

Skills Development Institute (SDI)

Building Skills for Employment, Entrepreneurship and National Development

The Skills Development Institute (SDI) of Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology was established in October 2024 as a strategic initiative to address one of Bangladesh's most pressing development challenges: the growing gap between academic education and labour market demands. While Bangladesh has achieved significant progress in higher education and economic growth, many young people still struggle to access meaningful employment due to limited practical, technical and employability skills. Recognising this challenge, ADUST founded SDI to promote a new model of education that combines knowledge with skills, innovation, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness.

Guided by the philosophy of "education for humanity", SDI aims to transform traditional degree-centred learning into capability-driven education. The institute focuses on equipping youth, fresh graduates and professionals with market-oriented skills that can support employment, self-employment and global mobility. SDI particularly emphasises inclusion of NEET youth (not in education, employment or training), recognising them as a major untapped resource for national development. Through its activities, SDI seeks to contribute to Bangladesh's long-term vision of becoming a skilled, productive and innovation-driven economy.

From its inception, SDI has adopted a practical and industry-responsive approach to skills development. The institute was formally initiated on 15 October 2024, and soon after began developing its institutional framework, governance structure and operational model under the guidance of experienced academics, policymakers and industry stakeholders. Dr A. N. M. Ehsanul Haque Milon (currently State Minister of Education), joined as Director of SDI at that time, bringing strategic leadership and policy experience to the institute's development journey. The leadership and support of the ADUST Board of Trustees also played a vital role in shaping SDI's early direction and institutional growth.

Since its establishment, SDI has organised a series of seminars, consultations and stakeholder engagement programmes focused on skills development, entrepreneurship, ICT reform and employability. These events brought together policymakers, academics, industry leaders, international experts and development practitioners to discuss practical solutions for reducing unemployment and preparing Bangladesh's youth for the future workforce. Through these engagements, SDI positioned itself not only as a training institute, but also as a platform for national dialogue on skills, education reform and economic inclusion.

SDI has developed a growing portfolio of short courses, technical programmes and professional training initiatives aligned with national priorities and emerging global trends. Initial programmes include English for Work, Digital Marketing, Customer Service and Tele-Sales, GIS and Digital Survey, Mobile Servicing, Caregiving and AI-related training. In addition, SDI established a Language Centre offering courses in English, Chinese, Arabic, German, Japanese, Korean and Russian to support international communication and

overseas employment opportunities. Several advanced and specialised programmes are also under development in areas such as maritime engineering, renewable energy, aviation services, semiconductor technology, data science, cybersecurity, project management and creative industries. Recently, SDI received approval from the NSDA to conduct 15 highly in-demand courses. Currently, courses on GIS and CBTA are being conducted.

A key strength of SDI lies in its commitment to partnerships and collaboration. The institute has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with national and international organisations to support joint certification, academic exchange, employability and workforce mobility. These collaborations include partnerships with institutions in the United Kingdom, South Korea, Russia and Bangladesh. SDI has also initiated engagement with government agencies including the National Skills Development Authority (NSDA), the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Department of Social Welfare to ensure accreditation, compliance and institutional sustainability.

To strengthen its industry linkage, SDI has built networks with chambers of commerce, business associations, employers and corporate entities to support internships, apprenticeships and job placement opportunities for learners. The institute believes that sustainable skills development requires strong collaboration between education providers and employers so that training remains relevant to market needs. SDI has also worked on franchise and expansion models with the long-term vision of extending its training services across divisions and districts of Bangladesh.

Alongside training activities, SDI has invested in institutional branding, operational systems and innovation platforms. Promotional materials, digital communication systems and outreach initiatives have been developed to increase visibility and public engagement. The institute also established an "Idea Store" to showcase small trades, culinary products and entrepreneurship-oriented learning, encouraging practical income-generating skills among youth and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Within a short period, SDI has emerged as a promising institution in Bangladesh's skills development landscape. Its vision goes beyond conventional training delivery; it seeks to build an integrated ecosystem where education, industry and innovation work together to create employment, entrepreneurship and social mobility. By focusing on practical skills, ethical values and future-oriented learning, SDI is contributing to the development of a skilled, confident and globally competitive workforce.

