



**Daffodil Institute of
Social Sciences**

Developing Life with Peace and Harmony



DISS Child Home

Transforming Lives Through Education, Dignity, and Hope

(Established: 2021)

The Challenge & Our Response:

Restoring Childhood, Rebuilding Futures

A Glimpse into Reality

Behind Bangladesh's remarkable progress and natural beauty lies a silent humanitarian crisis. Every day, thousands of children are born into or pushed into conditions of extreme poverty, displacement, and neglect. Driven by climate shocks, economic vulnerability, and rapid urbanization, families migrate to cities in search

of survival, only to find themselves in crowded informal settlements or on the streets, where survival overshadows childhood.

At the center of this struggle are children, the most vulnerable and voiceless victims of inequality. Many of them:

- Live without parental care, shelter, or basic nutrition
- Spend their days begging, scavenging, or performing hazardous labor to survive
- Face exposure to exploitation, violence, trafficking, and substance abuse
- Endure lack of access to education, healthcare, and protection
- Witness their dreams fade before they can even begin



According to a **UNICEF** Bangladesh (2024) study, an estimated 3.4 million children are living in street situations across the country — without access to family, safety, or schooling. Without immediate and sustained intervention, these children remain excluded from the nation's development and denied their fundamental human rights: to protection, education, and dignity, as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).



Our Response: The DISS Promise



The Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) emerged as a transformative response to this pressing national challenge, a model institution offering a safe home, holistic education, healthcare, and skill development to children deprived of family and opportunity.

The Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) was born out of a simple yet profound belief — that every child, regardless of background, deserves dignity, education, and a future filled with hope.

Established as a pioneering social development initiative of the Daffodil Foundation, DISS reflects the visionary leadership of Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, Founder and Chairman of the Daffodil Group. Guided by his lifelong

mission to connect education with empowerment, DISS serves as a model institution dedicated to transforming the lives of orphaned, abandoned, and underprivileged children through holistic education, healthcare, emotional care, and skill development.

The institute was officially inaugurated on November 14, 2022, by Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), India — two globally acclaimed institutions that have inspired educational and social transformation for marginalized communities. This collaboration marked the beginning of a shared mission: to replicate globally recognized models of inclusive education and social rehabilitation in Bangladesh.



Today, DISS stands as a beacon of transformative change, offering children a safe and nurturing home while empowering them to become educated, confident, and responsible citizens. It aligns closely with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), contributing directly to:

- **SDG 1: No Poverty**
- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being**
- **SDG 4: Quality Education**
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities**
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**

At its heart, DISS embodies a timeless truth:

investing in children is investing in the nation's future. By transforming despair into possibility, and possibility into achievement, DISS is building a Bangladesh where every child can dream, learn, and lead with dignity.



Our Mission

To provide lifelong empowerment for children from vulnerable backgrounds through education, health, skills, and social inclusion enabling them to become confident, responsible, and self-reliant citizens.

Our Vision

To establish a global model of inclusive social development that transforms marginalized children into leaders of tomorrow through holistic education, care, and community participation.

Message from Our Founder

A Vision Rooted in Humanity, Guided by Purpose



Throughout history, true progress has never been measured by wealth or technology alone — but by how a society uplifts its most vulnerable. The future of humanity depends on our ability to ensure that no child is left behind in the journey of development.

The **Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS)** was born from this conviction — that every child, regardless of background, deserves the opportunity to learn, to dream, and to live with dignity. In a world of rapid technological transformation, we must balance innovation with inclusion, ensuring that compassion remains at the heart of progress.

At DISS, we are building more than a home for children; we are building a **model of sustainable human development** where education, healthcare, and emotional well-being come together to create self-reliant, confident, and compassionate citizens.

Our mission aligns with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, particularly the call for Quality Education, Reduced Inequalities, and Peace and Justice. Every child we nurture represents a step toward a more equitable Bangladesh — a nation where talent, not circumstance, defines destiny.

Together, with our partners, supporters, and the global community, we are shaping a generation that will transform adversity into innovation and hope into action. Because when we invest in children, we invest in the soul of our nation — and in the shared future of humanity."

