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UGC initiates national research repository to boost ecosystem

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University Grants Commission of Bangladesh chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed addresses an orientation for the UGC PhD Scholarship 2025-2026 cohort at the UGC auditorium in Dhaka on Thursday. | Press release photo

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has launched an initiative to build an integrated and effective research ecosystem, which includes plans to establish a centralised national research repository to store, coordinate and utilise research data and findings.

Speaking as chief guest at the orientation programme for the UGC PhD Scholarship 2025-2026 cohort at the UGC auditorium in Dhaka on Thursday, UGC chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed assured that funding would not be a constraint for quality research addressing national development challenges, said a press release.

He, however, emphasised that transparency and strict accountability must be maintained in utilising allocated funds.

Dispelling misconceptions about funding scarcity, Professor Mamun Ahmed revealed that the UGC allocated approximately Tk 849 crore under revenue and development budgets for research activities over the past year.

‘While research does happen in Bangladesh, a modern repository is crucial for management and preservation to replicate the research-driven economic success of developed nations,’ he noted.

He urged scholars to focus on national priorities to drive socio-economic development.

Out of 147 applicants from various universities and colleges, 65 researchers were selected for this competitive PhD scholarship programme.

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