



# CHITTAGONG INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY

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### CIU Holds its Historic 1st Convocation

The 1st Convocation of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on April 01, 2018. The venue was the Convention Centre of Hall 24, Chittagong. Delegated by the Honorable Chancellor, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, People's Republic of Bangladesh, conferred the degrees upon a total of 180 students for successful completion of undergraduate & postgraduate programs under CIU Business School, School of Science & Engineering and School of Law. Ms. Maliha Elma Yasin, a student of Electrical and Electronic Engineering was awarded the honor of 'Valedictorian'.



While congratulating the students the Minister said that convocation is a memorable day for students as they are declared 'graduates' formally through a colorful program. He hoped that the graduates would play valuable roles in building 'Sonar Bangla', dreamt of by the Father of the Nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He also emphasized the importance of moral education of the students at tertiary level.

The Convocation Speaker was Dr. A Majeed Khan, former Education Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh, President Emeritus of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), while Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, attended the Convocation as the Special Guest. Among others, the Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees CIU, Mr. Towhid Samad, and the Chairman of Education, Science,

Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker also spoke on the occasion. Vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, CIU.



The convocation Speaker Dr. A Majeed Khan, while congratulating the graduates, said that CIU graduates must act in conjunction with the goal and spirit of the nation.



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh said that the knowledge acquired at universities should be utilized for the greater interest of the society rather than for personal gains. Warning the students against the menacing claws of drug addiction and other social delinquencies, he urged them to look for role models in our own history and culture and stressed the importance of developing human qualities alongside technological knowledge.



The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury elaborated the missions and visions of the university in his inspirational speech and congratulated the first batch of CIU graduates. He wished that the graduates should play significant roles in building a prosperous, peaceful and developed Bangladesh.





The Chairman of BoT Mr. Towhid Samad depicted the background history and objectives of founding this university in Chittagong analogizing CIU's existence to the ever flowing waters of the mighty river Karnafuli.



The Chairman of ESTCDT, Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, in his speech, highlighted the significance of imparting quality education at tertiary level to shape the future of the nation.



Students sang the CIU *Alma Mater* at the beginning and conclusion of the Convocation. After the formal ending of the historic event, there was a grand musical performance, performed by the members of CIU Cultural Club. It was attended and admired by the graduates and their parents, trustees, faculty members, and the management team of CIU.



### CIU Summer 2018 Open Day

Chittagong Independent University held Open Day for Summer, 2018 on 15 April 2018. The program took place on CIU campus and Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest of the program. In his speech, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of proper education for building human resources. He also said that without proper education the population, which could be a resource for a country, become a burden for a country. In addition, he also stated that the objective of CIU is to provide quality and better education.

The Dean of the School of Science and Engineering Prof. Dr. Rezaul Huque Khan expressed his thoughts by saying that Open Day is arranged so that people can come to know more about CIU and its facilities. He also urged the guests to

visit the world-class laboratories of the Engineering School. Associate Prof. Dr. Syed Manzur Quader from CIU Business School said that the Open Day is arranged for the parents as well as for the admission seekers to give them a firsthand experience of CIU and help them make up their minds about choosing CIU for their wards.

The Advisor of the School of Law, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain stated that CIU is one of the best private universities in Bangladesh and it would be a right decision for the students to get admitted at CIU.

The Advisor of the School of Business Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Proctor Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury and Professor Qauzi Mostain Billah from the Department of English also made valuable speeches illustrating the uniqueness of CIU as a university.

The program was conducted by the Acting Registrar Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima. After the speeches, the Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the Open Day releasing balloons into the air.

There was a chance for spot admission for the admission seekers on that day. An information booth was opened for the guests and the admission seekers. There was a festive mood in the campus for the whole day. Students from different departments arranged a '*Boishakhi Mela*' serving traditional foods which gave the event an extra edge.





### CIU-HRM Society's Seminar on Historic 7 March

A Seminar was organized by Dept. of HRM and administration on the occasion of historic 7th March Speech and its international recognition at CIU auditorium on March 7, 2018. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Head, HRM/CIUBS made the introductory speech. Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury discussed the importance of the speech and its contents in details. A good number of students, faculty and staff were present.



