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Faez is a youth activist, social entrepreneur, and advocate for inclusive development from Bangladesh. He is the founder of Bangladesh Youth Society (BYS), established in 2014, which has grown into a nationwide youth-led organization working on gender equality, quality education, climate action, good governance, and strong institutions. Under his leadership, BYS has reached more than one million people across 64 districts and operates seven social enterprises supporting community development. Faez has over 14 years of experience promoting transparency, accountability, anti-corruption, integrity, and youth participation. He serves as a youth campaigner for Plan International Asia Pacific and has collaborated with UNDP Bangladesh and UNODC's GloAct project. He received the Diana Award in 2022, became a judge in 2024, and was selected as a lead judge in 2026. Born in coastal Bangladesh, he has worked on climate resilience, youth empowerment, and the rights of vulnerable communities.

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