

Dhaka University Rover Scout Group (1966)

The Scout Movement is a voluntary non-political educational movement open to all young people without distinction of gender, origin, race or creed. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. It is the largest youth movement in the world with over 40 million members from 223 countries.

Dhaka University Rover Scout Group is one of the oldest and most prestigious rover scout groups in Bangladesh. It has been playing an important role in the development and expansion of the scout movement in the country. It also has been playing a key role in various disciplinary & voluntary activities of the university. Although this group was established in the beginning of the 1960s, its full activities started after the 1st investiture ceremony, held in 1965-66 session. In 1967, the participation of four Rover Scouts in the 4th Pakistan National Jamboree, held at University of Karachi, received wide attention and praises by all. For the last 50 years, Dhaka University Rover Scout Group has been participating in various community services and community development activities within university campus and elsewhere. The group undertook a community development project at Daschira village in Manikganj in 1970s which was visited by many officials from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) from its Headquarters in Geneva along with the top leaders of Bangladesh Scouts. Currently, there are five units, including a Girl-in-Rover unit, in the group. At present, there are more than two hundred trained Rover Scouts in these five units. Till now, 21 Rover Scouts from this group received the prestigious President's Rover Scout (PRS) Award. In 2016, Golden Jubilee (50 years) of the group has been celebrated.

Organizational Structure:

Chief Patron: Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

President: Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration), University of Dhaka

Vice-President: Professor Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin, Treasurer, University of Dhaka

Scout Advisor: Professor Dr. K M Mohsin; Professor Md. Ramjul Haq

Secretary and Chief Rover Scout Leader: Professor Dr. A Q M Mahbub, Department of Geography and Environment

Treasurer and Rover Scout Leader: Professor Dr. Azizun Nahar Islam, Department of Philosophy

Rover Scout Leader: Md. Mumit Al Rashid, Assistant Professor, Department of Persian Language and Literature; Mr. Mahmudur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic History and Culture; Dr. Fatima Akter, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environment

Senior Rover Mate: Abdur Rahman, Department of Philosophy; Md. Zahanur Islam, Department of Philosophy; Md. Zahidul Islam, Department of Persian Language and Literature; Kazi Zubair Hossain, ISRT; Mst. Trishna Khatun, Department of Political Science; Md. Mahbubur Rahman, ISWR; Rubel Ahmed, Department of Islamic History and Culture

Rover Den (Office)

The Rover Den is situated on the 1st floor (west side) of TSC. It functions two days in a week. Weekly crew-meetings and mate-meetings are held on every Thursday (4.00pm-6.00pm) and every Monday (4.00pm-6.00pm), respectively. Weekly crew-meetings are held at old swimming pool area of TSC. There are Rover Scout Leader Council and Mate Council to implement the rover program properly.

Scholarship

In this academic session, 50 Rover Scouts were given scholarship of amount BDT 200 per month (each) for one year on the basis of their satisfactory activities, good attitude and sound academic performance. In addition, full free studentship was also granted to another 50 Rover Scouts.

Activities

In the said academic year, Dhaka University Rover Scout Group has, besides organizing numerous programs throughout the year, participated in different activities and rendered voluntary service. Among them the mentionable are-

- (1) July 1, 2016: 10 Rover Scouts participated in "Dhaka University Day".
- (2) July 1-6, 2016: On the occasion of "Eid-ul-Fitr", 4 Rover Scouts served as Road Volunteers on different highways.
- (3) July 16, 2016: 20 Rover Scouts Volunteered in National Vitamin A + Campaign.
- (4) August 1, 2016: 15 Rover Scouts participated in the "Anti-Terrorism Human Chain" organized by Dhaka University.