Looking ahead, SDI aspires to become a nationally recognised platform for skills, employability and entrepreneurship. The institute aims to expand its programmes, strengthen international cooperation and create accessible pathways for millions of young Bangladeshis to participate meaningfully in the economy. Through its commitment to quality, relevance and inclusion, SDI continues to advance ADUST's broader mission of transforming education into a tool for dignity, opportunity and national progress.

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ABOUT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (SDI) AND ITS PROGRESS

SDI – ADUST's New Frontier for a Skilled and Entrepreneurial Nation

Bangladesh, a land rich in human energy and potential, emerged in 1971 with a dream of broad-based economic prosperity. Over five decades, the nation has progressed through resilience and ambition, yet the pace of transformation has often been slower than expected. The reason is unmistakable: although we have a large workforce, too many lack the productive, industry-ready skills demanded by a fast-changing global economy. Thousands earn degrees each year, yet far fewer become entrepreneurial, innovative or prepared for modern labour markets.



Bangladesh now holds one of the largest youth populations in South Asia, but more than 30 million educated or semi-educated young people remain unemployed or underemployed because they lack market-relevant competencies. As the country aspires to reach upper-middle-income status, closing this skills gap has become urgent and unavoidable.

It is with this vision that ADUST has established a sister concern called Skills Development Institute (SDI). SDI represents a decisive shift from traditional degree-based education towards an ability-focused, employment-oriented and entrepreneurship-driven model. Through digital, technical, vocational and soft skills training, combined with industry internships and enterprise incubation, SDI prepares learners to meet real economic needs.

By advancing the mission of Tarunney Biniyog (তরুণ্যে বিনিয়োগ), SDI strengthens the country's human capital and fosters a generation of skilled innovators ready to build, create and lead in the twenty-first century Bangladesh.

MoUs signed

MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and Northwestern Open University, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Date: 28-10-2025

Objective: The main objective of this programme is to establish a framework for academic and cultural cooperation between the two universities for the development and delivery of Russian language and other skills programmes, aimed at enhancing communication, employability and cross-cultural understanding.

MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and Shomvob Technologies Ltd.

Date: 21-10-2025

Objective: To establish strategic collaboration between Shomvob and SDI to align efforts in training, employability, digital learning and job placement. Shomvob is an employment promotion platform with a mandate of job placement in the country for those who have gained productive skills.

MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and Dr Mahbubur Rahman Mollah Institute of Science and Technology.

Date: 19-10-2025

Objective: To establish a collaborative partnership for joint certification of academic programmes and to foster a strategic academic and training partnership.

MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and Institute of Management & Medical Technology (IMMT).

Date: 31-07-2025

Objective: To establish a collaborative partnership for the joint certification of the academic programme titled "Certificate in Medical Ultrasound".

MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and SOL Gateway Corporation.

Date: 30-06-2025

Objective: To provide skilled SDI graduates for SOL Gateway's workforce needs and promote academic collaboration through ADUST. To facilitate student, faculty and research exchanges between Bangladesh and South Korea.

Mou Signing between SDI, ADUST and Oxford College of Education, UK.

Date: 05-05-2025

Objective: To establish academic cooperation on different educational skills.