### CIU Cultural Club Celebrates Pohela Boishakh

Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized a day long program to mark the 'Pohela Boishakh' the Bengali new year at CIU premises. The program was inaugurated by CIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Students and faculty members of CIU brought out a 'Mongol Shobhajatra' from the campus as the part of the celebration. The procession was led by the president of CIU Cultural Club Dr. Robaka Shamsher; it ended on the campus after parading Jamal Khan Road intersection. The main attractions of the celebration were food stalls and the cultural programs. Students received prizes for the best stall and the best looking male and female students in traditional dress were also given prizes. Mr. MD. Saifur Rahman, Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Mrs. Charmain Rodrigues, Mr. Badsha Mia, Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Dr. Emon Kalyan, Mr. Kamruddin Pervez, Manager Admin Mr. Cumer Doyel Dey, were present at the program. The whole event was hosted by Tashrin Chowdhury and Tahjib Hasan Dhruho, students from the English Department of CIU.



### CIU HRM Society's Industry Guest Lecture

As part of industry guest lecture series of Dept. of HRM, CIU HRM society invited Major Muniruddin Hassan (Retd), Chief Operating Officer, QNS Container Services Limited, Chittagong Export Processing Zone who spoke on Introduction to Shipping Industry and HR Skill Need. A second guest Speaker was Ishtiaq Ahmed Taher, Group Head of Human Resources, Expo, Bangladesh (ExpoLanka Group) who spoke both in BBA and MBA HRM classes on Strategic Importance and Challenges of People Management in Organizations.



### CIU Business School Inaugurates Independent Marketing Club (IMC)

The Independent Marketing Club (IMC)- a student based club of CIU Business School, started its journey on April 15, 2018. The club was formed with a view to imparting practical knowledge to the students about the theories and practices of marketing. In the inauguration ceremony held on April 15, 2018, Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU was present as Chief Guest. Among others, Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Advisor, CIUBS, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Head, Dept. of Finance & Economics, Dr. M. Nayeem Abdullah, Head, Dept. of Marketing, Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Head, Dept. of Management & MIS, Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Asst. Professor of CIUBS and Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, CIUBS also attended the inaugural.





### CIU Discussion Program on Independence Day - 2018

A discussion program was held on March 25, 2018 at the CIU Auditorium to mark the 46th anniversary of the glorious Independence Day. The Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest of the program. Professor Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar, Dean, CIU Business School, Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, School of Science & Engineering (SSE), Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, School of Law and Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Chairman, Dept. of English were present among others.

Ms. Charmain Rodrigues mentioned that Independence is predominantly a matter of feeling nurtured by our heart and soul. In her welcome speech, she conveyed the best wishes of the independence day to everyone. Besides, she urged the new generation to see more short films on liberation war to learn about it.

"It is difficult to protect than achieve independence," said Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, the Faculty Advisor, SoL. He expressed gratitude towards the Nation's Father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by recalling his vital role behind liberation war of Bangladesh. He said that Bangabandhu was not only father of his family but also of the whole Nation and the title "Bangabandhu" was not achieved over night. It was the result of lots of sacrifice. Professor Zakir also discussed the significance of 6-point movement, the 1st Constitution and declaration of 10th April 1971 in his speech. In conclusion, he urged the new generation not to let go in vain the sacrifice of Martyrs of Liberation War.

Professor Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar remembered the legacy of Independence that started from the Language Movement of 1952, Student Movement of 1962, 11 points movement of 1969 and the liberation war of 1971. He further stated that the independence was not achieved in one day but it was the result of 9 month sanguinary war. We are now a name in the world because of our independence. He expressed distress regarding corruption and called upon all to build a corruption free country and thus distribute the benefits of independence to all.

Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan shared his personal experience of liberation war in his speech. He said freedom is completely a matter of feeling and everyone should feel it deeply. He also reminded everyone that freedom enjoyed

duties and obligation on the citizens and asked everyone whether they were fulfilling their duties and obligation to make independence meaningful.

