## Media and Journalism Program Inauguration & Round Table Discussion at NSU



North South University (NSU) has launched a new program, 'Media and Journalism' under the Department of Political Science & Sociology. A roundtable discussion session titled 'কেমন মিডিয়া গ্র্যাজুয়েট চাই' was held at the NSU on Saturday (August 6) on the occasion of the inauguration.

The newly launched Media and Journalism program aims to make students critical thinkers and skilled professionals. The department's students have facilities ranging from highly modern labs to large facilities like NSU TV Radio.

Hasibur Rahman, Executive Director, Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI), Syed Ishtiaq Reza, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Global Television, Ashraf Kaiser, CEO of Benchmark PR, Anisul Hoque, Prominent writer and Associate Editor of The Daily Prothom Alo, Syed GousulAlamShaon, Managing Partner and Country Head, Grey Advertising Bangladesh Ltd., Tushar Abdullah, CEO, Ekhon TV, Gitiara Nasreen, Professor, Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka, Abdun Noor Tushar, CEO, Gati Media Ltd, Khairul Basher, Head of Communications, Grameenphone Ltd, Syed Ashfaqul Haque, Executive Editor, The Daily Star and other dignitaries were present in the event.

In his speech, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, compared journalism with the mirror of a country and said that all kinds of opportunities will be provided to make the students of the journalism program skilled. NSU is determined to develop skilled media workers.

Professor Gitiara Nasreen said, "Students should understand the language of media. In addition, they should participate in research. At present, media research in Bangladesh is not progressing properly. A large budget is required for research."

Anisul Hoque, a prominent writer and Associate Editor of Prothom Alo, said freedom of expression in the media is fundamental. But like other countries around the world, we have some limitations. But we need to work to improve the situation.

Abdun Noor Tushar said that journalism students should be able to adapt to the variability of media and should have strong knowledge of both Bengali and English.

Head of Communications, Grameenphone Khairul Basher, emphasized the importance of acquiring skills in traditional media.

Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Chair of the Political Science and Sociology Department, has given the welcome speech. Dr. Harisur Rahman presented details about the program curriculum.

Dr. Md. Towfique E Elahi has given the vote of thanks.

Dr S.M Rezwan Ul Alam moderated the roundtable discussion. The Program was hosted by Asif Bin Ali, faculty member, Media and Journalism Program.