YUNet AIgnite Buildathon 2026 Concludes with Grand Finale at Presidency University

YUNet successfully hosted the Grand Finale and Award Ceremony of Ostad Presents YUNet AIgnite Buildathon 2026 on 21 November 2026 at the Presidency University Auditorium premises in Dhaka. The buildathon brought together young innovators from across Bangladesh to develop AI-powered web applications addressing real-world problems. Following the online Primary Round, the Top 20 finalists presented their projects before distinguished judges from banking, international development, technology, entrepreneurship, and academia, including Mohammed Towfiqul Alam Chowdhury, Senior Executive Vice President, NRB Bank PLC; Tansif Anzar, Machine Learning Consultant at the United Nations; Md Arif Haider, Senior Software Engineer at Liberate Labs LLC; Shariful Islam Mubin, Co-Founder & CTO of Ostad; A.S.M. Asad uz zaman, Product Manager at MIAKI; and Mostofa Kamal Sagor, Assistant Proctor and Lecturer, Department of CSE, Presidency University.

The finale also featured special sessions and interactive quizzes for participants, creating opportunities to explore emerging technologies, engage with industry professionals, and learn beyond the competition. A highlight of the event was the panel discussion titled “The AI-Ready Workforce: Skills, Shifts & Career Opportunities,” featuring Mohammed Towfiq ul Alam Chowdhury from NRB Bank, Jannatul Fardous Popy from Microsoft, and Tansif Anzar from United Nations, with Md Altamis Nabil Co-Founder & CEO from YUNet, as moderator. The discussion explored how AI is transforming industries, reshaping professional expectations, and creating new opportunities for the next generation of professionals.

Following the final evaluation, the winners were announced:

Champion: Soumitra Saha (ShebaShathi), Jahangirnagar University; 1st Runner-Up: Nabil Hasan Jami (Jachai), University of Dhaka; and 2nd Runner-Up: A K M Ishmam Tahmid (LaMp), Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Gazipur. The winners received cash prizes and commemorative crests, while all Top 20 finalists were awarded Certificates of Excellence.

The event was organized by Youth Upskill Network (YUNet), with Ostad as the Title Partner, Presidency University as Venue Partner, PUESIC as Organizing Partner, ML Bangladesh as the Strategic Partner, and Youth Connect Foundation as a Community Partner, alongside several other supporting partners. Through this initiative, YUNet continues its mission to bridge the gap between education and employment by empowering young people with future-ready skills and opportunities to work with emerging technologies.