The Chief Guest, the Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury expressed his deep sorrow that at present these programs are being observed only nominally. If we cannot evaluate our freedom properly, we will regress as a nation. He agreed with Professor Khan's statement and said freedom is completely a matter of feelings. So these programs should be observed with due respect and the new generation should learn and read more books regarding this issue. Students and teachers from different disciplines and CIU officials were also present in the program.



### Launching of CIU Alma Mater

Chittagong Independent University Cultural club organized a Color Fest for its students on March 25, 2018 at Roksana Manzil ground floor. Human Letters of CIU were made by the students of the university. The CIU Alma Mater- "সিআইইউ আমার সিআইইউ তোমার" written by Hon'ble Chairman of Board of Trustees, CIU Mr. Towhid Samad was launched through the event. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Associate Professor & Head Dept. of Marketing, Chittagong Independent University. Over 200 Students of CIU participated in the hour long event.



### Study Tour to Sea Tex Limited, CEPZ

Students of International Business Course of Chittagong Independent University were taken on an industrial tour to Sea Tex Limited, CEPZ on March 24, 2018. The visit involved 16 students and two faculty members, Dr. Nusrat Jahan and Ms. Asmiyat Ahmed. The visit started at around



11 am with a brief discussion by the compliance and human resource managers of the company regarding the production process of knit textile at the company's conference room. The team was then taken to production sites dealing with knitting, dyeing and finishing, cutting, printing, sewing and quality control. The sites were located in different buildings of the same factory. It was a good learning experience for the students as they had an opportunity to observe operation of an export oriented business. The visit is considered vital for the curriculum of International Business. CIU Business School is very much grateful to the management of Sea Tex Limited for providing full support and cooperation for the study tour.



### **SSE Seminar on Scope of Future Energy through Microwave Power Transmission from Space Solar Power Satellite (SSPS) System**

A Seminar on "Scope of Future Energy through Microwave Power Transmission from Space Solar Power Satellite (SSPS) System" was held in the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on March 20, 2018. The Seminar was organized by the School of Science and Engineering, CIU. The objective of the Seminar was to explore how we can use Space Solar Power Satellite System to generate future energy through the Microwave Power Transmission system.

The keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Lecturer, School of Science and Engineering (SSE), CIU while Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean SSE, CIU presided over the ceremony. At the very beginning of the Seminar, Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan warmly welcomed all the invited audience. He said that there is a huge scope of generating energy through microwave power transmission by using solar power satellite system in a house. Now-a-days extensive research work is going on the topic. The keynote Speaker Mr. Dey presented the audience details about Phased Array Antenna with simulation work, multi-junction solar cells, Rectenna etc. for generation and transmission of Microwave Power from SSPS system as well as beaming microwave power to ground based receiving station. At the end of the Seminar, Mr. Dey answered questions from the enthusiastic members of the audience. The Seminar was also graced by the presence of the students and faculty members from the School of Science and Engineering, CIU.



### **CIU-HRM Society's Industrial Tour**

On March 17, 2018 the CIU-HRM society of Chittagong Independent University arranged an industrial visit program for HRM-410 students at Pacific Jeans. The tour was conducted by Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Head of the Department of Human Resources Management, CIU. Forty-five students, including volunteer executive members and Assistant Professor Ms. Tarana Karim, formed the visiting team.

The tour started with a briefing in the auditorium of Pacific Jeans-universal jeans unit by Md. Salim Mia, GM of universal unit. He spoke about his career and all his achievements at the Pacific Jeans. In Pacific Jeans there are about 90,500 employees and the per day production is 120000 to 130000. He gave a highly useful motivational speech on production process. He shared with CIU students the valuable experience that he had gained at Pacific Jeans from his 10 years with it and the challenges came up during his working life.

For the second session the students were divided into two groups. They observed the production process line, sewing section, washing section and quality checking section. Students were advised to take pictures and ask relevant questions on production and processing. The students got a practical vision about garments production and learn about the difference between the local and export products. Pacific produces and exports branded jeans of Zara, Tom Tailor, Levis etc. The industry has business with 13 different countries around the world.

