



# NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

## 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation || 7 December, 2024



**PRESIDENT**  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
DHAKA

**Message**

On the auspicious occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of North South University (NSU), I extend my heartfelt felicitations to the graduating students, their parents, faculties and university authority for their hard work, dedication and efforts.

Education is the most important element for building a knowledge-based, equitable and just society. It plays a pivotal role in building up knowledge and ideals among the youth who represents the future of a country. Keeping that in mind, present government has to undertake various measures to ensure quality at every level of education. Universities also have a crucial responsibility in imparting quality education, and nurturing future leaders imbued with patriotism, integrity, and ethical values. I hope NSU will continue their efforts to promote quality education, research and innovation in the process of preparing the students to face the evolving challenges of the millennium.

Convocation marks a unique milestone in the lives of students, recognizing their achievements and the dedication of their alma mater. I hope the graduates would apply their acquired knowledge for the betterment and prosperity of the masses. I wish them a bright and successful future.

I wish the 25<sup>th</sup> convocation of NSU a grand success.  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

*Mohammed Shahabuddin*  
Mohammed Shahabuddin



**Advisor**  
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**Message**

On the occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of North South University (NSU), I offer my warmest congratulations to the graduates. I also congratulate faculties, officials, guardians and others in this occasion.

Like much of the world, Bangladesh stands at the crossroads of profound economic, social, and technological transformations. As graduates of one of the country's most prestigious institutions, NSU students are uniquely positioned to drive progress, foster sustainable development, and lead in areas where new ideas and solutions are needed.

After the student-people uprising in August this year, the interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus is working relentlessly to maintain discipline in the education sector. We have appointed vice-chancellors in public universities by judging their academic excellence and quality of leadership. We are trying to enrich textbooks and curriculum aimed at improving the quality of school education, to equip students with real-world skills. We have taken other steps in the education sector to develop human resources aligned to the needs of our socio-economic development.

The students have a crucial role in fostering a respectful and conducive learning environment. I urge all stakeholders to help maintaining the integrity of educational institutions and thereby benefit the broader community.

I wish the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of NSU a grand success.

*Wahiduddin Mahmud*  
Wahiduddin Mahmud



**Professor Dr. S.M.A. Faiz**  
Chairman  
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

**Message**

I am pleased to know that North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, is going to hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students and their parents, faculty, university staff, members of the Board of Trustees and all concerned.

It is no longer a debate that an aura of positive changes has occurred in Bangladesh's tertiary education. The number of university students has increased to around 4.5 million in 2022 which was 21,000 in 1972. In a span of 53 years, the number of public universities in the country has risen from 6 to 61. A total of 114 private universities are being run under private management in the country. Despite such rapid growth and quantitative improvement in tertiary education, in recent years, many questions have been raised about its quality and its linkage with employability. I think the improvement of the quality should now be the prime focus of our higher education institutes.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has consistently demonstrated its commitment to promoting quality education and fostering a knowledge-driven society. As the principal regulatory body for higher education in Bangladesh, the UGC collaborates closely with universities, including NSU, and other higher education institutions to ensure the delivery of high-quality education. Serving as a vital link between the state and universities, the UGC acts as a catalyst for educational advancement in the country.

I am aware that the NSU is committed to academic excellence and has earned its reputation as a premier educational institution due to its relentless pursuit of providing a superior learning environment. NSU consistently provides its students with an exceptional learning experience, focusing on academic rigour and creating a nurturing environment to develop well-rounded individuals ready to tackle global challenges.

The faculty members at NSU deserve special recognition for their unwavering dedication and expertise, which are essential to the university's success. These educators bring valuable knowledge and experience to the classroom, nurturing intellectual curiosity and academic excellence.

Once again, congratulations to the graduates of North South University's 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation. Your journey is a testament to your resilience, determination, and hard work. I wish the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of North South University a grand success.

*Professor Dr. S.M.A. Faiz*  
Professor Dr. S.M.A. Faiz



**Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, PhD**  
Vice-Chancellor  
North South University

**Message**

I am pleased to welcome you all to the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony of North South University (NSU). Today, we celebrate our graduates' achievements and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their lives. As the Vice-Chancellor of this esteemed institution, I am deeply honoured to stand before you on this momentous occasion. To our graduates, today is the culmination of your hard work, determination, and perseverance. You have earned the right to wear caps and gowns and proudly hold the degrees that reflect your commitment to excellence.

North South University has always been steadfast in its mission to provide a world-class education and prepare our students for success. Over the years, our university has earned recognition for academic excellence and cutting-edge research—becoming the top private university in Bangladesh as well as an integral part of the country and fostering international solid collaborations. Our students and faculty have garnered accolades in national and international arenas, showcasing their talents and making us proud.

