



### BoT Meeting Held

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its **4<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees (BoT)** meeting in the University Conference Room on 4 April 2019.

Trustee Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meeting while Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Trustee Mr. Hefazatur Rahman, Trustee Mr. Habibullah Khan, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Mr. A. Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan and VC of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury attended the meeting.

A number of decisions regarding permanent campus, quality education, syllabus-course-curricula, research opportunities, teaching methods and educational collaboration with renowned international organizations were taken at the meeting. The meeting also urged all CIU members to maintain a suitable learning environment on the campus.

Chairman BoT, Mr. Towhid Samad, suggested that as CIU maintains an international standard students from Chittagong region don't need to go to Dhaka or abroad for higher studies and advanced research. CIU offers incomparable facilities and therefore, he hoped that future learners would choose CIU as their preferred seat of learning.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, stated that a university degree doesn't mean achieving just a certificate. It also helps in the acquisition of knowledge and skills. He reiterated that CIU emphasized the development of skilled human resources to facilitate nation-building.

### US Ambassador Visits CIU



US Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Earl R. Miller paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury at his office on 16 April 2019.

The Ambassador thanked the VC for hosting American Corner Chittagong on CIU campus and appreciated the role of CIU in promoting higher education in the country. Mr. William Moealer, Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, US Embassy Dhaka, and Mr. Iverson Long, Environment, Science, Technology and Health Officer, US Embassy Dhaka accompanied the Ambassador during the visit.

The team later visited American Corner Chittagong and joined the screening session of "2<sup>nd</sup> April", a telefilm on autism awareness. Dr. Azizur Rahman Siddique, Civil Surgeon of Chattogram, Prof. Dr. Basana Muhuri of Chittagong Medical College, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, CIU, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Deputy Director, Administration and Ms. Rooma Dass, Asst. Director, American Corner Chittagong were present in the program.



## Meeting



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its **12<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting**, at the University Conference Room on 17 September 2019. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman, Trustee Mr. Lutfu M Ayub, external members, Deans, Faculty Advisors, Heads of the departments, Controller of Examinations and Acting Registrar attended the meeting.

A number of agenda were discussed in the meeting and decisions were taken on student enrolment, academic calendar, financial aid policy, syllabus up-gradation, Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE), Certificate Course on Customs Management, academic rules and regulations and awarding scholarship to students.



► The **19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Syndicate** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on 21 March 2019 at the Conference Room of the university. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting, it also approved the Course and Curriculum of CIU.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Syndicate member Professor Dr. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor & Head, Department of

Finance & Economics, CIU Business School and Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar attended the meeting.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its **20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Syndicate**, at the University Conference Room on 12 June 2019. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the meeting. Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, Advisor, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Finance & Economics, CIU Business School, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, Ms. Salma Begum FCA, Acting Director, Finance & Accounts and other members attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.

## CIU Scholars' Day 2019 Professor Mahmudul Huque Felicitated



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated **Scholars' Day 2019** at its campus on 3 April 2019 in which **Dr. Mahmudul Huque**, Retired Professor of History, University of Chittagong (CIU) was honored for his lifelong contribution in research and teaching.

In his happy reaction, **Dr. Mahmudul Huque** said, "I have worked with honesty, morality, generosity, patriotism and human values to ensure imparting quality education for the betterment of the society."

"Teaching as a profession is a glorious one and I feel honored for the reception extended to me on **CIU Scholars' Day**."



The Chief Guest **Mr. Alamgir Muhammad Serajuddin**, Professor Emeritus and former Vice Chancellor of CU said, "CIU is setting a milestone in the educational sector and soon other institutes will look upon it as a model."

Special Guest **Ms. Asma Serajuddin**, Retired Professor of History, University of Chittagong, thanked CIU for organizing the event. "One of the goals of education is to make good people", she added.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, who chaired the program said that CIU was trying to bring about quality change in higher education by introducing programs like Scholars' Day. He added that CIU is always ready to acknowledge and reward scholars.

Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor of CIU Business School, conducted the whole program while Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences of CIU, Professor Dr. Gazi Saleh Uddin of CU, Mr. Nizamuddin Mahmud Selim, Managing Partner of Private Agri Business Enterprise spoke in the occasion, recounting events from Dr. Huques' life and career.

### Tech Fest 2019



► 'CIU Tech Fest 2019' was organized by the School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 4 April 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

More than 250 students in 15 teams from 20 schools around Chattogram participated in the event where the participants presented their projects and ideas to demonstrate application of science and technology to improve quality of life.

Trustee **Mr. Towhid Samad**, Chairman, BoT along with the VC of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, inaugurated the festival. Dean of SSE, Heads of different departments, students and also guardians attended the program.

### Trustee Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman Honored with Ekushey Souvenir Award

Trustee **Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman**, Honorable member, Board of Trustees, CIU and member, ESTCDT was awarded the highly prestigious Chittagong City Corporation 'Ekushey Souvenir Award' in a formal ceremony.



