

Biography of Prof. Dr. Md. Akhter Hossain Khan



Prof. Dr. Md. Akhter Hossain Khan assumed office as the **Chairman of the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC)** on **27 July 2026**, bringing with him more than three decades of distinguished service in higher education, research, academic administration, and institutional leadership. Prior to joining BAC, he served as the **Vice Chancellor of the State University of Bangladesh (SUB)**. He joined the university as the **Vice Chancellor (Designate)** on **1 February 2025** and formally assumed the office of **Vice Chancellor** on **23 June 2025**.

A renowned academic and researcher, Prof. Khan previously served as a **Grade One Professor** and **Chairman of the Department of Soil, Water and Environment**, as well as **Dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences** at the **University of Dhaka**. Throughout his career, he has earned widespread recognition for his scholarly excellence, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing higher education and research in Bangladesh.

Born in **Rangunia, Chattogram**, Prof. Khan demonstrated academic excellence from an early age. He completed his **Secondary School Certificate (SSC)** from **Muradnagar High School, Cumilla**, in 1974 and his **Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)** from **Chittagong College** in 1976. During his school years, he received **Primary, Junior, and SSC Merit Scholarships** in recognition of his outstanding academic performance.

His academic journey reflects both intellectual curiosity and determination. He initially enrolled in the **Department of English** at Chittagong College. After completing his first year, he decided to pursue his passion for agricultural and environmental sciences by enrolling in the **Department of Soil Science** at the **University of Dhaka**. He graduated with **First Class** in **B.Sc. (Honours)** in 1981 and earned his **M.Sc.** in 1982 with **First Class**, securing the **First** position in the order of merit.

Following his graduation, Prof. Khan began his professional career as a **Scientific Officer** in a research project of the **Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)** funded by the **World Bank**. In late 1989, he moved to the **United States** to pursue higher studies at **Kansas**

State University, where he earned his **Ph.D. in Agronomy**. He subsequently completed his **Postdoctoral Fellowship** at the same university.

During his tenure at Kansas State University, Prof. Khan received several prestigious academic awards, including the **Neal and Florence E. Morehouse Graduate Scholarship** in **1992** and **1994**, and the **Roscoe Ellis, Jr. Graduate Scholarship** in **1993**, recognizing his exceptional academic achievements and research excellence.

Beyond academics, Prof. Khan played an active role in student leadership and community engagement. He was elected as a **Graduate Senator** in the **Student Senate of Kansas State University** and served as **Vice President of the International Coordinating Council, President of the Bangladesh Student Association**, and **President of the Islamic Center of Manhattan, Kansas**. These leadership roles reflected his commitment to fostering multicultural engagement and serving diverse communities.

Returning to Bangladesh in **1997**, Prof. Khan joined the **Department of Soil Science** at the **University of Dhaka** as an **Assistant Professor**. Through his outstanding contributions to teaching, research, and academic administration, he steadily progressed through the academic ranks and was promoted to **Selection Grade (Grade One) Professor** in **2017**.

An accomplished researcher, Prof. Khan has supervised numerous graduate and postgraduate students and has made significant contributions to scientific literature. His research has been published in internationally acclaimed journals, including the *Agronomy Journal*, *Journal of Plant Physiology*, *Soil Science Society of America Journal*, and *Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers*. He also served as the **Executive Editor** of the *Bangladesh Journal of Soil Science*, contributing to the advancement and dissemination of scientific research in the country.

Prof. Khan has also held numerous important administrative and leadership positions at the University of Dhaka. He served as an **elected member of the University Senate, Provost of Amar Ekushey Hall** for more than six years, **President of the Dhaka University Club**, and **Vice President of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA)** for two consecutive terms. His administrative experience has been marked by a strong commitment to academic excellence, institutional development, and good governance.

With an illustrious career spanning teaching, research, academic leadership, and institutional administration, **Prof. Dr. Md. Akhter Hossain Khan** has established himself as one of Bangladesh's distinguished educationists. As **Chairman of the Bangladesh Accreditation Council**, he continues to contribute to strengthening quality assurance, accreditation, and excellence in higher education, supporting the country's vision for internationally recognized academic standards and sustainable educational development.