We have witnessed remarkable progress in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in recent years. Many of our students have launched successful startups and ventures that highlight their creativity and contribute to societal advancement. At NSU, our focus extends beyond academic achievements; we are committed to shaping well-rounded individuals with the values and skills necessary to make a meaningful difference in their communities and the world.

As you embark on the next phase of your journey—whether it involves pursuing further studies, advancing your career, or dedicating yourself to community service—I urge you to uphold the values instilled in you at North South University. Use your education as a force for good to promote peace, understanding, and sustainable progress.

On behalf of the entire NSU family, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. As you enter the future, I encourage you to remain connected to your alma mater and become active members of our global alumni network. Strive for excellence, embrace challenges, and be the agents of positive change the world needs.

Once again, congratulations on your remarkable achievements. We are proud of you and excited to see the heights you will reach. Thank you, and best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

*Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, PhD*  
Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, PhD

### A Brief History of NSU

North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, was established in 1992 by the then Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research (FPER), a charitable, non-profit, non-commercial and non-political organization. The FPER was renamed as the NSU Foundation. Later as per Private University Act-2010 formed North South University Trust. The Trust is comprised of a group of eminent industrialists, prominent patrons of education, notable philanthropists, widely experienced academics and senior civil servants of the country. In the early 1990s, they had a dream to set up a world-class university as a center of excellence in higher education in the private sector. Their dedication, tireless efforts, and hard work paved the way for the approval of the establishment of NSU.

Since, at that time, there was no relevant law in the country to set up and operate a university in the private sector, the Founders took the initiative and extended their best efforts in assisting the then government in formulating the relevant law and enacting it. Subsequently, the government amended the Private University Act (PUA) 1992 (repealed by PUA 2010), approved the establishment of NSU. The University formally started its journey in a very modest way in February 1993. Later, in 2012, the NSU Foundation, in the light of the PUA 2010, approved the establishment of the NSU Trust. The University Grants Commission, formed the NSU Trust with the same group of people in the Foundation as Trustee Members and vested the entire management and administration of NSU in its Board of Trustees (BOT). The Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of NSU.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is the apex policy making and approving body of the university. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed is the current Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a Founder Life Member of the NSU Trust. The other members of the BOT are Mr. M. A. Khasem, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser (Tito), Mr. M. A. Kalam, Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, Mr. Abu Kashem, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mr. A. S. F. Rahman, Mr. Mohammed Shajahan, Mrs. Fawzia Naaz, Mr. Tanveer Harun, and Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad. All of them are also the members of the NSU Trust. Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, the Vice-Chancellor of NSU, is the Ex-Officio Member of the BOT.

The Syndicate is next to the BOT and is headed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the University. He is responsible for managing the administrative and academic affairs of the university as per the Private University Act (PUA 2010), and implementing the policy guidelines set by the BOT. The Vice-Chancellor is assisted by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a Treasurer. All of them are appointed by the Honorable Chancellor on recommendation of the BOT.

In general, NSU is modeled on US universities and follows their academic features such as semester systems, credit hours, letter grades, etc. When first introduced, its curricula of undergraduate programs such as Economics, Business, and Computer Science were largely modeled on the curricula of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and were duly approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, the highest accrediting authority of higher education of the country. NSU has an International Advisory Board, comprised of scholars from all over the world, to counsel and to suggest improvements on academic matters of the university.

The university is delivering a substantial general education curriculum, has a strategic plan, and has initiated and implemented student instructional learning assessment for degree programs and courses and is in the process of developing the infrastructure for evaluation of institutional effectiveness for its institutional accreditation.

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**CHIEF ADVISOR**  
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**Message**

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduates of North South University (NSU) on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation. Today marks a milestone in your lives—a day of celebration, reflection, and new beginnings. As you step into the world as ambassadors of knowledge, innovation, and leadership, you carry forward the values and ethos of this prestigious institution.

North South University has always been at the forefront of fostering academic excellence and nurturing critical thinkers who contribute to the progress and prosperity of our nation. This gathering not only celebrates your achievements but also reaffirms the institution's commitment to shaping the future leaders of Bangladesh.

In reflecting upon our nation's journey, we must also acknowledge the significance of the July Revolution in Bangladesh's socio-political landscape. This revolution was pivotal in our history, lighting a wave of social consciousness and political transformation. It was through the sacrifices of many brave students and citizens that a new dawn emerged, paving the way for a more dynamic and just society. Their courage and vision laid the foundation for a Bangladesh that aspires to uphold the values of accountability, transparency, and social justice. As graduates, you must honor their legacy by contributing to a nation that values equity, freedom, and integrity.