Dr. Md. Sabur Khan

Founder & Chairman

Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS)

Chairman, Daffodil Group

Message from Prof. Achyuta Samanta
Founder of KISS & KIIT, Odisha, India



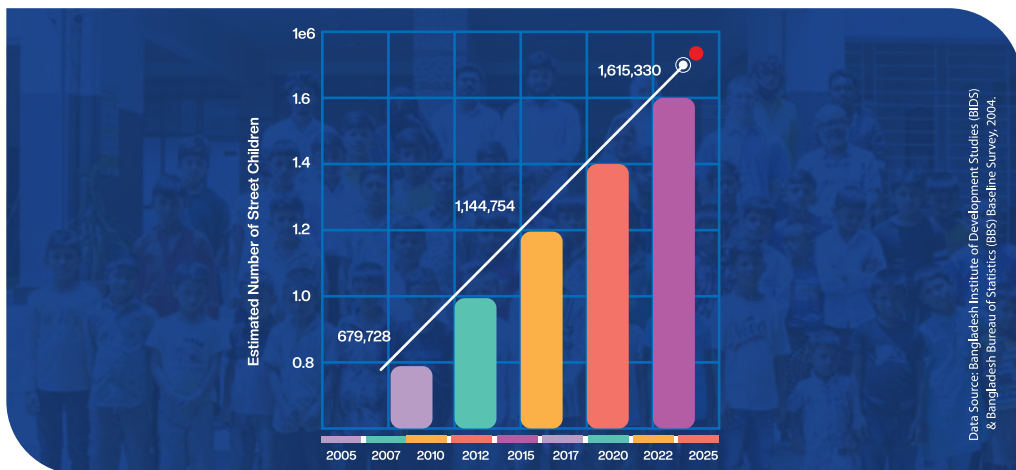
Continuation of beauty is more important than creation of beauty. When two good people come together in mutual respect and affection, the results can be extraordinary. My dear friend, Dr. Md. Sabur Khan, founder of the Daffodil Family, and I share such a bond—like brothers. It is through this deep connection and shared vision that the Daffodil Institute of Social Sciences (DISS) was born.

The initiative is also inspired by the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), the only fully free, fully residential tribal university in Odisha, India. DISS carries forward the same ethos of holistic care, education, and empowerment, offering hope and opportunities to disadvantaged children in Bangladesh.



Chronological Growth of Street Children in Bangladesh (2004–2025)

Over the past two decades, Bangladesh has witnessed a steady rise in the number of children living and working on the streets driven by poverty, rural-urban migration, climate-induced displacement, and family breakdowns.



Our Approach:

The DISS Model of Transformative Care

DISS follows a child-centered, rights-based, and sustainable model that ensures 360° development. The framework integrates four pillars:

1. Education for Empowerment

- Free, high-quality education from Kindergarten to Postgraduate level.
- Lab-based, ICT-integrated learning aligned with SDG 4 (Quality Education).
- Exposure to international academic practices through DEN & DIU partnerships.
- Focus on entrepreneurship mindset and digital literacy.

2. Health and Well-being

- Comprehensive medical care and nutritional support for all resident children.
- Regular health checkups, mental health counseling, and recreational activities.
- Partnership with local clinics and Daffodil Health Institute for preventive care.
- Hygiene, emotional safety, and life skills education integrated into daily routines.

3. Skills and Livelihood Development

- Training in vocational and digital skills through Daffodil Technical Institutes.
- Tailored programs for employability and entrepreneurship development.
- Micro-credential programs in collaboration with global partners like AWS & BTEB.
- Transition-to-work initiatives for post-secondary students.

4. Community Engagement and Sustainability

- Involving local stakeholders in the development process.
- Promoting gender equality, environmental consciousness, and leadership.
- Building partnerships with NGOs, INGOs, and donor agencies.
- Implementing green initiatives for a circular, sustainable living environment.



Impact Snapshot

- Full residential care for children with no access to family or education.
 - 100% access to nutrition, health care, and formal education.
 - Career pathways established through skill and entrepreneurship programs.
 - Community participation programs benefiting local families.
- Partnership readiness with national and international organizations for scaling impact.