The final session was briefing and QA session. Students, faculty member of CIU and Officials of Pacific Jeans took part in the discussion. They discussed the production process, the benefits of employees, benefits of labors and pay scale system etc. Md. Mahbobul Hoq, AGM, HR, Admin. & CSR spoke about the HR policies and benefits of employees and labors, the global challenge with quality, the best way of motivation for work and working process. He further said that every person is born with his/her own resources and there is an opportunity to implement their resources and make Bangladesh proud and productive. The session was interactive and the students felt encouraged by getting all tips and tricks to face industry life.





### Fahad Alam Etu Becomes 2nd Runner Up in English Olympiad

Fahad Alam Etu, student of English Department, won 2nd Runner Up prize (Senior group) in Bangladesh's first ever English Olympiad held at International Convention City Bashundhara on March 16, 2018. Only 800 of 35,000 participants were short-listed for the final round. From each group, top 10 were selected. Out of top 60, top 18 were selected and Fahad became runner-up. Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU congratulated him and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.



### CIU Accords Reception to the Ekushey Padak-2018 recipient Dr. Mainul Islam

*"Discrimination in education system is the main barrier of national development"*-Says Ekushey Padak-2018 recipient Dr. Mainul Islam while receiving the reception from CIU.

On March 14, 2018, CIU at its Auditorium gave a reception to Professor Dr. Mainul Islam, a famous economist for being awarded Ekushey Padak 2018. He is the first person in Bangladesh who received Ekushey Padak for contribution to Economics. The reception ceremony was presided over the CIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. A famous poet, writer, journalist and a Ekushey Padak recipient Mr. Abul Momen remembered Prof. Dr. Mainul Islam's school days as they were school fellows. There is a good combination of head and heart in Dr. Islam- said Mr. Momen. Dr. Mainul Islam has published research articles and books on Foreign Remittance, Hundi Business, Mathematical Economy, GDP and Development, Banking Systems in Bangladesh and so on. In this program, Prof. Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar, Dean, CIU Business School, Prof. Dr. M. Ayub Islam,

Faculty of Business School, Prof. M. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor of School of Law, Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah, Dept. of English and Dr. Mahmudul Hoque, Prof. of CU reflected on various aspects of Prof. Mainul's personal life and academic career. The program was anchored by the Acting Registrar Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima. A lot of students, faculty members, officers and Head of all administrative branches and Chairmen of all departments attended the reception.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CIU handed over a crest to Prof. Dr. Mainul Islam. Prior to this, Tasfia Rahman, student of 4th semester of Law greeted the guest with a bouquet of flower. The wife of Dr. Islam was also present in the program. Dr. Islam expressed his gratitude to CIU for organizing the program. Dr. Islam said that there is discrimination in education systems which forces serious barriers in national development. He mentioned of his contribution to research work in Economics and further stated that-it is the perfect time to ensure accountability by removing corruption from society and state. The VC of CIU said in his Presidential speech that CIU felt proud to give a reception to eminent people like Dr. Mainul Islam. Honest, candid, strong economists like him is a model for academic community. The Speakers wished Dr. Mainul Islam a healthy and long life.



### CIU-HRM Society's Workshop on Effective Interview

On Monday, March 12, 2018, the CIU-HRM society of Chittagong Independent University arranged a workshop on "Effective Interview" for the students of both HRM and Non-HRM department students of this university. The session was conducted by Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Head of the Department of Human Resources Management, CIU. 48 students from different semesters registered to attend the workshop.

At the beginning of the workshop, CIU-HRM Society President Kutub Uddin Bakhtiar Kaky briefed about the facilitator's career and achievements. The facilitator selected three random students and asked what they were expecting from the workshop. Two of the students replied that they would acquire knowledge and prepare themselves to face an interview for their corporate life. They believed that the workshop would help them find ways to be well prepared for an interview. The other student said that she attended the workshop because she wanted clarification of some confusions regarding facing an interview. Finally, Mr. Khaled said that classrooms had a special appeal because it brought teachers and students face to face



and this method cannot be as enough substitute. Even if there are other resources available, classrooms are still interactive ways for the students and the teachers to discuss things in real.