You are the torchbearers of a better, more prosperous Bangladesh. As you embark on your respective journeys, I encourage you to harness the power of your education to create positive change within our borders and beyond. Your success will not be measured solely by personal achievements but by your impact on building a brighter, more inclusive future for all. Let your actions be driven by compassion, inclusivity, and a deep commitment to the betterment of society.

The future is yours to shape, and with the knowledge and skills you've gained, I have no doubt you will be instrumental in realizing the promise of a dynamic Bangladesh. Carry the torch of knowledge, and may you illuminate paths of progress wherever you go.

With my warmest regards and best wishes for your future endeavors.

*Professor Muhammad Yunus*  
Professor Muhammad Yunus



**Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed**  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
Founder Life Member, NSU Trust

**Message**

Dear Graduating Students of North South University (NSU),

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to congratulate each of you on your remarkable achievement. It is an honour to share this memorable day of your convocation with you as you conclude your journey at North South University.

Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your life, attained through your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. You have shown outstanding academic discipline, innovation, and resilience at NSU. These qualities have prepared you to step forward confidently and optimistically into the next chapter of your life.

As you embark on your unique journeys, embrace the opportunities that come your way. Let your passions drive your dreams and your ambition elevate you to new heights of success. Remember, material achievements do not measure true success; instead, they are measured by the positive impact you have on the lives of others.

North South University has provided a unique learning, discovery, experiment, and growth environment. This opportunity is a privilege not afforded to many. Make the most of what NSU has given you, and pay it forward to your community through your life's work and achievements. Your NSU education has given you tremendous potential to create a lasting impact.

I sincerely congratulate you again on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees. May your future be filled with boundless opportunities, personal fulfillment, and continued success in all your endeavors.

*Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed*  
Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed  
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**Gwyn Lewis**  
Convocation Speaker  
UN Resident Coordinator  
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**Message**

It brings me great pleasure to be informed about the forthcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Convocation of North South University (NSU). I extend my sincerest congratulations to the graduating students, their proud parents, the dedicated faculty members, and the esteemed university administration on this momentous occasion.

North South University has indisputably carved a niche for itself as a premier private educational institution in Bangladesh, renowned for its commitment to delivering excellence in education. The university's unwavering dedication to maintaining academic standards and fostering discipline, coupled with its responsiveness to the evolving needs of its graduates, is commendable. Moreover, the university's robust scholarship program underscores its commitment to accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring that deserving students have the opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations.

The remarkable strides achieved by North South University in a relatively short span of time are a testament to the dynamism, foresight, and unwavering dedication of its administration and faculty. Their collective commitment to both the future of the country and the university is truly commendable.

Throughout its illustrious 30-year more journey, North South University has ascended to prominence, garnering recognition not only within Bangladesh but also on the global stage. It is my firm belief that graduates of North South University not only receive a world-class education but also emerge equipped with the mindset and skills necessary to excel as professionals and responsible citizens. I am confident that the graduates of this esteemed institution will rise to the occasion and contribute meaningfully to addressing the myriad challenges confronting Bangladesh and the world today.

I extend my best wishes for the success of the convocation ceremony. May it serve as a joyous celebration of academic achievement and mark the beginning of a new chapter filled with boundless opportunities and accomplishments.

Thank You

*Gwyn Lewis*  
Gwyn Lewis



**Professor Abdur Rob Khan**  
Pro Vice-Chancellor (IC) and Treasurer  
North South University

**Message**

As we come together to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> convocation of North South University (NSU), I am imbued with immense pride and a deep sense of fulfillment. Our university has traversed a remarkable journey since its inception, achieving numerous milestones that have solidified its status as a leading educational institution in Bangladesh and beyond.

This convocation is a celebration of your diligence, tenacity, and unwavering commitment. You have exhibited exceptional prowess, depth of knowledge, and adaptability, equipping yourselves to excel in any chosen path. Throughout your academic pursuits, you have surmounted obstacles, embraced innovative learning modalities, and provided mutual support during challenging times. Your steadfast dedication to your education, particularly in these extraordinary circumstances, is both commendable and inspiring.

As you transition from North South University into the workforce, pursue further education, or embark on your own ventures, I urge you to carry forward the values that have guided you thus far. The pursuit of knowledge, the importance of hard work, and a commitment to making a positive impact on society—these principles will continue to be your guiding lights.

May you achieve all your dreams with courage and determination. I am confident that you possess the integrity, fortitude, and compassion required to excel in your respective fields, address the needs of the marginalized in our society, and emerge as paragons of excellence.

As you advance, may you continue to grow in strength and capability, bringing honor to your faculty, university, and nation in the years to come. Your journey is just beginning, and I eagerly anticipate the profound contributions you will make to the world.

Congratulations, esteemed graduates, on this momentous achievement. May your future be replete with success, fulfillment, and boundless opportunities.

*Professor Abdur Rob Khan*  
Professor Abdur Rob Khan