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# BRAC University holds its 16th Convocation

BRAC University organised its 16th Convocation on February 25, 2025, at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Purbachal, Dhaka, celebrating the theme “Excellence in You”. The event honoured the achievements of graduating students and recognised their dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

A total of 4,829 students received degrees while two Chancellor’s Gold Medals and 28 Vice-Chancellor’s Gold Medals were awarded in various categories at the graduation ceremony.

Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Adviser to the Ministry of Education, presented the Chancellor’s Gold Medals as the Chief Guest while Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar, Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University, presented the Vice-Chancellor’s Gold Medals.

Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, an Academy Award-winning filmmaker and journalist, was the convocation speaker. Tamara Hasan Abed, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of BRAC University, was also present.



Chinoy urged the graduates to hold on to their convictions and follow their hearts. She also asked to learn from life’s trials, pointing out that failures were stepping stones as when the door to one endeavour closes, another naturally opens.

Valedictorian and Chancellor’s Gold Medalist (undergraduate programme) Shihab Muhtasim gave the farewell speech. The valedictorian said that if one truly wishes to succeed in an endeavour, it is important to enjoy it; small changes

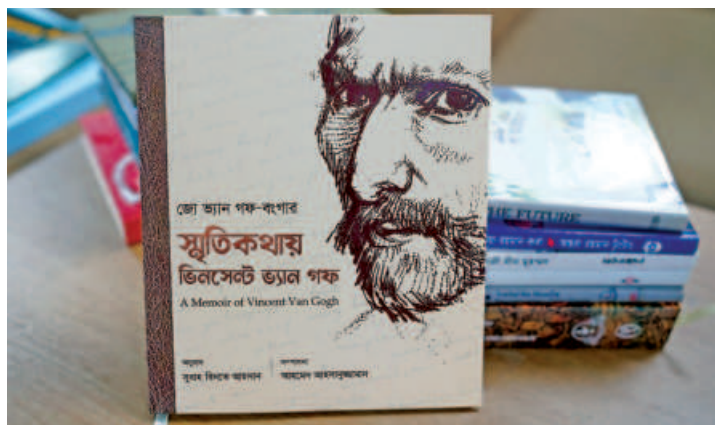
in mindset can have a big impact. He also urged the graduates to consistently try and improve, and to carry BRAC University’s values throughout their lives.

Tamara Hasan Abed said sustainable change requires ethical leaders, the creation of sensible human beings, and helping others reach their potential.

Professor Wahiduddin said that by joining last August’s protests, BRAC University students proved that private university students not only focus on their careers but also try to do good for society. He urged the graduates to honestly carry out their responsibilities in their respective sectors in order to do good for society.

Professor Ferhat Anwar asked the graduates to learn the art of embracing change, which is a natural process for spiritual and personal growth.

Dr Sadia Hamid Kazi, Chair of the Convocation Committee and Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, gave the vote of thanks.



## Prof. Ahsanuzzaman edits first ever Bangla translation of A Memoir of Vincent van Gogh

Prof. Dr Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman from the Department of English and Modern Languages at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) has edited the first-ever Bangla translation of *A Memoir of Vincent van Gogh*, originally written in English in 1913 by Jo van Gogh-Bonger.

The memoir, translated by Subah Binte Ahsan and published by Journeyman Books in February 2025, introduces Bangladeshi readers to the life and struggles of Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), the Dutch post-impressionist painter whose works have inspired generations of artists worldwide.

Jo van Gogh-Bonger, the wife of Van Gogh’s younger brother, played a crucial role in shaping the artist’s posthumous reputation. Her memoir provides insight into Van Gogh’s turbulent life, marked by poverty, rejection, and mental illness. It is through her perspective that the eccentric and often misunderstood artist continues to be interpreted today.

The Bangla edition includes reproductions of some of Van Gogh’s most renowned paintings, including “Sunflowers”, “The Reaper”, “The Potato Eaters”, “Starry Night Over the Rhône”, and “Almond Blossom”.

Van Gogh, who struggled financially throughout his life, sold only one painting before his death but is now regarded as one of the most influential figures in Western art.

## Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of NSU celebrates Civil Fest 2025

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (DCEE) of North South University (NSU) organised “Civil Fest 2025” on February 26, 2025.

NSU Treasurer and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Acting) Prof. Abdur Rab Khan was present at the event. One of the main attractions of the first day was “Mechanics Mania”, which saw participation from students from different universities. Another thrilling competition was “Buzzer Master”, where university students were tested on their ability to think quickly.

After an intense preliminary round, the top 12 contestants advanced to the buzzer round, leading to an exciting showdown to determine the winners. The “Battle of Brains” competition featured students from schools and colleges competing in a fun quiz. The combination of energetic performances, engaging

competitions, and vibrant interactions created a memorable experience for everyone involved.

The second day of Civil Fest 2025 continued with the poster and project presentations from the previous day. A special magazine commemorating the department’s 12-year journey was unveiled and distributed, showcasing the department’s remarkable accomplishments and milestones over the past decade.

The prize-giving ceremony commenced at 3:30 PM and was attended by distinguished guests including Chief Guest Prof. Dr M Shamim Z Bosunia and Guest of Honour Prof. Dr M Feroze Ahmed, along with other special guests. All winners, individuals, and groups received prizes, certificates, and crests, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