**Ms. Safia Rahman** received this Award from **Mr. A J M Nasir Uddin**, Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation for her contributions in the field of social services.

It may be mentioned here that **Ms. Safia Rahman**, founder and Principal of SGS and College, received a special award in 2016 from Robi Axiata for her outstanding social work and the Independence Souvenir Award from Chittagong City Corporation in 2017 for social services.

### CIU VC Calls on Dr. Hasan Mahmud



VC of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury called on **Dr. Hasan Mahmud**, Information Minister of Bangladesh Government at his home in the city on 15 March 2019.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, specially the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs by CIU and Information Ministry. They also discussed prospects of arranging workshops, seminars and conferences jointly.

The Vice Chancellor handed over a flower bouquet to the Honorable Minister and also invited him to visit CIU campus. **Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey**, Deputy Director, CIU accompanied the Vice Chancellor.



## Corporate Talk



Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) arranged a discussion titled 'Corporate Talk' on 5 March 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Mr. Syed M Tanvir, a renowned entrepreneur of the county and Director of Pacific Jeans Group was the Key Speaker at the program, while Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, presided over it.

The speaker in his speech reflected on the economy of the country, banking sector, garments market, the involvement of the stakeholders including manufacturers and the government. He emphasized the need for specific plan and proper knowledge for becoming an entrepreneur and advised the students to take part in social activities along with the academic studies.

Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said skill development, education and leadership will increase value addition in the garment sector. It is the best way to achieve sustainability, he observed.

Dean Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Advisor Professor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, Associate Professor Dr. Engr. Rashid Ahmed Chowdhury were present in the event. Later, the VC handed over a crest to the Key Speaker Mr. Syed M Tanvir.

## CIUBS Organizes Discussion on National Budget

Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) organized a discussion on the national budget on 14 July 2019 at the University Auditorium.

Dr. Md Selim Uddin, Chairman, Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation and Professor of Chittagong University (CU) Accounting Department, was the Key Discussant of the event.

Professor Selim Uddin in his speech identified the positive sides of the budget and pointed out how it will secure advancement and development of the country.

Addressing the program as the Chief Guest, CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that the size of the



budget will increase gradually, but, the socioeconomic development will have to be prioritized.

The Business School Dean Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah stressed the importance of providing a supportive environment to general people during collecting revenue as tax.

Associate Professor of Accounting of CIU Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury analyzed the ins and outs of the budget at the discussion.

Speakers at the discussion on the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 observed that coordination and balancing of the national budget are imperative for turning Bangladesh into a developed country by 2040.

Later, VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury handed over a crest to the Key Discussant Professor Selim Uddin.

## Orientation



University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan attended the orientation program for newly admitted students of Spring 2019 semester at the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 12 January 2019.

Referring to an increase in the number of universities and rise in enrolment, he reflected that there were still a few things missing from higher education. For example, he observed that the students get degrees but lack proper skill and knowledge. A certificate becomes valueless if it is not supported by wisdom. He also stressed that students need to prepare themselves differently when they prepare for a career.



**Professor Abdul Mannan** called upon the youths to be more attentive to their studies and develop them as skilled manpower. He urged the youths to shun drugs and religious extremism as no religion promotes violence.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the event. He urged the students to utilize the available facilities for developing themselves to fulfill the demands of the time. University life is an excellent time to acquire knowledge, the Vice Chancellor added.

The Deans of the four schools, Heads of all the departments, the Proctor, teachers, university officers, guardians, freshers to the university and volunteers attended the event.

## Law Lecture Series on Bangladesh-India Border Management



► The School of Law, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a Law Lecture Series on 'Bangladesh India Border Management' on 20 February 2019 at CIU Auditorium. **Mr. Abraham Lincoln**, a prominent advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh was the Keynote Speaker for the session.

**Mr. Lincoln** observed that to mitigate border-hostility between neighboring countries like India and Bangladesh, Bangladesh should be more concerned about its diplomatic strategies and look for amicable pairing. He also highlighted the importance of using more sophisticated weapons to guard Bangladesh border for greater interest of the nation.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Chief Guest, said, "It is possible for both India and Bangladesh to control the border-conflicts that arise between them."

Advisor of SoL, Professor Zakir Hossain said that despite trade, economic and security ties between Bangladesh and India, there are certain discomforts in their relationship. One of these discomforts is border-related issue, especially casualties of Bangladeshi civilians at border at the hands of Indian Border Security Force (BSF). To ensure enduring peace, friendship and cooperation between the two neighboring countries, India has to play a more engaged and responsible role. On the other hand, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) should take initiative to improve its border management both strategically and technologically to prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking of all varieties more effectively.

## Book Launching Ceremony of *Bela Obelar Golpo*

A book launching ceremony was held in the Auditorium of Chittagong Independent University on 3 February 2019 to



launch **Mr. Hamid Reza Khan's** novel *Bela Obelar Golpo*. **Mr. Khan** lives in the United States and is a pharmacist by profession. The novel renders the protagonist's homecoming and settling down in his own country.