The session was indeed very interactive and the students were very positive, as they wanted to get all the tips and tricks to face an interview. According to Mr. Khaled, interview is just a part of the total recruitment process. As a result, no applicant should think that it is an easy task. He added that when an applicant applies for a job, he is called for an interview because a resume does not include all the details about the candidate. He also mentioned that a resume should not be more than two pages.

A student asked the facilitator how he should gather information about the company he wanted to apply for. In his reply, he told that information is more or less available so the applicant must be very careful to take information and know well about the company. Moreover, fresh graduates should find out where their skills would match best.

After an hour long session, the workshop was concluded by the Dean of Business School Professor Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar. Dr. Absar appreciated the executive members of the CIU-HRM society for arranging the workshop. He summed up by saying that in their life people get what they deserve, many people deserve many things but they actually get what they negotiate.



### English Department's Annual Picnic 2018

Department of English organized 'Annual Picnic 2018' on March 9, 2018 in Rangamati. Around hundred students and faculty members of English Department participated in the annual picnic. The tour in the outskirts of busy Chittagong city gave the students an opportunity for overcoming the monotony of regular schedule. The main attractions of the event were the lake cruise, students' performance and the raffle draw. Proactive participation of the fresher students was appreciable to all. At about 6:00 pm all the buses started for CIU after passing a day full of enjoyment.

### School of Law's Annual Study Tour, 2018

School of Law, Chittagong Independent University organized annual study tour on March 9, 2018 at Kaptai Lake, Rangamati for removing monotony and energizing students towards their regular study. More than 70 participants including faculty members and students belonging to the School of Law enjoyed all the activities



throughout the day. This was the first departmental study tour of the School of Law. The team started at 6.30 am from the University premises. At 10.00 am, tour team reached at the Kaptai launch jetty. Whole day the team enjoyed the scenic beauty of Shubolong fountain, Peda-tingting, and Shaptashiri Parzatan area. All the participants enjoyed the scenic beauty of Kaptai Lake and Rangamati District. The study tour included cultural program, sports competition, raffle draw, etc. 5.00 pm was the departure time for the tour team and they returned to the university campus at 7.30 pm. All the participants enjoyed the day with great enthusiasms and spirit.



### AC Celebrates International Women's Day 2018

American Corner Chittagong celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2018. The event brought in professionals from different walks of life and this year's slogan was "When women support each other, incredible things happen". Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University, Professor Shaheda Islam, First Woman Chairman, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Chittagong, eminent scholar and women rights activist, Dr. Anwara Alam and Professor Jesmin Akter, Ms. Ivy Hasan, Ex-Vice President, Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce delivered inspirational speeches in the program.

### French Ambassador visits CIU

The French Ambassador Marie Annik Bourdin accompanied by Dr. Celbum Thorez, Director, Alliance Française and Dr. Guropada Chakroborty, Vice Director, Alliance Française visited Chittagong Independent University on March 8, 2018. Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, VC, CIU and Dr. M M Nurul Absar, Dean, CIU Business School, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Assistant Director welcomed them to the campus.





Later on, the team met the Vice Chancellor at his office. During the meeting, Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury praised the French support in teaching French at CIU and conducting cultural program of mutual interest. He also expressed a wish for working together with Alliance Française in future in advancing academic life of CIU.



### CIU English Department's Seminar on "How to be a Good Global Villager"

Department of English organized a Seminar on "How to be a Good Global Villager" on March 7, 2018. The Speaker of the Seminar was the prominent poet and journalist Mr. Abul Momen while Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU was the special guest of the program. In his presentation, the keynote Speaker Abul Momen said, "The new electronic interdependence recreates the world in the image of a global village. So, to become an eligible citizen of this global village Bangladeshi people should educate themselves and move past the limitations of intolerance toward acceptance of cultural diversity in the world." The program was presided over by Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor & Head of the English Dept., Professor Quazi Mostain Billah gave a speech at the program. After the presentation students enthusiastically participated in the Question- Answer session with the Speaker. The Seminar was hosted by Trisha Dutta, student, English Dept. and attended by students, faculty members and officials of Department of English, CIU.

