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PM to open UGC workshop on higher education at DU today

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University Grants Commission of Bangladesh chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed, among others, attends a meeting at the UGC in Dhaka on Monday. | Press release photo

Prime minister Tarique Rahman will inaugurate a daylong workshop titled Transforming Higher Education in Bangladesh: Roadmap to Sustainable Excellence at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University today.

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh will organise the national workshop aimed at transforming Bangladesh's higher education system into a more contemporary, inclusive and sustainable model, said a press release.



This will be his first official programme at Dhaka University since assuming office as prime minister through the February 12 national election.

The information was shared at a press conference held at the UGC conference room on Monday afternoon.

UGC chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed, its members, secretary, directors and members of the workshop organising committee were present at the press conference.

Mamun Ahmed said that the workshop would play an important role in improving the quality of higher education and developing internationally competent human resources.

'It will also help shape the government's future plans and policy directions regarding tertiary education,' he added.

Education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon and prime minister's adviser Mahdi Amin will attend the opening session as special guests with the UGC chairman in the chair.

Policymakers, UGC members, vice-chancellors of different universities, teachers, researchers, representatives from industries and development stakeholders will participate in the workshop.

Following the opening ceremony, five technical sessions will be held focusing on graduate employability, soft skills development and demand-driven education; industry-academia collaboration and global competitiveness; digital transformation, digital literacy and integration of artificial intelligence; teachers' professional development, research excellence and internationalisation; and governance, quality assurance and institutional reforms.

Discussions and recommendations will be formulated during the sessions.

The closing session of the workshop will be attended by Dhaka University vice-chancellor Professor ABM Obaidul Islam as chief guest.

Among the special guests at the concluding session will be Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology VC Professor ABM Badruzzaman, North South University VC Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, and State University of Bangladesh VC Professor Md Akhter Hossain Khan.

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