The event was organized by the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS). Ms. Ummey Haney Pinkey, Lecturer of English at CIU, conducted the program. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, CIU's **Trustee Board Member Syed Mahmudul Haq**, **Dr. Shirin Akhter**, Pro Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University and Dean of SLASS Professor Quazi Mostain Billah discussed the different aspects of the novel. Eminent journalist and poet Abul Momen and writer Ferdous Ara Alim, professor and novelist Badal Syed, Professor Bhuyan Iqbal, Professor Obaidul Karim, Professor Dr. Sheikh Sadi and Director of East Delta University (EDU) Mr. Syed Shafiq Uddin spoke on the occasion and evaluated the novel from their own perspectives.

Most of the discussants admired **Hamid Reza Khan's** effort in remaining connected with his country and culture through his creative work.

## CIU SSE Intra-School Programming Contest



School of Science & Engineering (SSE) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a competition titled 'CIU SSE Intra-School Programming Contest' on 12 February 2019 at CIU campus. Over 14 teams participated in the event and CIU Avengers emerged as the champion, with two other teams being declared runner-up and second runner-up.

Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SSE, presided over as the Chief Guest. He emphasized the importance of



programming contests and similar activities in the development of expertise in fields of software engineering and competitive programming. The contest lasted over three hours and included eight problems focusing on different aspects of coding and algorithmic skills.

### Bankers' Hunt



Students should be groomed up and trained well to become bankers, speakers said at a three-day program styled Bankers' Hunt organized by Chittagong Independent University Intrinsic Finance Club (CIUIFC) on 14, 21 and 28 March 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

A good number of high officials from different banks, most of them from private and state-owned commercial banks, participated in the event which also featured a workshop and written examination for students.

The officials discussed banking system, loan processing and job hunting with the students at the Bankers' Hunt program.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Advisor of CIU Intrinsic Finance Club attended the program and said, "We have arranged the program to make the students fit for banking sector."

As many as 85 students participated in the program. Argha Bhattacharjee, Rudmila Rudaba, Minhajur Rahman occupied 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in a competition, arranged for the event.

Mr. Kamruddin Parvez, Assistant Professor, CIU Business School, Mr. Kayesh Chowdhury, Area Head, Corporate Banking, Chittagong, The City Bank Ltd, Mr. M Alauddin, Senior Vice President, NRB Global Bank Ltd, Corporate Branch, Chowdhury Al Jobaer, First Assistant Vice President, Bank Asia and Mr. Sazzad Chowdhury, Senior Assistant Vice President, Lanka Bangla Finance were present among others.

### Dr. Nurul Absar Attends International Conference

Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor of HRM, CIU Business School was honored for a paper presented on Higher Education in Bangladesh at a three-day International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) Conference from 5 August to 7 August 2019 at ICTS campus building, Bangalore, India.



It is to be mentioned that Dr. Nurul Absar jointly wrote a book titled 'Higher Education Systems in South Asia' under Springer while VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor of CIU, contributed a chapter on Bangladesh to the book.

Teachers and researchers from reputed universities of at least 20 countries around the world participated in the event.

### KEPZ and Korean University to Work Jointly with CIU



Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) and Seoul National University expressed interest to work jointly with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) for expansion of higher education in Chattogram.

A review meeting in this regard was held among officials of the three organizations at the KEPZ on 11 February 2019.

Different issues including scholarships for the students, opportunities for higher education for the teachers and regular arrangement of workshops and seminars were discussed in the meeting.

Earlier, a delegation led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury visited the KEPZ where its Chairman Kihak Sung welcomed them.

Mr. Faruk Sobhan, President of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Mr. Jahangir Saadat, President of Korean EPZ Corporation Bangladesh Limited (Yungone), Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIU Business School, Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Proctor, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Finance & Economics, Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor & Head,



Computer Science and Engineering, Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering were present in the meeting.

### Macquarie University Wants Joint Education Program



A team from Macquarie University expressed their interest to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

An exchange of views was held between the two universities in the Conference Room of CIU campus in Jamal Khan on 31 January 2019.

Initiatives such as creating research opportunities, student-exchange program and amending syllabus were discussed in the meeting.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that such initiatives would enrich the students as well as promote higher education in Bangladesh.

Among others, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Advisor of SoL, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIUBS, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, Advisor, CIU Business School, Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor of SSE, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Controller of Examinations, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, Ms. Salma Begum (FCA), Acting Director of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Deputy Director of CITS were present in the meeting.

### Two Scholars Call on CIU VC



Dr. Amit Dey, Professor of History, Calcutta University and Dr. M. A. Taslim, Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka called on Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 28 July 2019 at his office of the university.

Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq was also present on this occasion. The Vice Chancellor thanked the guests for visiting CIU and their keen interest in it. During the meeting, they discussed various issues, including the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative academic programs, arranging international workshops, seminars and conferences. The two professors assured the VC of providing all possible support and cooperation in this regard. After the courtesy meeting, they also gave two talks which were attended by a good number of CIU teachers and students.

