



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



"Meet the CEO" event organized by UAP's Entrepreneurship and Career Development Club (ECDC)

THE CLUB ADVANTAGE

Equipping Students with Essential Skills at Private Universities

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Private universities in Bangladesh are often celebrated for their academic rigour, state-of-the-art research facilities, and vibrant student life, with university clubs playing a significant role in fostering a sense of community. These clubs offer students opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and the practical application of academic theories. They promote inclusivity, bridge gaps between diverse student populations, facilitate networking, and prepare students for the competitive job market. Additionally, they provide a platform for students to pursue their passions and discover new interests, enriching their overall university experience.

This article explores the dynamic world of clubs at private universities in Bangladesh, emphasizing their crucial role in enhancing the educational experience, fostering personal development, and preparing students for successful careers.

Types of clubs at private universities and some of their biggest achievements

The various types of clubs in universities include academic and professional clubs,

cultural and international clubs, art and performance clubs, sports and recreational clubs, social and community service clubs, and special interest and hobby clubs.

BRAC University has 31 clubs to nurture students and help them develop the skills and qualities needed for leadership roles. These clubs encompass academic, cultural, sports, and community service activities.

The Robotics Club at BRAC University has consistently achieved top ranks in national and international robotics competitions, showcasing its excellence in innovation and engineering. They have developed autonomous robots for various real-world applications, ranging from disaster management to healthcare assistance. Among their achievements, the underwater vehicle BRACU Duburi was the runner-up in Robosub 2023, while the next-generation Mars rover Mongol-Tori achieved third place in the URC rover competition of 2020, according to the Office of Communications at BRAC.

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) has clubs such as Robotics, Mechatronics, Design & Innovation, and Debate, among others. Some of these club members have been regularly participating

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Shakespear Festival 2023 at Southern University

in robotics, mechatronics, or computer programming competitions and winning them, often abroad.

"A group of AUST CSE students recently won the UAP Interuniversity Collaborative Programming Contest. Another group became champions in the ATS-DUDS Anti-Violent Extremism Debating Competition, organized by Dhaka University Debating Society," shared Prof. Dr. Mohammed Mahbubur Rahman, Acting Vice Chancellor, AUST.

"Northern University Bangladesh (NUB) offers a variety of department-specific clubs where students take the lead, practicing leadership and democratic principles under the guidance of faculty advisors. Our active clubs include the CSE Club, Textile Club, Northern Centre for Skill Development, Business Entrepreneurship and Leadership Club, Debate Club, Language Club, Pharmacy Club, EEE Club, and Robotics Club. These clubs at NUB organize career-related programmes, skill development sessions, and competitions

that help students develop skills such as public speaking, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving," mentioned Prof. Abu Yousuf Md. Abdullah, Chairman of Northern University of Bangladesh.

A team from the NUB's CSE Club won the Robi R-Venture competition and secured a fund of BDT 1 million from the ICT Division, demonstrating their innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. Furthermore, the university was awarded the "Best University Award" at the 16th National Debate Carnival 2024, organized by the National Debate Federation Bangladesh (NDF BD), highlighting its excellence in debate and public speaking.

"Uttara University (UU) has a total of 12 clubs. One of the biggest achievements was by the 'Uttara University Social Services Club' when it arranged a programme called 'Uttara Clean' on 24th November 2018. Approximately 100 members of the club engaged themselves in cleaning the roads of Sector 4 and 6 with essential materials. Residents and pedestrians of those areas appreciated the initiative wholeheartedly, and it was a successful program indeed," said Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice-Chancellor of the Uttara University.

State University of Bangladesh (SUB) has an array of clubs for students to participate in, including the Cine and Drama Club, Business Club, Sports Club, Photography Club, Music and Dance Club, Debating Society, Computing Club, and more.

International Standard University (ISU) has clubs such as the English Language Club, Cultural Club, IT Club, Textile Club, and Business Club to foster growth for the students and prepare them for the job market.

How students are prepped for the job market by the clubs

BRAC University clubs provide opportunities for students to develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, preparing them for the job market. Activities such as case competitions, workshops, and volunteering initiatives enhance students' soft skills and professional readiness.



BRAC University Electrical & Electronic Club



UIU Mars Rover Team upheld 1st Position among Asian Teams in the University Rover Challenge 2023, USA

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