Short Courses Offered (Initial Phase)

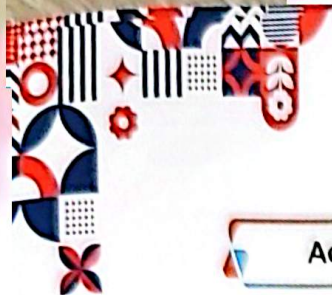
- IELTS Preparation and English for Work
- Geodetic Control Survey
- Mapping System (MMS)
- Image Processing
- Mobile Mapping System
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Customer Service & Tele-Sales
- General Caregiving
- Mobile Servicing
- Digital Marketing in Freelancing
- AI in Immersive Technology

SDI Language Centre Offers

- English
- Chinese
- Arabic
- German
- Russian
- Japanese
- Korean

The Courses in Pipeline

Cabin Crew Training & Aviation Ground Handling, Graphics Design + 3D & Animation, Content Writing, Culinary & Hospitality, Creative Design, Entrepreneurship, Digital Surveying, Maritime Engineering, Renewable Energy, Semiconductor Chip Design & Stimulation, Project Management, Information Security & Ethical Hacking, Network Administration, Professional Interior & Exterior Design, Blockchain Technology, Data Science & Machine Learning in Python, Semiconductor Chip Design & Stimulation and Plumbing & Pipe Fitting.



Advisors of SDI



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Former Vice Chancellor
University of Dhaka



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Director General
Bangladesh Institute of
Development Studies (BIDS)



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SDI Team



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Advisor



Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon
Director



Shoeib Shazzad Khan
Chief Operating Officer



Shamsul Arefeen Shohel
Consultant



Md. Zakir Hasan
Business Development Manager



Nur Alam Siddiki
Manager - Admin



Tanjim Ara Eijhum
Programme Coordinator

SDI ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS



Launching Programme of Skills Development Institute (SDI)



ADUST Chairman, VC and NWTU Russian Representative Ms Irina are opening SDI Language Centre at the Uni Campus



MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and SOL Gateway Corporation, south Korea



Round Table Discussion on Skill Development & Entrepreneurship



Guests and Participants are seen at the English for Work Seminar



MoU signing between SDI, ADUST and IMMT to Impart Certificate in Medical Ultrasound Course

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৪। মাতার নাম	: নুরজাহান বেগম
৫। ব্যবসার প্রকৃতি	: অন্যান্য - একক
৬। ব্যবসার ধরণ	: ট্রেনিং সেন্টার
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NATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NSDA)

Certificate of Registration

Skills Development Institute

is registered as a Skills Training Provider under
section 16(1) of NSDA Act, 2018.

Registration No.: STP-DHA-004063

Issued on : 15/04/2026

Valid until : 14/04/2031



Dr. Nazneen Kawshar Chowdhury
Executive Chairman (Secretary)



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National Skills Development Authority (NSDA)



Application ID : CAA-DHA-001486

Name of STP : Skills Development Institute

STP ID : null

Address : Plot No: 209, Sector 15, UTTRA PASCHIM, Dhaka

Date of decision issued : 13-04-2026

NSDA has made the following decision(s) regarding your STP Registration/Course Accreditation/Assessment Center Accreditation Application(s):

Application for	Type of Application	Decision for Course Accreditation	Validity: From - To	Decision for Assessment Center	Validity: From - To
Competency Based Training & Assessment Methodology - 4	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028
Graphic Design for Freelancing - 4	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028
Food and Beverage Production - 4	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028
Food and Beverage Production - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028
Graphic Design for Freelancing - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028	Approved	13-04-2026 to 12-04-2028

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Application ID : CAA-DHA-001479
Name of STP : Skills Development Institute
STP ID : STP-DHA-004063
Address : Plot No: 209, Sector 15, UTTRA PASCHIM, Dhaka
Date of decision issued : 15-04-2026

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Application for	Type of Application	Decision for Course Accreditation	Validity: From - To	Decision for Assessment Center	Validity: From - To
AI in Immersive Technology - 6	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Entrepreneurship Development - 4	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
English for Work - 2	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Japanese Language 2	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Japanese Language 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028

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Application ID : CAA-DHA-001487

Name of STP : Skills Development Institute

STP ID : STP-DHA-004063

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Computer Operation - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Digital Marketing for Freelancing - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Digital Marketing for Freelancing - 4	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
Web Design and Development for Freelancing - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028
IT Support Service - 3	Course and Assessment Center Accreditation	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028	Approved	15-04-2026 to 14-04-2028

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