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Preface

NNSU has a renewed emphasis on research. We are exploring all avenues, and making a concerted effort to accelerate the pace of research. Since becoming the Vice Chancellor of North South University (NSU) in 2016, I have put an increased emphasis on research-related activities. This includes our global outreach to universities and research institutes for possible academic match-making by research interest. One of the ways we have demonstrated our commitment to research is by allocating more research funds to our faculty members. We give priority to those research grant applications that include experienced and senior international researchers to collaborate with our staff to collect, analyze and write up data for publication in international top ranking journals in order to identify problems, trends and solutions for local and global problems. As such, the current volume includes specific information about NSU's faculty research interests by department and faculty member. We have made it easy for potential interested researchers anywhere to find and contact our researchers for the possibility of joint collaboration. We welcome the opportunity to support important research in Bangladesh and the region and we look forward to hearing from you.

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