

NOTICE BOARD

BRAC University recognises 57 faculty members with 'Quality Journal Publication Award 2025'

BRAC University has continued to recognise researchers for a second year in a row, this time presenting 'Quality Journal Publication Award 2025' to 57 faculty members through a ceremony at its Merul Badda campus in Dhaka on April 24, for their high-impact research.

The faculty members published 145 research papers. Of them, 74 were published in journals ranked within the top 10 percent of Q1 journals in Scopus, while 71 in the top 15 percent. The Q1 journals are widely recognised for their significant impact on research.

The research of the awardees encompassed a myriad of contemporary issues, such as ease of doing business, mental health and emerging diseases, agriculture, food security, energy, climate, evolution of languages, and AI and blockchain in the ICT sector.

Research works initiated at BRAC University in recent years have garnered accolades and continue to be relevant to this day, be it in Bangladesh or beyond.

Studies on garment factories are shaping global trade, vaccine cold chains are being reimagined for food security, research on the Rohingya population has led to youth collaborations, and solutions to utilising elevated road infrastructures are proving invaluable to megacities.



"BRAC University stands apart in a unique way – our core foundation in education and research is centered on human development," Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar, Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University, said at the ceremony.

The Bangladesh government recognises the value of institutions like BRAC University, which tirelessly pursue research-driven innovation and the building of a

knowledge-based society, added Professor Dr Md Saidur Rahman, member of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, as chief guest.

Dr Firdausi Qadri, a senior scientist of the icddr,b, and Professor Mustafizur Rahman, a Distinguished Fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, also spoke on the occasion.

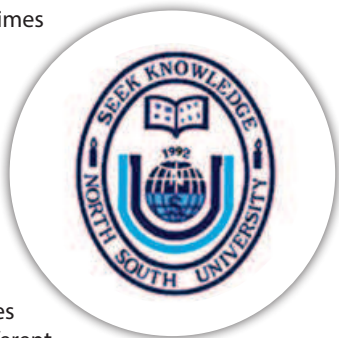
NSU CONTINUES TO BE RANKED AMONG THE LEADING UNIVERSITIES IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION ASIA RANKINGS 2025

In the latest edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2025, North South University (NSU) remains listed among the top universities. NSU has maintained its position among universities in the 351-400 ranking band.

The 2025 ranking includes 853 institutions from 35 different regions across Asia. This year marks the 13th edition of the Asia University Rankings and the third consecutive year NSU has been cited on this prestigious list.

Commenting on the achievement, Dr Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, expressed his appreciation for the continued support from the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. He says, "This is another step forward for NSU as we maintain our momentum in the global academic landscape. Despite the changes that occurred both nationally and internationally since last year, we are dedicated to improving the calibre of research and education at NSU, and we are focused on building on our strengths while discovering new opportunities for growth and development."

NSU remains dedicated to offering world-class education, assiduously encouraging creativity, innovation, leadership, and teamwork.



Celebrating Sir Fazle Hasan Abed's life, legacy, and values on his 89th birthday

BRAC University celebrated the 89th birthday of its founder, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, at its Merul Badda campus in Dhaka on April 27 through a number of events reflecting on his life, legacy, and values.

The day's celebrations started off with female football players of BRAC University playing a special memorial match. Titled "Shombhabona", this football match was a tribute to Sir Fazle's lifelong commitment to women's empowerment and to his belief that every woman deserves the opportunity to grow, thrive, and succeed.

Afterwards, a photo exhibition titled "Shopnojatra - A Life of Impact" was opened for visitors. The exhibition featured photos highlighting significant moments of Sir Abed's lifetime, starting from his return to a newly independent Bangladesh after the Liberation War to come to the aid of the refugees through the establishment of BRAC.

The photos also depicted moments of his engagements with people to develop their own capacity to better manage their lives and beat poverty. The exhibition also showcased times he had been honoured with numerous national and international awards for his outstanding contributions towards the development of Bangladesh.

The exhibition also featured the Independence Award, the highest civilian honour in the country, which the Bangladesh government posthumously awarded to Sir Abed on March 25, 2025, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to social development and nation-building.

In the afternoon, some of Sir Fazle's closest friends and colleagues, who also shared his dreams and passion for music, came together in a heartfelt session titled reminiscing the times they spent with him.

"Sir Fazle was very much interested in architecture and music and always supported anything that brought good," said Abul Khair Litu, Chairman of Bengal Group and an avid promoter of the arts of Bangladesh.

Umme Sharmin Kabir, Founder of the social



organisation Wreetu, informed how BRAC initiatives and scholarships enabled her to complete her schooling alongside higher education at BRAC University.

Litu; Kabir; Tamara Hasan Abed, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of BRAC University; Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar, Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University; Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed, Founder and Adviser of the BRAC Institute of Languages; and BRAC University Registrar Dave Dowland presented the champions with the trophy of the morning's football match.

Luva Nahid Choudhury, singer and Director General of Bengal Foundation, sang some songs of Atul Prasad Sen, Rajanikanta Sen and Dwijendralal Ray. Six students of Bengal Parampara Sangeetaly also kept the audience enthralled for an hour or so playing classical musical instruments.

The event was moderated by Khairul Basher, Director of Communications at BRAC University.