



WALK THE TALK

## In conversation with leaders of private university education in Bangladesh



**Prof. Atiqul Islam**  
Vice Chancellor, North South University (NSU)

North South University (NSU) acknowledges gradual progress with pride. Many NSU students have secured high-ranking positions in multinational corporations. They have also contributed significantly to the country's development by supplying qualified human resources to the competitive job market.

NSU is actively preparing to expand and aims to position itself among the top 100 universities in Asia. Our plans include the construction of an international standard campus with essential facilities to support students in their pursuit of excellence. The university is determined to provide the best education possible and maintain a leadership position in the higher education sector.

NSU places great emphasis on its faculty members, who are of international standard. Moreover, NSU is dedicated to keeping its technological and lab facilities up-to-date.

The university also prides itself on its well-structured curriculum, which is continuously updated to keep up with the ever-evolving demands of the job market. Our curriculum emphasises practical knowledge, particularly in the field of science. This hands-on approach to learning prepares students for real-world challenges.

NSU is committed to making education accessible to all students. The university sets an extraordinary example by offering up to 100 percent tuition fee waivers based on exceptional academic performance and admission test results. NSU also provides scholarships based on humanitarian and financial needs. Children of freedom fighters enjoy full free studentship at the university. NSU also offers various on-campus employment opportunities.

In matters of health and well-being, NSU maintains its own in-house medical centre, a pathology lab, a modern pharmacy, and a dedicated student counselling centre.



**Tanveer Hasan, PhD**  
Vice Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) distinguishes itself in several key ways. Our academic and organisational outlook is built on four strategic points – strong liberal arts foundation, technological competence, global consciousness and environmental responsibility. We call them the four pillars of IUB.

The quality of student life at IUB is exceptional, with vibrant club activities, sports facilities, and an environment that nurtures appreciation for art, music, literature, etc. Together, they help our students strike a fine balance between physical and mental well-being, which is essential for achieving academic excellence.

Our unique "Coding for All" initiative ensures all students, irrespective of their major, acquire computer and coding skills, which are extremely important in the context of the 4th Industrial Revolution. We also give our students the opportunity to learn multiple languages including Korean, Mandarin, Japanese, and French, which will equip our students with a global perspective as well as diverse communication skills.

We place high priority on promoting international collaboration in terms of research, resource sharing and exchange. This broadens students' horizons and provides valuable experiences that benefit them both before and after graduation, ensuring they are all well-prepared for global challenges.

In order to support the national goal of achieving sustainable inclusive development, IUB focuses on increasing the female student population by creating a women-friendly campus. As a result of a number of initiatives to promote inclusivity and empowerment, there has been a significant rise in female enrolment at IUB in recent years.



**Prof. Imran Rahman**  
Vice Chancellor, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) began its journey in 2004. Hence, we are still a relatively young university, but we have accomplished so much.

ULAB has over 5,000 students and 200 plus faculty members. We have established ten very dynamic undergraduate and graduate programmes, and aim to reach around 8,000 students.

ULAB has received recognition in terms of ranking, certification, and accreditation from various local and foreign agencies, attesting to the quality of our education. So, we are in a very good place in our growth.

ULAB is the right institution for those finishing high school because of our student-first approach. We do our best to cater to our students' physical and mental needs. Facilities like sports, counselling, first aid and health centre, and a variety of cafeteria options are available for our students.

We have around 25 student clubs and apprenticeship programmes to develop leadership and organisational skills among our students. We have a very robust library with a great array of digital and physical collections, including one of the best Liberation War collections, and a resource centre for the works of the late eminent filmmaker Tareque Masud.

ULAB is also unique because it has an Essential Skills Program, which prepares fresh students to acquire 21st-century skill sets. We have built an international quality research platform through seven active research centres focusing on sustainable development, enterprise and society, qualitative research, Bangla studies, South Asian studies, advanced theory, and innovation and technology. Some of our students are working in our various ongoing international research projects.



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##### Accreditations:



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\*\*\* Ranked top in SDGB in Bangladesh and 73rd in the world by THE IMPACT RANKINGS.

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