### CIU Dept. of Human Resources Management's Seminar on Management in Government Agencies

A Seminar on 'Management in Government Agencies: Bottom up approach for Better Citizen Service', conducted by Mr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Head, Dept. of Human Resources Management, was held at CIU Conference-2 on March 4, 2018.



Prof. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CIU graced the event as the Chief Guest. Among others, Prof. Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar, Dean, CIUBS, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Head, Dept. of Finance & Economics, Dr. M. Nayeem Abdullah, Head, Dept. of Marketing, Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Lecturer, CIUBS were also present.



### AC Seminar on Smart Phones For Visually Impaired Students

American Corner Chittagong in association with YPSA (Youth Power in Social Action) and Songshoptaque organized a discussion session on "Accessible books and technology for all to ensure inclusive and quality education to facilitate implementation of SDG Goal 4 by 2030 in Bangladesh". Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee, National Consultant-Accessibility, a2i, Prime Minister's Office (PMO) conducted the orientation session and informed the audience about using the multimedia resources. Dr. A. Q. M. Sirajul Islam, President, Peshajibi Shomonnoy Parishad Chittagong, Professor Hossaien Kabir, Ex-Dean, Social Science Faculty, Chittagong University and Mr. Sawrav Barua, Founder Member, Songshoptaque and Mr. Liton Chowdhury, Chief Executive, Songshoptaque were special guests on the occasion.

Later, the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Chittagong Independent University handed over smart phones to fourteen (14) visually impaired underprivileged students so that they can access the multimedia resources developed under a2i project.





### SSE Seminar on Designing Bottle Washing Machine in Virtual Environment using the Enhanced Mechatronics System Design Methodology

The School of Science and Engineering (SSE) of Chittagong Independent University organized a Seminar on 'Designing Bottle Washing Machine in Virtual Environment using the Enhanced Mechatronics System Design Methodology' at CIU auditorium on February 27, 2018. The Seminar was chaired by the Dean of the School Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan. During his speech, Prof. Dr. Khan encouraged the students to know the new simulation based software tools which students may find useful for their senior projects.

The keynote Speaker of this Seminar was Md. Rezaul Arefin Neon, Lecturer, SSE. He discussed the idea of making new mechatronics products especially, concurrent engineering in his discussion. He also talked about the usefulness of the DMAT software. This software is not only helpful in corporate offices but also for students. A question-answer session followed the discussion where the Speaker answered questions of the students. The Seminar was attended by students and other faculty members of School of Science Engineering.



### CIU Observes International Mother Language Day - 2018

*"The promise of practicing pure Bengali Language at every level could be tribute to the Language Martyrs"- Dilruba Ahmed*

"The promise of practicing pure Bengali Language at every level could be a tribute to the Language Martyrs"- said Dilruba Ahmed, Member, CIU Board of Trustees at the discussion session on International Mother Language Day-2018 held at the CIU Auditorium on February 21, 2018. The Vice Chancellor of CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the discussion session while Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, School of Science & Engineering, Professor Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar,

Dean, CIU Business School, Professor Dr. M. Ayub Islam, Advisor, CIU Business School, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, School of Law, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Head, Dept. of English, and Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury, Proctor of CIU delivered speeches among others.

The discussants showed deep respect to the memory of Language Martyrs and focused on this day in their speeches. Prior to that, The CIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and Member of CIU Board of Trustees Ms. Dilruba Ahmed placed wreaths in memory of language martyrs in the Shaheed Minar built on the university campus. After that, the Deans and faculty members from School of Science and Engineering, School of Law, Dept. of English and CIUBS placed wreaths in the Shaheed Minar. The Students on behalf of Social Welfare Society also paid tribute to the martyrs with flower bouquets.

