

A Review of 2025 and the Road to 2026

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The inauguration of the National Round, BdJSO 2025, at IUBAT, Dhaka.

The Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad (BdJSO) is the country’s national science competition for school students and the official selection platform for the **International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO)**. Since 2015, it has grown from a four-region contest into a nationwide movement reaching every district of Bangladesh. This document reviews the eleventh edition, held in 2025, and outlines what is planned for the twelfth edition in 2026.

BdJSO 2025 at a Glance

The Al-Arafah Islami Bank 11th Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad 2025 was the largest and most widely distributed edition in the programme’s history.

Indicator	Result in 2025
Students registered	More than 17,000 — the highest in BdJSO history
Districts reached	62 through direct activity; all 64 through outreach
Schools engaged	450+ through outreach programmes, activations and workshops
School Olympiads	10 events; approximately 5,500 students from 26 schools
Regional Rounds	6 divisional rounds, plus a dedicated e-Olympiad for 24 remote districts
National Round	Approximately 600 finalists at IUBAT, Dhaka
National Camp	50 students selected for intensive residential training
Volunteers and clubs	117 volunteers nationwide; 13 collaborating science clubs
IJSO 2025 result	All six team members won Bronze Medals

How the Year Unfolded

Registration and Outreach

Registration ran nationwide through a combined online and offline system, allowing students without reliable internet access to take part alongside those registering digitally. Outreach programmes, activation campaigns and workshops were carried out in more than 350 schools across 60 districts, and 13 science clubs worked with the organisers to carry the Olympiad to the grassroots level. The result was record participation of over 17,000 students.

School Olympiads

Ten school Olympiads were held in districts across the country, giving around 5,500 students from 26 schools — many from remote and semi-urban areas — their first experience of an Olympiad environment.

Online Selection Round

An online preliminary examination was held on 6 August 2025, drawing thousands of participants and serving as the gateway to the regional stage.

Regional Rounds

Six regional rounds were organised across the major divisions, two of them in a full festival format with interactive question-and-answer sessions and same-day prize giving:

Region	Date	Format
Khulna	9 August 2025	Festival format with Q&A and prize giving
Rajshahi	9 August 2025	Examination only
Dhaka	23 August 2025	Examination only — Udayan School
Rangpur	23 August 2025	Examination only — Rangpur Zilla School
Netrokona	29 August 2025	Examination only — Netrokona Mohila College
Chattogram	30 August 2025	Festival format with Q&A and award ceremony



Students sitting the regional examination, Chattogram, 30 August 2025.

In addition, a special e-Olympiad was organised for students from 24 remote districts, ensuring that no district was left out of the selection process.

National Round

The National Round was held on **Friday, 5 September 2025**, at the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Dhaka, with IUBAT serving as Platinum Sponsor and National Host. Around 600 finalists drawn from the regional, school and e-Olympiad stages took part in a day-long science festival that included the Olympiad examination, a robotics and drone show, a science quiz and open Q&A, magic performances, and the award ceremony.



Guests at the inaugural session of the National Round.



Medals presented to the national winners.



National winners with their certificates, medals and trophies at IUBAT, 5 September 2025.

National Camp and Team Selection

The top 50 students from the National Round were invited to the National Camp, held from 6 to 9 September 2025. The camp combined intensive training, problem-solving sessions and continuous assessment conducted by expert mentors, and served as the final stage in selecting the national team.

The Team Behind the Olympiad

BdJSO is delivered by volunteers. In 2025, 117 volunteers worked across the country alongside 13 collaborating science clubs, handling registration, invigilation, logistics, hospitality and the day-long programme at each venue.



Part of the volunteer team at the National Round venue.

Team Bangladesh at IJSO 2025

Six students were selected to represent Bangladesh at the **22nd International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) 2025**, held from 23 November to 2 December 2025 in Sirius, Sochi, Russia.

All six members of Team Bangladesh won Bronze Medals — a full medal sweep, and one of the strongest team performances in the country’s IJSO history.



Team Bangladesh with the national flag at the IJSO 2025 closing ceremony, Sirius, Russia.

With this result, Bangladesh’s cumulative record at the IJSO since its debut in 2015 stands at 45 medals — 15 Silver and 30 Bronze. A full team of six students and three team leaders or mentors has been sent to the competition every year since 2015.