- (5) August 4-6, 2016: “Annual Camp and Investiture Program-2016” was held at TSC. In this program, 54 Rover Squire took oath as new member.
- (6) August 10-14, 2016: Rover Mate Md. Zahanur Islam and Abdur Rahman successfully participated in the “373th Scout Unit Leader Basic Course” held at Dhaka Regional Scout Training Center, Muktagacha, Mymensingh.
- (7) August 15, 2016: Rover Scouts participated in the “Mourning Program” organized by Bangladesh Scouts on the occasion of National Mourning Day.
- (8) August 15, 2016: Former Senior Rover Mate Md. Akbar Ali occupied 1st place in the debate organized by Bangladesh Scouts on the occasion of the National Mourning Day.
- (9) August 9-19, 2016: Mr. Mahmudur Rahman, Rover Scout Leader of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group, successfully participated in the “75th Rover Scout Leader Advanced Course” and “9th Rover Scout Leader Skill Course” held at Rover Scout Training Center, Bahadurpur, Gazipur.
- (10) August 22, 2016: Senior Rover Mate Md. Mostafizur Rahman and Rover Mate Kazi Zubair Hossain started serving as members of the newly created Program Task Force of Bangladesh Scouts.
- (11) August 31, 2016: 15 Rover Scouts volunteered in the National Anti-Terrorism Convention at National Museum.
- (12) August 31-September 5, 2016: Three Rover Scouts volunteered in the Hajj camp.
- (13) September 9-10, 2016: On the occasion of “Eid-ul-Adha”, 3 Rover Scouts served as Road Volunteer on different highways.
- (14) September 22, 2016: Annual Quiz Contest of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group was held at TSC.
- (15) September 23, 2016: 15 Rover Scouts volunteered in the University of Dhaka’s “B Unit” admission test.
- (16) September 30, 2016: 35 Rover Scouts volunteered in the “C Unit” admission test of University of Dhaka.
- (17) October 6, 2016: New Mate Council for the session 2016-17 was formed.
- (18) October 15, 2016: 7 Rover Scout participated in the 59th JOTA-20th JOTI Program organized by the National Headquarters of Bangladesh Scouts under WOSM.
- (19) October 15-17, 2016: Recreational Tour of Mate Council 2015-16 was held in Chittagong.
- (20) October 18, 2016: In the 45th General Meeting of the National Council of Bangladesh Scouts, two Rover Mate participated.
- (21) October 21, 2016: 15 Rover scouts volunteered in “A Unit” admission test of Dhaka University.
- (22) October 24, 2016: 60 Rover Scouts participated in the Orientation Program for the service of the “Income Tax Fair”.
- (23) October 25, 2016: First Mate Meeting of Mate Council 2016-17 was held.
- (24) October 27-31, 2016: Rover Scout Leader Dr. Fatima Akter participated in the Rover Scout Leader Basic Course at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka.
- (25) October 28, 2016: 35 Rover Scouts volunteered in “D Unit” admission test of University of Dhaka.
- (26) October 29, 2016: Rover Scout Leader Mr. Mahmudur Rahman took part in the Agradoot program on BTV.
- (27) November 1-7, 2016: More than 100 Rover Scouts rendered service in Income tax fair-2016.
- (28) November 3-7, 2016: One Rover Mate participated in the 380th Scout Unit Leader Basic Course at RSTC, Bahadurpur, Gazipur.
- (29) November 17-21, 2016: Under the management of Bangladesh Scouts Dhaka District Rover, 9 Rover Scouts participated in a “Mate Course” held at Padma Degree College, Nawabganj.
- (30) November 24, 2016: In the inauguration program of National Income Tax Week, 10 Rover Scouts volunteered.
- (31) November 30, 2016: 15 Rover Scouts took part in a rally organized on the occasion of National Income Tax Week.
- (32) December 9, 2016: Golden Jubilee of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group was celebrated through a day-long program at TSC. More than 300 Alumni participated in the program.
- (33) December 10, 2016: 23 Rover Scouts volunteered in Vitamin A + Campaign.
- (34) December 16, 2016: 20 Rover Scouts volunteered in National Anthem program at the central playground of DU.
- (35) December 17-21, 2016: Rover Mate Md. Al Mumin and Md. Hajrat Belal participated in the Air Scout Unit Leader Basic Course held at Railway Regional Scout Training Center at Kamalapur, Dhaka.
- (36) December 20-24, 2016: Two Rover Scouts successfully participated in the “Power Camp” held at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka.
- (37) December 25-29, 2016: Three Senior Rover Mate of the group- Kazi Zubair Hossain, Md. Zahidul Islam and Md. Zahanur Islam, walked 150 km from Narsingdi Sadar to Moulvibazar Sadar to achieve “Rambling Badge”.
- (38) January 7, 2017: 20 Rover Scouts volunteered in the Alumni Program of Marketing Department at TSC.

- (39) January 12-13, 2017: 10 Rover Scouts volunteered in the International Conference on Inclusive Education in Dhaka.
- (40) January 12, 2017: Honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique distributed winter cloths among the poor people organized by Dhaka University Rover Scout Group.
- (41) January 13, 2017: 10 Rover Scouts volunteered in the Alumni Program of Islamic History and Culture Department at TSC.
- (42) January 14, 2017: Honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique inaugurated the Annual Tree Plantation Program of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group.
- (43) January 25-31, 2017: Two boys' unit (16) and 1 girls' unit (8) from Dhaka University Rover Scout Group participated successfully in the 11th National Rover Moot in Gopalganj.
- (44) February 02, 2017: 8 Rover Scouts volunteered in the Alumni Program of Philosophy Department at TSC.
- (45) February 05, 2017: Rover Scouts participated in the 1st year orientation program at TSC.
- (46) February 16-24, 2017: In the Roll Ball World Cup, 3 Rover Scouts volunteered.
- (47) February 20-21, 2017: Three hundred Rover Scouts volunteered at Central Shaheed Minar on the occasion of International Mother Language Day and Martyrs' Day.
- (48) February 24, 2017: On the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, eight Rover Scouts volunteered in the portrayal competition for the children in language martyr Abul Barkat memorial museum and museum.
- (49) March 10, 2017: 20 Rover Scouts volunteered in the Golden Jubilee Program of Masterda Surja Sen Hall.
- (50) March 11, 2017: 25 Rover Scouts provided service in DUFA 1995-96 program.
- (51) March 30, 2017: Independence Day Quiz Contest of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group was held.
- (52) April 12, 2017: More than 100 Rover Scouts participated in the Savlon Clean Campus Program.
- (53) April 14, 2017: Hundreds of Rover Scouts volunteered in the rally on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh.
- (54) April 27, 2017: Rover Squire Evaluation exam was held at Arts building.
- (55) May 01, 2017: Two Senior Rover Mate participated in the Image Branding Workshop organized by Bangladesh Scouts.
- (56) May 02-06, 2017: Two Rover Mate participated in the 401st Scout Unit Leader Basic Course at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt. Boys' High School, Dhaka.
- (57) May 11-13, 2017: Annual Camp and Investiture Program 2017, was successfully held at TSC. Through this event, 85 Rover Squire took oath as new member.
- (58) May 27, 2017: The inauguration ceremony of Efficiency Course organized by the Dhaka District Rover was held at TSC in Dhaka University.
- (59) May 27-31, 2017: 50 Rover Scouts from Dhaka University Rover Scout Group participated in the Efficiency Course organized by Dhaka District Rover.
- (60) June 8, 2017: Annual Iftar Mahfil of Dhaka University Rover Scout Group held at TSC.

* In the said academic year, total 36 Crew-meetings, 34 Mate-meetings and 9 RSL-meetings were held.