

Seeing with Purpose: Mokarram Hossain's Triumph over Visual Disability

Md Mokarram Hossain lost his eyesight at the age of three due to cataracts—a silent thief that robbed him of his vision within just a few months. But it never stole his dreams.

Today, Md Mokarram is a 4th-year student in the Department of Political Science at Dhaka University, one of the most prestigious institutions in Bangladesh. His journey from early childhood blindness to higher education is not just remarkable—it's a symbol of unstoppable determination.

Like many visually disabled individuals in Bangladesh, Mokarram faced significant obstacles in his daily life. Studying, moving freely, using digital devices, or participating in sports—everything demanded double the effort. Despite these barriers, he pursued his education relentlessly, balancing his academic life while also exploring new opportunities in the digital world.

His passion for technology led him to discover **blockchain** through a YouTube channel named *Azob Channel*. With the help of screen readers and magnified text, he taught himself blockchain technology—proving that accessibility tools can break down even the toughest digital walls.

He learned about the **Nohor Initiative Fellowship Program** through Kaol, a fellow visually disabled person. Mokarram describes Nohor as a "100% disability-friendly institute" that fully supports disabled learners. He believes this fellowship can be a turning point for others like him.

And now, the circle has come full—Mokarram is currently working as an intern at Nohor Initiative itself. From being a beneficiary to becoming a contributor, he is now helping others like him access the same support and encouragement that changed his life. It's not just an internship—it's his way of giving back.

Despite receiving only BDT 2,500 every three months as a government disability allowance, Mokarram isn't asking for sympathy—he's demanding **opportunity**. His dream is

clear: government jobs, NGO support, and skill-based training for all persons with disabilities.

His Message to Others with Disabilities:

"Nohor is a disability-friendly institute. If a disabled person joins their fellowship, they will get 100% support. Don't give up—your future is still bright."

Md Mokarram Hossain is not only proving that **disability is not inability**, but he's also showing the power of resilience, learning, and leadership. A blind student studying political science, mastering blockchain, **and now interning at a disability-focused institute**—his story is a beam of hope for countless others still waiting to be seen and heard.