

UGC directs universities to ensure free Wi-Fi facility

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The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed, among others, attends a meeting to take necessary initiatives to ensure free Wi-Fi facility in all public and private universities of the country at the UGC in Dhaka on Wednesday. | Press release

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The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has decided to direct universities to take necessary initiatives to ensure free Wi-Fi facility in all public and private universities of the country as soon as possible.

The UGC has taken this initiative as part of the government's election manifesto to expand digital facilities in the  education sector, provide support to students in education and research and introduce free Wi-Fi to reduce digital inequality, said a press release.

The decision was taken at a meeting at the UGC office in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Presided over by the UGC chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed, the meeting was attended by UGC members Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, Professor Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Professor Md Saidur Rahman, Professor Masuma Habib, Professor Mohammad Ayub Islam, UGC secretary Md Fakhru Islam, ICT department director Md Omar Farukh, HEAT project director Professor Asaduzzaman and BDREN CEO Mohammad Taurit.

Initially, it was decided in the meeting to issue instructions to the university authorities to ensure free Wi-Fi facility in the libraries, common rooms and cafeterias of every public and private university of the country within the next 60 working days.

Bangladesh Research and [Education](#) Network will provide support in the implementation of this initiative.

It was informed in the meeting that this facility would be extended to other [educational](#) and research infrastructures, including the university's residential halls in phases.

The UGC chairman provided necessary directions to the relevant officials of UGC, HEAT project and BDREN to build student-friendly digital infrastructure in the country's higher education institutions.