### Freshers' Reception at CIU



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) accorded reception to the freshers of 'Summer Semester 2019' through an orientation program on 2 May 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chair at the program while Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SSE, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Advisor of SoL, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIUBS were present on the occasion. Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU, conducted the whole program.

Addressing the ceremony, VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury urged the newly enrolled students to engage themselves in innovative activities so that they can discover modern technologies to keep pace with the fast moving world.

He also said that the university has been trying relentlessly to provide standard education to the students.

### Prize-Giving Ceremony of Intra-University Creative Writing Competition

The prize-giving ceremony of Intra-University Creative Writing Competition was arranged by Creative Writers' Club (CWC) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 4 July 2019. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.





Dean of SLASS, Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah, Assistant Professor & Head of the English Department Ms. Charmain Rodrigues and other faculty members of the English Department were present on the occasion. As many as twenty students from different schools submitted their self-composed work for the competition and winners for different genres are as follows : Isfat Ara Jahan Rafika (Department of English/ Poetry), Bablu Chandranath (Department of English/ Poetry), Chowdhury Maisha Kamal (Department of English/ Poetry), Sagar Dev (Department of English/ Short story), Md. Hossain (Department of English/ Short story), Lusara Tajrin (Department of English/ Play), Rezaul Haq (CIUBS/Play), Tariqul Islam (CSE/ Essay), Juli Akter (Department of English/ Essay) and Nusrat Ismail Nishi (Department of English/Essay).

Students took a lot of interest in the event and following the competition Creative Writers' Club was formed. In future an annual anthology of students creative writing will be published.

### Launching Ceremony of IEEE CIU Student Branch



Students of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) became part of IEEE - the Largest Technical Community of the world by launching IEEE CIU Student Branch. **Trustee Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT**, graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest while **Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Vice Chancellor** Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury attended the ceremony as Special Guests on 4 April 2019 at CIU campus.

Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor & Dean of SSE, presided over the event. **Prof. Dr. Celia Shanaz**, Chair, and **Prof. Dr. M.**

Moshiul Hoque, Vice Chair (Technical), IEEE BD section were present as Guests of Honor. In her Keynote Speech **Prof. Shahnaz** congratulated CIU for becoming a part of IEEE and discussed the valuable opportunities, discounts and value added member exclusive benefits and services the IEEE student members are entitled to and how it would help them advance their career in engineering.

### Dr. Nurul Absar Attends Biennial Conference



Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor of HRM, CIU Business School attended the 3rd Biennial Conference of Bangladesh Academy of Business Administration (BABA) as a Session Chair, HRM Track from 5 January 2019 to 6 January 2019 at Dhaka University.

Among the Session Chairs, he was the only representative from private universities of Bangladesh.

Prof. Nurul Absar handed over copies of CIU Journal to the foreign scholars & Director IBA, and Pro -VC of IUB and exchanged views about possible collaboration between CIUBS and their respective universities or schools.

### Legal Research Methodology



The **School of Law (SoL)** of CIU arranged a workshop on 'Legal Research Methodology' on 22 March 2019 at American Corner of CIU campus.

The Keynote Speaker of the workshop was **Mr. Professor Yubaraj Sangroula**, Former Attorney General of Nepal and Executive Director of Kathmandu School of Law. He reiterated that there is no alternative to research for the settlement of legal disputes.



Mentioning the effectiveness of the workshop, the Advisor of SoL Professor Md. Zakir Hossain said that such workshops can surely enhance the capability of law students. The workshop was attended by the students of SoL.

## Study of Literature



The English Department arranged a seminar on the 'Study of Literature' in the Conference Room of the Chittagong Independent University campus on 28 March 2019 at 11 am. **Mr. Sampad Barua**, Secretary to the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was the Main Speaker. **Mr. Sampad Barua** discussed the manifold uses of the study of literature. He said that the elements of literature stem from real life experiences such as our thoughts, lifestyle, weal and woes etc. He urged the students to give more time to their study.

Dean of SLASS, faculty members and students of the English Department warmed the atmosphere with their gracious presence. The seminar concluded with a question-answer session.

## National Mourning Day



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the **National Mourning Day** commemorating the 44<sup>th</sup> martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** and the members of his family, who were brutally killed on 15 August in 1975.

A discussion meeting was held at CIU Auditorium with due solemnity. Speakers reminisced **Bangabandhu's** contribution to the founding of Bangladesh.

It was observed that **Bangabandhu** would live in people's memory forever. His sole target was to secure the economic emancipation of the people, build a poverty-free nation and thus establish *Sonar Bangla* to bring smiles on the faces of Bangladeshis.

Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIU Business School, presided over the program. Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, conducted the whole program while Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Advisor of the School of Law, Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor & Proctor, Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor, School of Science and Engineering (SSE), spoke in the meeting mourning the brutal killing of **Bangabandhu** and members of his family and others who were killed on that night.