The discussants said that 21st February is one of the glorious and historical days in life of Bengali Nation. The Vice Chancellor in his Presidential speech said that the martyrs donated their fresh blood not only for the cause of language but also to establish the honor of Bengali Nation. He called upon the young society to come forward to show proper respect and dignity to their self-sacrifice. To give example on various developed nation over the world, the Speakers said, it is the demand of time to practice mother language purely and practice of Bengali Language in all aspects. It is very important to learn mother language purely besides gaining knowledge in foreign language in global aspect. In this regard, Speakers called upon institutes, faculties and Schools to be conscious and take necessary initiatives besides government initiatives. CIU faculty members, Officials and students from different schools were also present.



### CIU Cultural Club's Probhat Fery

Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized a program to observe the International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2018. CIU students along with the faculty members, Associate Professor Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor Mr. Saifur Rahman and Assistant Professor Mr. Amran Haroon joined the processions (Probhat Fery) and placed a flower wreath at the Shaheed Minar. The national flag was hoisted at half-mast in front of the Administrative Building of CIU. This followed a discussion session where Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, CIU, faculty members and administrative staff were present. In his speech the Vice Chancellor talked about the ultimate sacrifice of the heroes in 1952 which is the foundation of the Liberation War of Bangladesh.





### CIU Cultural Club's Picnic at Kaptai Berannye Lake

Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized a picnic at Kaptai Berannye Lake on February 16, 2018. Along with the club members students of the different schools of CIU, faculty member Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Mr. Amran Haroon, Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Ashiqul Mahmood Irfan, Mr. Aminul Chowdhury, participated in the picnic. Students enjoyed boating in the lake, visiting the Kaptai Dam and hiking. At about 5.30 pm all the buses started for CIU after passing a day full of joy and pleasure.



### CIU English Dept. Celebrates Basant Utsav

On February 13, 2018 CIU Dept. of English organized a program to celebrate the first day of 'Phalgun' the first month of Spring according to Bengali calendar. All faculty members along with the students from different schools of different academic levels were present at the program. The event was conducted by two students of English Department. The faculty members of the department held a discussion after the cultural program.

The Speakers stressed the importance of observing such festivals as they put us in touch with our own culture and tradition. They also said that 'Phalgun' touched all the Bangalees with all its colour and charm. Nature took a new look with all the embellishments of Basant (Spring), they added. They encouraged the students present to inculcate the beauty of nature in their heart and be dutiful to the country.

Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of English, Assistant Professor Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor Md. Saifur Rahman, Lecturer Ms. Shakila Mustaque, Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Ms. Leema Sen Gupta, Ms. Ummey Haney Pinkey, Mr. Nasih Ul Wadud Alam and the representatives from administration were present in the program.



### CIU Observed National Library Day 2018

On February 5, 2018 Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the 'National Library Day 2018' with much fanfare. CIU Librarian, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman; CIU staff and students held a rally, discussion session, and social awareness campaign to observe the day. Dr. Rahman, in his speech, encouraged CIU students to nurture their habit of reading. He also said, "Library is an important social institution which inspires a nation to seek knowledge, do research, raise consciousness and establish cultural identity. This day is observed to remind people the value of library culture and its importance in human civilization.

### CIU Faculty Ms. Robaka Shamsher Awarded PhD



Ms. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor of CIU Business School was awarded with the degree Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on January, 2018 by the University of Dhaka. The Dhaka University syndicate awarded the degree on January 30, 2018. The degree was awarded from the Faculty of

Business Studies (FBS), University of Dhaka. Dr. Shamsher's PhD Thesis is titled 'Role of Store Image Influencing Store Loyalty: A Study of the Retail Industry in Bangladesh'. Professor Dr. Razia Begum from Marketing Department of University of Dhaka was the Supervisor of her research. Dr. Shamsher has been working with Chittagong Independent University Business School since 2007. Before joining CIU, she was a lecturer in Stamford University Bangladesh for one year. She achieved her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Marketing from the University of Dhaka. As an academican Dr. Shamsher published a good number of articles in reputed international and national journals. She is engaged with a lot of curricular & co-curricular student activities at CIU. Currently, Dr. Shamsher is the in-charge of Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club and Independent Marketing Club (IMC).