Flagship Initiatives

- **Holistic Education Program:** Integrating formal academics with emotional intelligence and value-based learning.
- **Skill Bridge Project:** Hands-on vocational and digital skills training for employability.
- **Youth Leadership Forum:** Cultivating leadership, civic responsibility, and innovation among older students.
- **Eco-Living Initiative:** Green campus promoting sustainable consumption and waste management.
- **Parenthood Through Mentorship:** Connecting professionals and volunteers as "life mentors."



Looking Ahead: Our Future Vision

Shaping a Smarter, Kinder, and More Inclusive Future

As the world accelerates toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), DISS envisions a future where every child has access to care, education, and opportunity.

By 2050, DISS aims to scale its impact through innovation, inclusion, and sustainability

- Empowering 4,000 Children: Delivering comprehensive residential, educational, and emotional care, nurturing confident, compassionate, and capable citizens.
- Expanding Nationwide: Establishing satellite centers across Bangladesh, focusing on climate-vulnerable and low-income regions to ensure equitable child development.
Girls' Enrollment Initiative: Launching programs to bring girls into our care, promoting gender equity and empowering young women.
- Technology & Well-being Integration: Implementing AI-driven learning, digital literacy, and mental health support to bridge the digital divide.
- Sustainable Model Village: Creating a self-reliant, green community powered by renewable energy, local entrepreneurship, and circular economy principles.
- Global Partnerships: Strengthening alliances with UN agencies, NGOs, research institutions, and social investors to replicate the DISS model globally.





Our Facilities & Achievements

State-of-the-Art Facilities for Holistic Development

At DISS, we are committed to providing an environment that nurtures growth, learning, and well-being. Our comprehensive facilities include:

- **Safe & Modern Accommodation:** Comfortable, secure, and thoughtfully designed living spaces that foster independence and community.
- **Nutritious Dining Services:** Balanced, wholesome meals prepared under strict hygiene standards, catering to diverse dietary needs.
- **Expansive Playgrounds & Sports Facilities:** Well-maintained indoor and outdoor spaces encouraging physical activity, teamwork, and athletic development.
- **Advanced Library & Smart Computer Lab:** Access to extensive digital and print resources, fostering research, creativity, and technology-driven learning.
- **On-Site Medical & Psychosocial Support:** Professional healthcare services and counseling to ensure physical and emotional well-being.
- **Dedicated Ethics & Values Education:** Full-time teacher-led programs to instill integrity, empathy, and ethical decision-making.
- **Prayer Halls & Social Spaces:** Inclusive areas for reflection, spiritual growth, and social engagement.
- **Reliable Transport Services:** Safe and efficient transportation for students, ensuring accessibility to and from the campus.

24/7 Security & Dedicated Caregivers: Around-the-clock monitoring and compassionate support to maintain a secure and nurturing environment.



Impacts

Our facilities are designed not only to meet international standards but to empower students to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and ethically—preparing them to become confident, responsible, and globally-minded citizens.

Key Achievements

Empowered 100 Children: Provided holistic residential, educational, and psychosocial support. In 2030 it would be 500 children.

Ethics & Values Education: Introduced full-time ethics learning to nurture responsible, socially conscious individuals.

Strategic Partnerships: Collaborated with Unicef, Social Service department, MoWCA, Shishu Academy, AMCC, SOS Children's Village, KISS, and others Child Rights National & International Organizations to enhance learning and wellbeing.

Modern Learning Facilities: Established smart labs, library resources, and quality classrooms.

Health & Wellbeing Support: Delivered on-site healthcare, nutrition, and counseling services.

Community & Life Skills: Engaged children in leadership, social awareness, and community programs.



How to Get Involved:

Become a Changemaker

DISS is more than a shelter-it is a space of peace, learning, and opportunity, where children are empowered to shape their own futures.

Ways to Support

Sponsor a Child: Cover essential needs including education, healthcare, and nutrition.

General Donations: Every contribution, big or small, helps transform lives.

Ways to Engage

Volunteer: Share your expertise through teaching, mentoring, or skill-building activities.

Internships: Provide students with hands-on learning experiences and social exposure.

CSR Partnerships: Collaborate with us to advance the Sustainable Development Goals and create measurable social impact.



Call to Action

Your support transforms the lives of vulnerable children into the leaders of tomorrow. Join us in building a just, inclusive, and empowered society.



Small Location Map



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