Year	Host Country	Medals Won
2015	South Korea	1 Bronze
2016	Indonesia	3 Silver, 3 Bronze
2017	Netherlands	1 Silver, 3 Bronze
2018	Botswana	2 Silver, 4 Bronze
2019	Qatar	4 Silver, 2 Bronze
2021	Abu Dhabi (Hybrid)	2 Silver, 4 Bronze
2022	Colombia	4 Bronze
2023	Thailand	3 Silver, 3 Bronze
2024	Romania	Participation affected by visa issues
2025	Russia	6 Bronze
Total	2015–2025	15 Silver, 30 Bronze — 45 medals

Partner Visibility in 2025

BdJSO 2025 gave its title sponsor and partners sustained nationwide visibility across both physical and digital channels throughout the Olympiad cycle.

At the venue

- A large dropdown banner displayed prominently at the main stage
- Multiple logo boards and selfie booths for participants and guests
- Over 30 borfi banners placed strategically across the venue
- Approximately 10 standees running from the entrance gate to the main stage
- A dedicated sponsor booth for the title sponsor

On print and collateral

- Sponsor logos on all certificates, medals, badges and T-shirts
- Branded guest folders carrying partner logos

Across digital and media

- Sponsor logos featured on the website, press releases, social media campaigns, posters and flyers
- Coverage in national dailies, on television, and in the science magazines Kishor Alo and Biggan Chinta

Through this combination, Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC, IUBAT and the other partners received continuous national exposure from the launch of registration through to the team's departure for the international round.

Organizer's and Partners, 2025

Role	Organisation
Organizer's	Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (SPSB) and Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF)
Title Sponsor	Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC
Platinum Sponsor and National Host	International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT)
Supporting Partners	Rokomari and MASLab
Magazine Partners	Kishor Alo and Biggan Chinta

Looking Ahead: BdJSO 2026

The **12th Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad 2026** builds directly on the reach achieved in 2025. The programme is again organized by SPSB and BFF, and is expected to engage between 17,000 and 20,000 students from schools, colleges and madrasahs across the country — open to Bangla Medium, English Version, English Medium and Madrasah students alike, in the Primary, Junior and Secondary categories.

The selection pipeline runs from a nationwide registration drive through regional selection to the National Round in Dhaka, followed by residential training and team selection camps. The six students who emerge from that process will represent Bangladesh at the **23rd International Junior Science Olympiad in Sofia, Bulgaria**, in December 2026.

Programme Timeline

Stage	When	What Happens
Registration	1 – 20 August 2026	Nationwide online and offline registration
Regional Selection Round	August 2026	Regional examinations to identify national qualifiers
National Round	28 August 2026	Day-long national science festival and competition in Dhaka
National Camp	1 – 3 September 2026	Residential training and mentoring for top national winners
Team Selection Camp	4 – 5 September 2026	Intensive evaluation to choose the international delegation
Team Announcement	8 September 2026	The six-member Team Bangladesh is announced
IJSO Preparation Camp	From 18 October 2026	Hands-on laboratory and advanced theoretical training
23rd IJSO	December 2026	Team Bangladesh competes in Sofia, Bulgaria

Partnership Status

A media and sponsorship network is taking shape around the 2026 edition:

Partner	Role	Status
Jamuna Television	Television Media Partner	Confirmed
The Business Standard	Print News Media Partner	Confirmed
Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC	Title Sponsor	In discussion
IUBAT	National Host and Venue Partner	In discussion
Kishor Alo and Biggan Chinta	Magazine Partners	Expected

Partner	Role	Status
Rokomari	Gift Partner	Expected

With national broadcast and print coverage already secured, partners joining BdJSO 2026 will reach students, teachers, parents, educational institutions and the wider public through television, newspapers, magazines, digital platforms and on-site branding across the full length of the Olympiad.

In Summary

- **Proven scale.** Over 17,000 registrations, 350+ schools and all 64 districts reached in 2025.
 - **Proven results.** A full sweep of six Bronze Medals at IJSO 2025, bringing the national total to 45 medals since 2015.
 - **Proven delivery.** Six regional rounds, ten school Olympiads, a dedicated e-Olympiad and a 600-student National Round, all executed within a single season.
 - **A clear 2026 plan.** A condensed August–September selection window, followed by international preparation from October and participation in Sofia in December.
 - **Media reach already in place.** Jamuna Television and The Business Standard have confirmed as media partners for 2026.
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