



# The 26<sup>th</sup> Convocation

## Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)



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On the momentous occasion of the 26th convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), I extend my warmest congratulations to the graduating students, their proud families, and the dedicated faculty who guided them. This convocation marks not only the culmination of academic effort but also the beginning of a lifelong journey of responsibility and service to society.

The uprising in July 2024 demonstrated how the youth of Bangladesh can unite to uphold justice and integrity, setting up an inspiring example for generations to come. As new graduates, you now carry forward this legacy to lead with honesty, to innovate with purpose, and to serve with compassion.

In an era defined by rapid change, Bangladesh's future will depend on how effectively our youth combine research, innovation, and ethical leadership to build a just and sustainable nation. I trust that your education at IUB has equipped you with the skills, values, and vision to contribute meaningfully to that future.

I wish you success and fulfillment as you begin this new chapter of your lives. May your achievements continue to inspire hope for generations to come.

Professor Muhammad Yunus



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I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all graduates of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on this joyous occasion. This convocation celebrates not only your personal achievement but also your readiness to contribute to the greater good through knowledge and service.

Throughout my academic journey, I have seen how education – anchored in integrity and empathy – can bring about profound social transformation. Universities stand at the centre of this process, shaping minds that question, reason, and lead with a sense of moral purpose. The events of July-August 2024 served as a reminder that conscience must always guide knowledge in building a humane and just society.

As Bangladesh advances towards a fairer and more sustainable future, your generation will be tasked with uniting research, innovation, and ethical leadership to address complex challenges. I am confident that IUB has helped you develop the intellectual strength and social awareness needed to make that contribution.

May your pursuit of learning continue to inspire others and bring lasting value to the nation and to humanity.

Dr. C R Abrar



বাংলাদেশ  
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় সমিতি  
Chairman  
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh



14 December, 2025

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduates of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on the joyous occasion of its 26th Convocation. This milestone not only celebrates your academic achievements but also marks the beginning of your journey as responsible, skilled, and forward-looking contributors to society.

As Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, I have witnessed how higher education—when grounded in quality, accountability, and innovation—plays a transformative role in shaping engaged and ethical citizens. The events of July-August 2024 once again reminded us that our universities are not only centers of teaching and research but also spaces where conscience, civic responsibility, and national values take shape.

In line with our national priorities, the UGC remains committed to enhancing the quality and relevance of higher education through strengthened accreditation, improved research capacity, and increased international and regional collaboration. These efforts aim to ensure that our graduates are equipped with the competencies required to meet the challenges of the 21st century and contribute meaningfully to sustainable national development.

Dear graduates, as you step into a world of expanding opportunities and evolving global challenges, I urge you to apply the knowledge, skills, and values you have gained at IUB to build a just, innovative, and inclusive Bangladesh. The intellectual resilience, confidence, and curiosity developed throughout your academic journey will continue to guide you forward.

I wish the 26th Convocation every success and convey my best wishes to all graduates for a future defined by purpose, integrity, and impactful achievements.

Professor Dr. S. M. A. Faiz

### BIOGRAPHY OF THE CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Dr. Shahidul Alam (born 1955, Dhaka) is a Bangladeshi photographer, writer, curator, educator, and human rights activist whose career spans more than four decades. He grew up in Dhaka and had a nomadic early education at Azimpur Kindergarten (now Agrani School and College), St. Francis Xavier's School (both were co-ed in those days), Jhenaidah Cadet College, Shaheen School, Titumir College and Dhaka College where he refused to appear in intermediate exams under the Pakistani regime in 1971. He later moved to the United Kingdom, completing A levels at Liverpool Institute and earning a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and genetics from the University of Liverpool and a PhD in organic chemistry from the University of London. More recently he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Arts London which he returned due to the Zionist position of the Chancellor of the University. During his years in the UK, photography developed from a personal interest into a serious pursuit, eventually becoming his principal vocation.



Dr. Shahidul Alam

Dr. Alam returned to Bangladesh in the mid-1980s and began documenting political life, social inequalities, labor conditions, migration, and human rights violations. At a time when visual documentation of dissent was limited, his work provided an alternative historical record. In 1989, he co-founded the Drik Picture Library to support photographers from the Global South. This institutional work expanded with the founding of the Pathshala South Asian Media Institute in 1998, now widely regarded as one of the leading photography schools in the region, and the Chobi Mela International Photography Festival in 2000, which established Dhaka as a significant hub in the global photography circuit. He also co-founded the photo agency Majority World.

His career has been marked by a close intersection of art and activism. In 2010, his exhibition "Crossfire" on extra judicial killings was closed down by the government, but Alam challenged the government in court and was able to get it reopened. In 2018, he was arrested after giving interviews in international media critical of the government's handling of the student-led road safety movement. His arrest drew widespread condemnation from journalists, artists, and human rights organisations worldwide, and became a defining moment in discussions on freedom of expression in Bangladesh. He was named a Time Magazine Person of the Year in 2018.

He continued to play a visible public role during the July 2024 Mass Movement, documenting events, offering commentary, and situating the protests within a longer struggle for democratic accountability. In 2025, he joined the Freedom Flotilla Coalition mission to Gaza as the first Bangladeshi participant, reaffirming his commitment to international human rights advocacy.

Dr. Alam's achievements have been widely recognised. He has been exhibited in the world's leading galleries such as MOMA, Tate Modern, Centre Georges Pompidou and Tehran Museum of Contemporary Arts. He has served as the first Asian chair of the World Press Photo jury and held advisory roles with international organisations. He is an Explorer Emeritus of the National Geographic Society. His awards include the Mother Jones Award for Documentary Photography, the Lucie Humanitarian Award, Bangladesh's Shilpakala Padak and Ekushey Padak for his contributions to arts and education. His work and institution-building have positioned him as one of the most influential figures in South Asian photography and visual activism.

### THE 26<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION AT A GLANCE

Total Number of Graduates: 2496	TOP PERFORMERS (Undergraduate Level)
Undergraduate Level: 2140	Chancellor's Gold Medal
Graduate Level: 356	Summa Cum Laude
	Magna Cum Laude
	Cum Laude
TOP PERFORMERS (Graduate Level)	
Top Achievers Awards	06
CGPA: 4.0 (on a scale of 4.0)	

### GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION

Name of School	Graduate	Undergraduate
School of Business and Entrepreneurship	194	1077
School of Engineering, Technology and Sciences	25	507
School of Environment and Life Sciences	64	183
School of Law	04	87
School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	33	108
School of Pharmacy and Public Health	36	178
Total	356	2140

### TOP PERFORMERS



Sajid Bin Mohammad



Tasnuva Mahmood



Asadullah Ibn Masood



Zahra Alam Liya



Nazmoon Nahar



Ahmad Tousif Jami



Sk. Salwa Sharara



Roshni Parvin



Shahrulh Bin Hannan



Md. Tipu Sultan



Maha Murshed



Tasfia Akter Tanjel



Sami Rashid



Rayaan Ahmed



Sidratul Muntaha Ahana



Iqam Hossain Mahboob



Tahmeed Rezwon Shushmoy



Md. Zubair Alam Emon



Farzana Islam



Tasmin Fahima Ahmad



Imran Jahan Digonto



Vincent Dig Gomes



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