

CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights¹

Name of Organisation: Institute of Bangladesh Studies, University of Rajshahi



Website of Organisation: <http://dept.ru.ac.bd/ibs/>

Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/IBS.ctg.bd/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes

The Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) is a constituent Institute of the University of Rajshahi, the second oldest and largest University of Bangladesh. The Institute was founded to cater for these needs of the country. IBS was established on 25 September 1973 under an Act of the Bangladesh Parliament, No. XXVI. of 1973 as an advanced centre for inter-disciplinary study and research on various aspects of Bangladesh society, life and culture.

IBS is the most well-known institute in Bangladesh for research on diverse issues of life, history, culture, politics, economy, geography, environment and other aspects of the country.

Immediately after the emergence of Bangladesh, as part of imminent nation building activities, needs for extensive and in-depth research on different aspects of life, society, culture, anthropology, geography, environment, law, language and literature and various other fields that relate to Bangladesh was keenly felt for socio-cultural, political and economic advancement of the country.

The objectives of IBS are to

1. Provide facilities for, and promote advanced studies and research on the history, geography, economics, politics, sociology, anthropology, law, language, literature and linguistics, philosophy, art, archaeology, music, and culture of Bangladesh and such other subjects as are significantly related to the life and society of Bangladesh leading to the M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees;
2. Undertake research projects on Bangladesh related issues in co-operation with public or private organisations as and when necessary under mutual agreements;
3. Place at the disposal of government, policymakers and planners the results of the researches conducted at the Institute for fruitful utilization of the research finding and recommendations in planning and development schemes;
4. Cooperate with other relevant departments of the University of Rajshahi for research activities on Bangladesh related issues.
5. Popularize Bangladesh Studies in and outside the country through seminars, conferences and publications; and
6. Perform such other functions as will facilitate attainment of the objects of the Institute.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.

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