studying for undergrads."

Farizma Binte Faruk, a business major, says, "I would say this is the perfect choice of university for people who love being engaged in extracurricular activities because we have 15 university clubs which are always hosting the most interesting events that students can benefit from."

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT)

Located in Sector 10 of Uttara, IUBAT boasts a green campus among many other facilities it provides for its students. With the slogan "An Environment Designed for Learning", the university places a strong emphasis on integrating business, agriculture, and technology into education. IUBAT carries the mission of nurturing young leaders who are not only proactive and competitive about their education and careers, but who also play vital roles in conserving the environment. Additionally, the university ensures that students have ample opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities. IUBAT also provides its students with

bus facilities at no cost.

Muhtasim Shahriar, an intern student at the College of Nursing in IUBAT, shares, "Our university has some of the most brilliant faculty members for all of its 12 departments and students learn a lot from being in such an environment. There is a great emphasis on always maintaining professionalism here and we are always required to communicate in English at all times while on campus. Besides this, we also have to follow the DBC (dress and behaviour code) inside the premises. Anyone visiting the campus will be able to tell how strictly we uphold our standards of professionalism."

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