

## **Entrepreneurial & Business Profile of Dr. Md. Sabur Khan**

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan is a pioneering entrepreneur, institution builder, educationist, and business leader whose journey reflects more than three decades of contribution to Bangladesh's ICT, entrepreneurship, education, and human capital development sectors.

He began his entrepreneurial journey in 1990 with the establishment of Daffodil Computers Ltd., which later became Bangladesh's first publicly listed IT company. From this foundation, he gradually built the Daffodil Family, a diversified ecosystem connecting technology, education, skills development, entrepreneurship, employment, investment, and social impact.

Dr. Khan's leadership journey started early in the national ICT sector. In 1997, he served as Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS), and later became its President in 2002. He also contributed as a member of the Prime Minister's ICT Task Force, playing an active role in policy advocacy for Bangladesh's emerging digital economy. He is one of the founding contributors of BASIS and has represented Bangladesh in several national and international ICT, business, and policy platforms, including WITSA.

His business leadership expanded further through the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), where he became a Director in 2003 and later served as President in 2012, leading the country's premier chamber with a strong focus on entrepreneurship, investment, private sector development, and policy reform.

As an entrepreneur, Dr. Khan has not only created companies but also created opportunities. Through his ventures, he has contributed to employment generation, tax contribution, skill development, and national economic growth. His business philosophy is rooted in ethical entrepreneurship, self-reliance, innovation, and institutional sustainability.

His educational venture also began from an entrepreneurial vision. Starting with DIIT in 1997 and later establishing Daffodil International University in 2002, he transformed education into a platform for employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, and social mobility. He founded the Department of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at DIU, developed startup and incubation ecosystems, and promoted practical, industry-connected education for young people.

Beyond business and education, Dr. Khan has developed strong social contribution platforms through the Daffodil Foundation, Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences, scholarship programs, livelihood initiatives, and community development activities. His belief is that successful entrepreneurship must return value to society.

Dr. Khan's leadership has been recognized nationally and internationally. He has served as President of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), Chairman of Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) Bangladesh, Chairman of the Association of Private Universities

of Bangladesh (APUB), and Treasurer-Elect of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP). He has also received CIP recognition from the Government of Bangladesh, along with honorary Doctorates, D.Litt. degrees, Professorships, and other international recognitions.

He is also an author and thought leader, with books and writings focused on entrepreneurship, leadership, education, and youth empowerment. His work reflects a lifelong commitment to building institutions, empowering people, and creating a culture where education and entrepreneurship become engines of national transformation.

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan's profile is therefore not limited to business success. He represents a practical model of entrepreneurial leadership—one that combines business confidence, policy contribution, institutional development, social responsibility, and a clear vision for building a skilled, innovative, and self-reliant Bangladesh.

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