## Independence Day



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated the **49<sup>th</sup> Independence and National Day** with due respect, solemnity and joy at CIU Auditorium on 26 March 2019.

To mark the day, a program was organized which included hoisting the national flag, singing National Anthem and discussing the significance of the day. Teachers, students, officers and employees of CIU attended the program.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, in his speech, mentioned that Bangladesh is now viewed as a role model of development in the external world. As a nation, this recognition is a great achievement for us.

With the declaration of independence on 25 March in 1971 by **Bangabandhu**, people took up arms to free the country from the domination of Pakistan and finally the country was freed on 16 December 1971. Several students' clubs of CIU also organized different events to mark the day.

## Admission Test

► Admission tests for different schools for **Spring Semester-2019** were held smoothly at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) campus on 5 January 2019. A good number of students attended the written test for the privilege of getting a place.





Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, inspected the examination halls accompanied by the Deans, Proctor, Department Chairs, Controller of Examinations and Acting Registrar.



► Admission tests for **Summer Semester-2019** were held on 29 April 2019 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) campus from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

While inspecting the admission tests, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "The University ensured all necessary facilities for providing quality education to the students."

## Open Day



► Open Day for Summer 2019 was held on 17 April 2019 at the university campus. It's a day when the university welcomes visitors, students and others to come and see for themselves the facilities existing in the university.

During the Open Day, the university extends special facilities to admission seekers such as spot admission.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that quality education is a must to take a country forward and CIU has vowed to impart quality education to its students. He reminded that CIU is a non-profit organization and its trustees don't take any honorarium or allowance from it. They want to see its growth as a prime center of learning.

Deans of different schools, Academic Advisors, Heads of different departments, Acting Registrar of CIU, attended the program while Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Professor & Proctor, conducted it.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed 'CIU Open Day-Autumn 2019' at its campus on 29 July 2019.

Addressing the program, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that University education brings changes in human life.

Analyzing the different dimensions of an ideal and educated person, he stressed that students can hope for the best type of development if they get admitted into CIU.

## Seminar-Talk



► Chittagong Independent University Human Resource Management Society (CIU HRM Society) organized a seminar titled 'A Learning Session on Conflict Management' on 6 February 2016 at CIU Auditorium. The Keynote Speaker of the program was **Mr. Sadek Chowdhury**, Vice Chairman of Fikran Group. He discussed structure of governance, institutional flexibility, generosity and positive thinking.



Among others, Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Faculty Advisor, Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Faculty in-charge, CIU HRM Society, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman, Lecturer, CIU Business School and Ali Arman, President, CIU HRM Society spoke at the event.



► Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) arranged a talk titled 'Post Disaster Social Capital, Adaptive Resilience and Business Performance of Tourism Organizations in Christchurch, New Zealand' on 29 January 2019 at CIU Conference Room-2.

Dr. Mesbahuddin Chowdhury, Faculty Member of UC Business School, University of Canterbury, New Zealand delivered the talk. He said, "Surveys of tourism organizations reveal that structural capital has a positive relationship with both cognitive and relational capital. Only relational capital has an influence on adaptive resilience". The Dean, the faculty members of CIUBS and students attended the program.



► A seminar on 'High-Speed Interconnect: Introduction and Challenges' took place on 9 January 2019 at CIU Auditorium with Dr. Md. Ershadul Kabir, Senior Analog Engineer, Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Canada, as the Keynote Speaker.

He introduced the concepts behind high-speed interconnect with interactive presentations and infographics, helping everyone present to easily understand its effectiveness in modern technology. Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SSE, also discussed the possibilities of high-speed interconnect as a flourishing research area.



► A seminar was conducted on 'Introduction to Data Mining: Concept, Techniques and Applications' by Mr. Habibur Rahman, Lecturer of CSE, School of Science and Engineering (SSE) on 30 January 2019 at CIU Auditorium. He focused on the potential use for the 2.5 quintillion Gigabytes of data accumulated simply through the regular use of technology and how the data can be utilized for our benefits.

For example, in Bangladesh there have been nearly 8 thousand deaths from traffic accidents last year alone. However, with data analysis of accidents of the last 20 years, we could start taking necessary steps for its prevention.



► A seminar on 'IoT for Tomorrow' was held on 8 April 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Mr. Munir Hasan, General Secretary, Bangladesh Open Source Network (BdOSN) and General Secretary, Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC) delivered a jovial Keynote Speech which presented the essence of Internet of Things (IoT) and how it could be incorporated even with the most simplest notions of life. Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean of SSE, Chaired the seminar.





► **School of Science and Engineering (SSE)** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) conducted a seminar titled 'Nanotechnology: Concept, Principles and Applications' on 26 July 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor & Dean, SSE of CIU, was the Keynote Speaker of the seminar which offered a thorough breakdown of the fundamental concepts and principles of nanotechnology in a way easily comprehensible even to the uninitiated. Other highlights included detailed examples and applications of this emerging field of technology in real life.



