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| **Bangladesh Open University** |

**1. Type of University : Public**

Year of Establishment **:** 1992

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**2. Background of the Establishment of the University**

The need for an open university in Bangladesh was felt long ago. The history of distance education in Bangladesh dates back to 1956, when the Education Directorate was assigned with the responsibility for distribution of 200 radio receivers to educational institutions. This led to the creation of an Audio-Visual Cell, which was upgraded to Audio-Visual Education Centre in 1962. No further progress in distance education was made till 1971.

After Independence, Bangladesh faced the challenge of meeting the educational needs of mass people. To meet this challenge the necessity for a new mode of education was widely felt. As a sequel to that feeling, the School Broadcasting Pilot Project was launched in 1978. The project was transformed into National Institute of Educational Media and Technology (NIEMT) in 1983.

NIEMT was later replakhed by the Bangladesh Institute of Distance Education (BIDE) in 1985. Apart from producing audio-visual materials, BIDE offered the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) program in distance mode. The success of BIDE encouraged policymakers to take up a major plan for establishing an open university. The plan became a reality in October 1992 when the Bangladesh Open University Act 1992 was passed in the Parliament.

**3. Act**

Bangladesh Open University Act,1992

**4. Authorities of the University**

Board of Governance (BOG)

**5. Principal Officers**

Chancellor : Hon’ble President

The People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Vice Chancellor : Professor Dr.M A Mannan

Pro-Vice Chancellor : Prof. Dr.Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain

Treasurer : Prof. Dr. Md.Abu Taher

Registrar : Prof.Dr.Abul Hossain Ahmed Bhuiyan

Librarian : Mr. Md.Mamun Hasan(Addl.Charge)

Controller of Examinations : Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman Ukil

Director of Planning and Development : Dr.Md.Shafiqul Alam(in-charge)

Director of Publishing,Printing and

Distribution : Mr. MRM Abdullah

Director of Accounts : Mr. Md.Hemayet Miah

Director of Public Relations Office : Mr. A KM Martuza Ahmed(in-charge)

Directors of Students’ Support Services : Mr. Md.Atiqur Rahman(in-charge)

Chief Engineer : Engr.Md.Shamsul Alam

Senior Medical Officer : Dr.FM Marzanul Haque Chowdhury

**6. Names of the Faculties**

* Open School
* School of Social Science, Humanities and Languages
* School of Education
* School of Business
* School of Agriculture and Rural Development
* School of Science and Technology

**9. Programs Offered (undergraduate and graduate)**

SSC, HSC, BBS, BA, BSS, MA, MSS, B.Ed, M.Ed, C.Ed, BBA, MBA, LLB, LLM, B.Ag.Ed

**Short Program:** Certificate Course

**Diploma:** PGDM, CIM, CEMBA/CEMPA

**12. Library Facilities**

Yes

**13. System of Student Enrollment**

Annual

**14. Annual Total Intake and Total Number of Students in 2015**

Annual Total Intake : 41514

Total Number of Students : 207829

Male : 126733

Female : 81096

**15. Number of Teaching Staff**

Full-time and Part-time Teachers (Male-Female) : 136

Full-time :136

Male : 85

Female : 51

**16. Number of Non-Teaching Staff**

Total : 1268

Officers : 350

Class (III and IV) : 864(Excluded Daily Basis 56)

**17. Total Number of Graduates in 2015**

33,534

**18. Student Support Services**

Yes

**Ground, Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Guest House:**

Central Ground : Yes

Guest House : Yes

**21. Budget Estimates**

Total Budget Estimates : Tk. 14,945.00 Lakh

Recurring Expenses : Tk. 12,740.04 Lakh

Development Expenses : Tk. 1,211.63Lakh