

## BICM Research Seminar 55

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Paper details	
Title	<b>Building an Innovation-Driven Economy: The Strategic Role of Capital Markets in Supporting Entrepreneurship</b>
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Presentation details	
Presenter researcher	<b>Dr. Syed Abidur Rahman</b>
Date	17 May 2026 (Sunday)
Time	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Venue	BICM Multipurpose Hall
Expected Participants	Faculty Members of BICM & Invited Guests
Discussants	<b>Md. Nazeem Hassan Satter</b> Deputy Managing Director SME Foundation
	<b>Istequemal Hussain</b> Director Bangladesh Bank

### About the Presenter

Dr. Syed Abidur Rahman is an Associate Professor at the University of Sharjah with international teaching and research experience across the UAE, UK, Oman, Malaysia, and Bangladesh. His research focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation, digital transformation, MSMEs, and social entrepreneurship. He has published extensively in leading SCOPUS Q1/Q2 and ABS/ABDC-ranked journals and actively supervises doctoral research in innovation and entrepreneurship.

The paper abstract is given below. If you have any questions regarding the seminar or you wish to present a paper or invite a guest researcher, please do not hesitate to contact S. M. Kalbin Salema, Assistant Professor, BICM at [kalbin@bicm.ac.bd](mailto:kalbin@bicm.ac.bd).

**Building an Innovation-Driven Economy:  
The Strategic Role of Capital Markets in Supporting Entrepreneurship**  
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**Abstract**

This study explores the evolving role of capital markets in building an innovation-driven economy, with particular emphasis on entrepreneurship, SMEs, and digital transformation in emerging economies such as Bangladesh. Traditionally, capital markets have focused primarily on financing large and established firms; however, the global economy is increasingly being shaped by startups, innovation ecosystems, fintech, and knowledge-driven enterprises. The study discusses how modern financial systems can support entrepreneurial growth through venture capital, fintech innovation, crowdfunding, digital investment platforms, and SME-focused financing mechanisms. Drawing on global examples from Singapore, the UAE, India, and Bangladesh, the session highlights the strategic importance of aligning capital market development with innovation policy and entrepreneurial ecosystems. The study further examines the opportunities and challenges facing Bangladesh in fostering innovation-led growth and argues that future economic competitiveness will depend significantly on the ability of financial markets to support entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable economic transformation.

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