► A seminar titled 'Cyber Security: Awareness for All' was held on 25 July 2019 organized jointly by **Independent Science and Engineering Club (ISEC)** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and **Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (SPSB)**.

Discussions on creating a safer and more secure environment on social media platforms were brought up by **Ms. Mahbuba Sultana**, Assistant Professor of Northern University, Dhaka. She also addressed issues on violence against women.

## Workshop



► **Independent Marketing Club (IMC)** of (CIU) organized a workshop titled 'Do Not Sell, Inspire' on Modern Marketing on 19 February 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

The Keynote Speaker of the workshop was the Station Chief of Radio Foorti Chattogram **Mr. Muntasir Hossain**. The event

was hosted by **Ms. Rafa Rayeeda**, a student of BBA, CIU.

**Dr. Robaka Shamsher**, Faculty in-charge, **Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled**, Head of Department of HRM, **Mr. Rahaat Bari Tooheen**, Assistant Professor, **Mr. Sayeed Hasan** and **Ms. Tamanna Jaman**, Lecturers of CIU Business School were present in the program.



► **Independent Marketing Club (IMC)** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a workshop titled 'Be a Leader' on 2 March 2019 at CIU Auditorium. The Keynote Speaker was **Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid**, the Regional Head of BanglaLink.

**Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled**, **Mr. Rahat Bari Tooheen**, **Mr. Sayeed Hasan**, **Ms. Tamanna Zaman** and **Dr. Robaka Shamsher**, Faculty in-charge took part in the workshop.

The Keynote Speaker shared his story with the students present in the workshop. He cited two inspiring quotes: "Leadership starts from home" and "A man doesn't have to be in a top position to be a leader". The students were profoundly excited and satisfied with the event organized by IMC.



► **Chittagong Independent University Human Resource Management Society (CIU HRM Society)** organized a workshop titled 'CV Seed' on 8 March 2019 at CIU Auditorium. It was conducted by **Mr. Mizanur Rahman**, Deputy Head of Human Resources, Kenpark & Regency, Chittagong. Its main focus was to help the students prepare a standard CV entering educational qualifications, references, skills and experiences. A total of 60 students attended the program.



Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Faculty in-charge, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, Ms. Iffat Ishrat Khan, Lecturer, CIU Business School, Ali Arman, the president of CIU HRM Society spoke at the event. After the ceremony, CIU HRM Society members handed over a crest to Mr. Mizanur Rahman.



► Chittagong Independent University Intrinsic Finance Club (CIUIFC) organized a workshop titled 'Corporate Excel Training' on 6 July 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Mr. Mohammad Saif Uddin Mahmud, Regional Sales Manager of Nagad, Chittagong conducted the workshop that included training on Data Entry, Filtering, Various Formulas, Grading, Pivot Tables, PowerPoint and Operating System.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Advisor of CIU Intrinsic Finance Club was present at the program among others. A good number of students attended the program.



► Independent Marketing Club (IMC) organized a workshop titled 'Clubbing 101' on 4 July 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Students from Chittagong Independent University Business School participated in the session.

Mr. Jason Sharma, administrative officer of Frobel Academy, conducted the workshop. He addressed many issues on running clubs such as leadership style, members' attitude, calling meetings, work of various boards, work plans and goals.



► Chittagong Independent University Marketing Department organized a workshop titled 'Business Case' on 20 June 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer of CIU Business School, conducted the program. He told the business students that they need to get ready right now to face challenges of the fast moving business world.

A total of 65 students from Business School of the university took part in the workshop.



► Independent University Science & Engineering Club (ISEC) organized a workshop on 'Advanced Microsoft Excel' on 14 March 2019. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Abdullah-Bin-Hussain Mehedi, Assistant Manager, Chittagong Stock Exchange and Digital Marketing Operations Manager, Crystal Marketing-Singapore. A good number of faculty members and students were present in the program.





► **Independent Science and Engineering Club (iSEC)** in association with **Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (SPSB)** and **Bangladesh Open Source Network (BdOSN)** jointly organized a 'Hands-on training workshop' on 25 July 2019 for the female students of SSE on 'Arduino Uno Rev3' based project development on **Internet of Things (IoT)**.

In Arduino workshop, **Mr. Mishal Islam** and **Mr. Rayhan**, the trainers, spoke on how Arduino microcontroller board is used in robotics and how to construct an IoT project interfacing servo motors and sensors with it.

**Mr. Atiqur Rahman**, Head, CSE and **Dr. Aseef Iqbal**, Head, ETE also discussed the importance and relevance of the workshop to the students.

## Club Activities



► **Chittagong Independent University Human Resource Management Society (CIU HRM Society)** organized a Freshers' reception and new Executive Committee Handover Ceremony on 15 January 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

**Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled**, Faculty Advisor of CIU HRM Society was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion and he said, "We are trying to familiarize students with institutional concepts."

