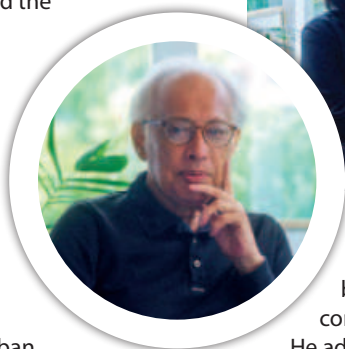


# Grameenphone launches latest episode of Lumière featuring Kazi Khaleed Ashraf

Grameenphone has released the latest episode in its Lumière series featuring Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, a prominent Bangladeshi architect, urbanist, and architectural historian. Hosted by Nabila Khalid, the episode, the last one of the second season, provides an in-depth look at Ashraf's career, his architectural philosophy, and the key milestones in his academic and professional journey, including his experiences at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Kazi Khaleed Ashraf has gained recognition for his contributions to architectural thought and practice in Bangladesh and internationally. His work reflects a deep engagement with both traditional and modern urban design principles. Throughout the episode, Ashraf discusses how his



experiences at BUET and MIT have shaped his perspective, blending cultural heritage with contemporary urban challenges. He addresses his approach to architecture as an evolving conversation between historical context and modern-

day requirements.

The Lumière series, an initiative by Grameenphone, focuses on highlighting individuals who have made significant contributions to various fields in Bangladesh. In its second season, the series has continued to feature influential figures

whose work offers insights and inspiration. Through these profiles, Lumière aims to bring viewers closer to the ideas and principles guiding these professionals in their respective fields.

In this episode, Ashraf shares reflections on his career and his approach to architectural design, addressing the balance between cultural preservation and innovation in urban spaces. He also speaks about his family background and the values that inspire his work.

Host Nabila Khalid leads the conversation, which touches on Ashraf's aspirations for sustainable urban development and his perspective on the role of architecture in shaping social and cultural identity.

Grameenphone's Lumière series continues to provide a platform for exploring the narratives of individuals whose achievements are reshaping the Bangladeshi landscape, offering viewers a comprehensive look into the experiences and motivations behind their work.

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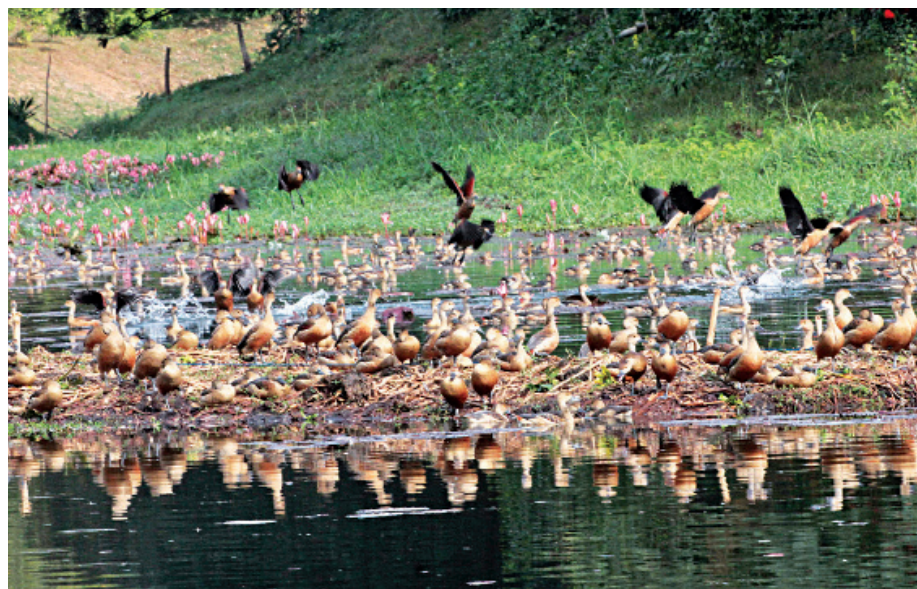
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## Jahangirnagar University: Where lakes turn into birdwatchers' paradise every winter

Imagine standing in a place where a gentle, cold breeze touches the soul, a grassy smell hits you with nostalgia, the silence of a fog-covered lake whispers louder than words, and the melodic chorus of birds fills the air. This is the experience awaiting you at Jahangirnagar University, the campus that has once again come alive with the chirping of migratory birds as the winter season approaches.

A wide variety of migrating bird species visit Jahangirnagar University every year. The bird guests, who have travelled from places far away like Siberia, Mongolia, China and Nepal, are flying gracefully over the campus lakes now.

Tanvir, a Jahangirnagar University alumnus shares, "Although the number of migratory birds has decreased compared to previous years, many can still be spotted across the campus. They are easily seen in various ponds and lakes, especially behind Pritilata Hall, Murad Chattar, the area



known as Transport, and Manpura, which is attached to Rabindra Hall."

As he recalls his time at the university, Tanvir gets nostalgic. "Every visit to the lakes felt serene. Each time, the sight of guest birds flying over lakes filled with a layer of vibrant red water lilies created a beautiful landscape," he adds.

The first migratory birds are believed to have arrived at Jahangirnagar University in 1986. Starting from mid-October, regions north of the Himalayas experience heavy

snowfall every year, and, for this reason, these birds seek out temperate zones in search of food and to survive. The Jahangirnagar University campus, with greeneries all around and its lakes rich in food for the birds, provides a haven for them.

The presence of migratory birds in the lakes not only captures the interest of the university students but also a large number of visitors from outside the campus. During the winter season, hundreds of bird

enthusiasts, photographers and visitors visit the campus to escape the hustle and bustle of the city to live in moments of tranquillity.

JU, with its serene lakes and lush greenery, stands as a winter sanctuary, drawing nature lovers to witness the timeless beauty of migratory birds gracing its waters—a peaceful retreat that captures the beauty of the season.

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