### SSE Seminar on Cyber Security

On January 30, 2018 School of Science & Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a Seminar titled 'Cyber Security in the Age of Digital Warfare'. The objective of the Seminar was to delve into issues related to 'Internet Security and Network Hacking'. The Program was chaired by Professor Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE, CIU. After Dr. Khan's welcome speech, the program's main Speaker Mr. Amran Haroon, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering (ETE) and Senior Network Systems Engineer (Supervisor of ICT Development of the University) spoke on different types of hackers and their ways of infecting virus in the internet, forging bank accounts, and threatening people with their lives. Mr. Haroon explained why it is important for everyone to know more about the impacts of unethical hacking and safeguarding their own lives. At the end of his speech, there was a question-answer session for the audience. Mr. Haroon took questions and answered them to help the audience understand the matter thoroughly. SSE, CIU's faculty members and students, attended the Seminar.



### CIU Seminar on Development Partnerships in Middle Income Countries (MICs) - The Transition Issues: A Case Study of Bangladesh

Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University organized a Seminar on 'Development Partnerships in Middle Income Countries (MICs)- The Transition Issues: A Case Study of Bangladesh' January 17, 2018 at Chittagong Independent

University (CIU) Auditorium.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, Board of Trustees, CIU was the Chief Guest while with the Vice Chancellor, CIU Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdury presided over the Seminar. Dr. Syed Sajjadur Rahman, Senior Fellow, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa presented the keynote paper in the seminar. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank and Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Advisor to the former Caretaker Government, among others, were in the Seminar as discussants.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor and Director, IGDIS presented an introduction of IGDIS and Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Member, CIU Board of Trustees welcomed the guests and discussants.

Dr. Syed Sajjadur Rahman said in his keynote speech that Bangladesh fixed its target to be consistent to uphold the status of Middle Income Country (MIC) in the world by 2021. To stabilize MIC status we have to think of its forthcoming challenges. Our main focus on the issue is how a country follows up its development plan after its foreign aid is slashed because of achieving MIC status, he further added.

Other discussants said that Bangladesh had already achieved the status of MIC by 2014. It is important to achieve the target of GDP, employment, industrial production and justice in every sector now. In spite of achieving the target in the socio-economic development indicators, we have to concentrate on sustainable development, security, exercise, and coordination in social justice. Lack of variation in export-oriented goods, proper management in multidimensional economic systems and expertise in economic sectors Jeopardized the consistency of MIC status of Bangladesh said the discussants.

After the presentation and discussion on the keynote paper, a question-answer session was held in which CIU faculty members, Deans, representatives from BSRM, ISPAHANI Group, AUW and print and electronic media took part. Administrative Heads, students of different schools of CIU also participated in the Seminar.

### Spring 2018 Orientation Program



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor speaks at Spring 2018 orientation program of CIU Business School





Hon'ble Vice Chancellor speaks at Spring 2018 orientation program of School of Engineering & Computer Science



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor speaks at Spring 2018 orientation program of School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor speaks at Spring 2018 orientation program of School of Law

Chittagong Independent University Organized 'Spring 2018 Orientation Program' for the newly admitted students of its four schools, CIU Business School, School of Engineering & Computer Science, School of Law and School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, on January 13, 2018 at the Auditorium of CIU. The program was segmented into four sessions

where the newly admitted students were welcomed by their respective schools. The Chief Guest of the program was Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, CIU. The program was also graced by Deans, Heads, faculty and staff members of different schools of CIU.



### CIU Cultural Club Performs at 50 Years Celebration of Nasirabad Government Boys School

Members of Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club performed in the 50 years Celebration and Reunion of Nasirabad Boys School on 12th January 2018 at the school premises. Dr. Robaka Shamsher, President of Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club received a souvenir from the reunion organizing committee on behalf of the club.



### CIUBS Accords Reception to Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury and Dr. Nusrat Jahan for obtaining PhD

CIU Business School (CIUBS) accorded a reception on January 7, 2018 at CIU Conference Room-2 to Dr. Engr. Rashid A. Chowdhury, Head, Dept. of Management & MIS and Dr. Nusrat Jahan, Asst. Professor, CIUBS for obtaining PhD.

Prof. Dr. M. M. Nurul Absar, Dean, CIUBS, presided over the reception and faculty members of CIU Business School attended the program.

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