

Daffodil International School Uttara achieves prestigious Cambridge Early Years Centre registration

Daffodil International School, Uttara has achieved a significant milestone by becoming a registered Cambridge Early Years Centre, marking its entry into a globally recognised framework for early childhood education under Cambridge University Press & Assessment.

The certification was formally handed over by Sarwat Reza, Country Lead for Bangladesh, Cambridge University Press & Assessment, who presented the official recognition to the school's principal at the Uttara campus. The event marked an important step forward in the school's commitment to providing high-quality, internationally aligned education from the foundational years.

Education experts consider the



Cambridge Early Years programme a major advancement for institutions aiming to align with international standards from the foundational stage. The programme

emphasises a holistic, child-centred approach that integrates play-based learning with structured development in literacy, numeracy, communication,

and social skills. It is designed to nurture curiosity, creativity and critical thinking competencies widely regarded as essential for success in the 21st century.

With this approval, Daffodil International School, Uttara will implement globally respected teaching frameworks, assessment standards and educator training systems designed to nurture confident, engaged, innovative, reflective and responsible learners.

"This recognition is not just an achievement—it is a responsibility," said the principal of the school. "We are committed to upholding the standards of Cambridge and ensuring our students receive an education that prepares them for a rapidly evolving global landscape."

IUBAT achieves international accreditation for all engineering programmes

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) has achieved a significant milestone as all four of its engineering programmes have been awarded international accreditation by the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE).

The accredited programmes include electrical and electronic engineering (EEE), computer science and engineering (CSE), civil engineering, and mechanical engineering. According to university sources, this accreditation has been granted for a period of six years.

University authorities stated that a total of four programmes were submitted for accreditation this year, and all of them successfully met the required standards. IUBAT has become the first university in Bangladesh to receive international accreditation simultaneously for all of its engineering programmes.

This accreditation formally recognises that the academic programmes meet international standards of quality and excellence. As a result, students will benefit from increased global recognition when applying for higher education abroad, enhanced opportunities

for scholarships, and stronger competitiveness in multinational job markets. Furthermore, continuous monitoring of curriculum and teaching quality under the accreditation framework will ensure sustained academic improvement.

The accreditation also strengthens the potential for future alignment with global agreements such as the Washington Accord, which will further facilitate international mobility, professional recognition, and employment opportunities for IUBAT graduates worldwide.



NSU hosts dialogue on media freedom to mark World Press Freedom Day 2026

North South University (NSU) organised a high-level discussion marking World Press Freedom Day 2026, titled "Measuring Media Freedom in Bangladesh: A Tripartite Framework for Resilient Information Ecosystems" at its Syndicate Hall on May 2.

The event brought together distinguished guests, including Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon; Matiur Rahman Chowdhury, President, Bangladesh Newspapers' Owners' Association, and Editor, The Daily Manabzamin; Dewan Hanif Mahmud, General Secretary of the Editors' Council and Editor of Daily Bonik Barta; Aziz Al Kaiser, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU; M A Kashem, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU; Benajir Ahmed, Member, Board of Trustees,

NSU; Rehana Rahman, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU; Yeasmin Kamal, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU; Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, NSU; Dr Susan Vize, UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh; Prof. Nasar U Ahmed, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NSU; Prof. Abdur Rob Khan, Treasurer, NSU; and AHM Bazlur Rahman, CEO, BNNRC, alongside policymakers, academics, and media professionals to reflect on the state of media freedom and chart a collaborative path forward for a resilient information ecosystem in Bangladesh.

The discussion concluded with a consensus to strengthen cooperation among stakeholders to enhance transparency, accountability, and resilience in Bangladesh's media landscape.

AIUB inaugurates AI supercomputing lab



The American International University–Bangladesh (AIUB) inaugurated its state-of-the-art AI supercomputing lab on May 3, 2026, at its permanent campus. The lab was officially inaugurated by Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), AIUB; Dr Hasanul A Hasan, Founder Member, BoT; Ishtiaque Abedin, Founder Member, BoT; and Dr Carmen Z Lamagna, Former Vice-Chancellor and Member, BoT. Prof. Dr Saiful Islam, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. Dr Md Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice-Chancellor, were also present at the inauguration.

This cutting-edge facility features advanced NVIDIA DGX Spark systems, delivering up to 1 petaflop of AI performance. The lab enables researchers and students to work with large-scale AI models, including large language models and diffusion systems, fostering hands-on innovation in AI engineering.

The initiative places strong emphasis on developing "Sovereign AI" tailored to the Bengali language and local context, ensuring culturally relevant technological advancement. It will also support research in key sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, smart cities, and the textile industry. Through this initiative, AIUB aims to strengthen Bangladesh's AI research ecosystem, promote ethical AI development, and empower future innovators with world-class computational resources.