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TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION RANKING 2026

DU atop in BD

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Dhaka University (DU) has ranked top among the Bangladeshi universities in the 2026 ranking of Times Higher Education (THE), a United Kingdom-based renowned education magazine. The university has also improved from last year and secured a position between 801-1000, which was between 1,001-1,200 last year. The ranking report was published on the official website of THE Magazine on Thursday (9 October). A total of 3,118 universities worldwide have been included in the ranking, which has been determined by analyzing indexes on education, research environment, international outlook, and cooperation with industrial sector.

DU improved 3 points in the research environment index, 9.3 points in the research quality index, and 11.8 points in the cooperation with industrial sector index. A press release issued by DU's Public Relations Office on Thursday said a 16-member committee has long been working to improve DU's ranking. Pro-VC (Education) Prof. Dr. Mamun Ahmed is the convenor of the committee, while Pro-VC (Admin) Prof. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Treasurer Prof. M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, and 13 others are members of the committee.

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NSU jointly on top also

North South University (NSU) has again secured its position as one of the leading universities in Bangladesh, jointly securing the number one position in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026, said a press release.

NSU shares the top position with Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Gazipur Agricultural University, and Daffodil International University. All five universities have been placed within the 801-1,000 band in this year's global rankings, officially unveiled on 9 October.

The 2026 edition of the ranking assessed 2,191 universities from 115 countries around the world, marking one of the most comprehensive evaluations in THE's history. A total of 19 Bangladeshi universities have been ranked this year, showcasing the country's growing presence on the global academic stage.

NSU was ranked number one university in Bangladesh last year, jointly sharing the position with four other Bangladeshi universities. NSU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury said: "This milestone reflects the collective effort and commitment of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni, who continually strive for academic excellence and innovation. We are grateful for the guidance of the NSU Board of Trustees and the support from the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. NSU remains dedicated to expanding its research impact, fostering international partnerships, and preparing graduates to lead with vision and integrity in a global context."