

Dhaka University celebrates 105th founding anniversary

VC calls for cooperation to build a world-class institution

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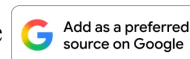
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Dhaka University (DU) today celebrated its 105th founding anniversary in a festive atmosphere under the theme, "Restoration of Democracy and Dhaka University in Higher Education."

As part of the celebrations, teachers, students, officials and staff from all residential halls and hostels gathered at Smriti Chirantan around 9:30am before joining a colourful procession, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof ABM Obaidul Islam. The rally marched through the campus.

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Addressing the gathering after the procession, the vice-chancellor sought everyone's cooperation in transforming Dhaka University into a world-class institution.

Speakers at the programme said many of those currently leading the country's nation-building efforts are graduates of Dhaka University, while its alumni are also making notable contributions abroad.

Speaking at the event, DUCSU Vice President Abu Shadik Kayem said, "The greatest achievement since the 2024 mass uprising is that all student organisations now have equal opportunities to operate on campus, while anarchy and terrorism have declined to nearly zero."

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the Faculty of Social Sciences will organise a panel discussion after 3:00pm today at the Prof Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium. Former Dhaka University economics professor Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud and former Development Studies professor Dr Mahbub Ullah will be panel discussants.

In a message marking the occasion, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said Dhaka University students had led every democratic movement in Bangladesh's history.

"Democracy has been restored through immense sacrifice and bloodshed. Now it is time to consolidate democracy, and Dhaka University has an important role to play in that process," he said.

Describing Dhaka University as one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher education in the subcontinent, often referred to as the "Oxford of the East", he extended greetings to the university's teachers, students, alumni, guardians and all members of the university community on its anniversary.

To ensure security during the celebrations, the university administration restricted vehicular entry to the campus from 2:30pm to 10:00pm today.

Established on July 1, 1921, Dhaka University began its journey with 12 departments and 847 students to expand higher education opportunities for the people of the then East Bengal. Today, the country's premier public university has 84 departments and more than 37,000 students.