**Ms. Tarana Karim**, Assistant Professor, **Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan**, Faculty in-charge of the Club, **Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman**, Lecturer, CIU Business School, **Ali Arman**, President of CIU HRM Society attended the event.



► **Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club** celebrated spring festival 'Basanta Baron Uthshob' on 13

February 2019 at CIU campus. The event held Folk-Gaan, traditional dance performances, pitha uthshob, cultural program, etc. CIU Vice Chancellor, Deans, teachers, students of different schools participated in the event putting on colourful attires. Performances were given with flute, ektara and drum. The cultural program started with Tagore's song 'Aha Aaj Ei Basante'. Joy, Tashrin, Atiya, Anirban, Samiha, Antora, Amitav and many others performed in the festival.



► **Chittagong Independent University Model United Nations (CIUMUN)** club started its journey on 7 February 2019 by organizing a workshop at CIU Auditorium. It focused on the art of diplomacy, team work and global issues.

Dean **Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah**, Associate Professor **Dr. Syed Manzur Quader** and Lecturer **Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan** of CIUBS spoke at the event. They introduced the students to the diplomatic Model United Nations and advised them to run the club effectively.



► **Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS)** with **bproperty.com** jointly organized a cancer awareness program titled 'Go Green-3' on 30 March 2019.

Trustee **Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman** was present as the Chief Guest and narrated her experience of working with children suffering for cancer. Being a cancer survivor herself, she encouraged everyone to work with children having cancer. The Keynote Speaker **Dr. Tapas Mitra**, Cancer Specialist Consultant, Chittagong Medical College & Hospital talked about cancer symptoms and what people should do to prevent cancer and what they can do to get treatment.

**Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah** chaired the program. **Ms. Hasina Akter Lipi**, Nutritionist & Assistant Director, Chittagong Diabetic General Hospital, **Mr. Ayman Sadik**, a young entrepreneur and founder of 10minute School, **Mr. Mohammad Mohsin**, Officer-in-charge, Kotwali Police Station,



Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Faculty-in-charge of CIU-SWS attended the event. The event concluded with Mr. Tahsan Khan's amazing performance.



► Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized a day long program to mark 'Pahela Boishakh 2019'; the Bengali new year at CIU premises. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the event.

Students and faculty members of CIU brought out a 'Mongol Shobhajatra' from the campus as a part of the celebration. The procession was led by the Convener of CIU Cultural Club Dr. Robaka Shamsher. To welcome the new year cultural programs were organized. Food stalls served typical Bengali food.

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Mr. Cumer Doyel Dey were present in the occasion.

Ms. Tafriha Sultana from Department of Law and Israat Binte Chowdhury from Department of English conducted the cultural program.



► Chittagong Independent University Business Students Society (CIUBSS) organized a Freshers' reception and new Executive Committee Handover Ceremony on 23 July 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Dean Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah and President of the club was present as the Chief Guest of the occasion and called CIUBSS 'the power house' of CIU. Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Faculty Advisor, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Faculty in-charge, CIUBSS, Brent Richardson, Vice President, Irfan Ahmed, Vice President of the club spoke at the event.



► The finale of the re-branding competition entitled 'Sharetrip presents Game of Presentation V2.0' was organized by the Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of CIU on 27 July 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

Students from different schools of CIU took part in the competition. Out of 10 participating teams, 3 won the top positions. Mr. Abrar Hossain, Managing Director of Relago, Mr. Mofazzal Aziz, Assistant Manager of Sharetrip and Mr. Muntasir Hossain the Station Chief of Radio Foorti Chattogram were judges for the competition.

While House of Stark topped the competition, 1st runners up was House of Lannister and 2nd runners up was House of Greyjoy. Dr. Robaka Shamsher, the Head of Department of Marketing hoped that more of such events would take place in the near future.



► School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Debating Club (SDS) organized a day-long Parliamentary Debate program on 11 July 2019 at Minhaz Complex of CIU campus. Students, members of CU Debating Club Society and moderators of SDS attended the workshop with great zeal.

Importance of debating, patterns of debating, point of order, presence of mind etc. were elaborately discussed at the event. The meet hosted joyful and meaningful exchanges among the participants.

CIU SDS Moderator and Lecturer Asiqur Rahman said that debates not only helped to create leadership but also guided students towards taking logical decisions in life. He further stated that **SLASS Debating Society** has been formed to function as a lighthouse for the students. Head of Department of English Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor Ms. Rifat Tasnim and Lecturer Ms. Ummey Haney Pinkey were present in the program.



## Amar Ekushey



► With due respect and solemnity Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed 21<sup>st</sup> February 'Amar Ekushey' and 'International Mother Language Day' and paid tribute to the martyrs of the language movement. To mark the day, CIU chalked out elaborate programmes including rally, placing floral wreaths at CIU Campus Shaheed Minar.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury attended the program as the Chief Guest while Dean Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Advisor Dr. Mohammad Ayub Islam, Lecturer Mr. Nasih Ul Wadud Alam, Department of English, highlighted the history of Bengali language movement and paid homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our mother tongue, Bangla. Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar conducted the entire program.



► Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized a program to observe the International Mother Language Day on 21 February 2019. CIU students along with the faculty members, Associate Professor Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Assistant Professor Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman and Lecturer Mr. Golap Kanti Dey joined in the procession (Probhat Fery) and placed a flower wreath at the central Shaheed Minar.

As a mark of respect, the national flag was hoisted at half-mast in front of the Administrative Building of CIU. A discussion session was held where Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury discussing the sacrifice of the heroes of the 1952 language movement commented that

they laid the very basic foundation of the Liberation War of Bangladesh.



► The students of Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS) observed International Mother Language Day with 'Upolobdhi', a social organization located in 71, Shib Bari Road, Firingi Bazaar, Kotowali.

On that day, CIU-SWS students collaborated with Upolobdhi organized an 'Art Competition' and 'Poetry Recitation' to bring out the hidden talents of the street children who were being nursed by it.

Mr. Ashikul Mahmud Erfan, Lecturer of CIU Business School was the Chief Guest of the event. There were a few gifts for the participants who stood 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. Also, there was an information session for the children to make them understand the importance of International Mother Language Day.

## American Corner

► International Women's Day 2019 meet and greet session was held on 8 March 2019 at the American Corner of Chittagong Independent University. Prominent Women activists, community leaders and business women joined the session. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury graced the event with his kind presence.



► Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of English, Chittagong Independent University gave a talk on 'What's a Teacher for? Perspective: English Language Teachers' on 28 July 2019 at American Corner Chittagong. US exchange IVLP Alumni Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues was also present in the session and gave tips on effective classroom management to help teachers.





## Picnic-Visit



► The Department of English of Chittagong Independent University arranged its annual picnic at Manikchari on 28 February 2019. Majority of the students joined this joyous event. Teachers of the department went with the students for picnicing. In addition to having open air meals, the picnics organized many games and competitions to pass the day. Amid scenic beauty and tranquility of mother nature, all of them had a day of fun and merriment.



► A group of MBA students of Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) visited the head office of Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) on 24 July 2019. During the visit, they got a close view of the operation of the CSE and the Stock Market of Bangladesh.

The activities of the entire program were monitored by Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Associate Professor, Dr. Sayema Sultana, Assistant Professor and Ms. Iffat Ishrat Khan, Lecturer of CIU Business School.



► Students of Department of Human Resource Management (HRM), Chittagong Independent University Business School were taken to KDS Fashion Ltd. as a part of their coursework and classroom activities on 25 July 2019. They gathered first-hand knowledge of a standard people intensive factory setup and its operations, particularly from management and HRM perspective.

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Associate Professors of CIU Business School and Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman, Lecturer of Department of Human Resource Management (HRM) led the program.



► A group of talented students of the Department of EEE, SSE of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) visited Patia Energypac Power Plant on 6 July 2019. Mr. Md. Morshed Alam, Assistant Professor and Mr. Md. Rizwanul Arfin Neyon, Lecturer, Department of EEE accompanied the students.



► Mr. Md. Morshed Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE, supervised a three day visit to BSRM Steel Re-rolling Mills by a group of senior students from the department. The students had a first-hand experience of the steel preparation, safety, electrical and control processes etc.





► A visit to 132/11 KV Grid Substation of RSRM took place on 3 August 2019 by a group of students from the Department of EEE, SSE of Chittagong Independent University (CIU).

Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Associate Professor and Head, Department of EEE was with the team throughout the visit. It was a part of Power System I Lab course and students obtained practical experience about the layout, basic operation and characteristics of substation equipment, The experience would be helpful on their professional life.

### Iftar Mehfil



► The School of Law, CIU organized a Milad and Iftar Mehfil on 22 May 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Students and teachers of the school attended the Mehfil.

Mr. Samidul Islam, Joint Metropolitan Session Judge of Chattogram, Mr. Badrul Huda Mamun, Advocate of the Supreme Court and Professor Zakir Hossain, Advisor of the SoL were present and illustrated the significance of Ramadan during the Mehfil. It ended with a special prayer to the Almighty Allah for the welfare of all the students, teachers of CIU and people of Bangladesh.



► Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS) organized an Iftar Mehfil which was attended by 200 under privileged children-one hundred from 'Nagarful' and another one hundred from 'Abu Huraira Madrasa and Orphanage'.

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Lecturer, CIU Business School, Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor & Head of CSE Department, Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Lecturer, ETE attended the program. After Iftar, CIU-SWS provided some educational materials to the children who attended the Mehfil.



► English Club's Iftar Mehfil was held on 20 May 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Students, Club members and Faculty members of English Department participated in the Mehfil. It started with rendering Haamd-Naat and recitation from the Holy Quran and ended with prayers to the Almighty soliciting success for students, faculty members, CIU and overall peace and welfare of mankind.



► Independent University Science and Engineering Club (iSEC) organized an Iftar Mehfil on 16 May 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Around 120 students and all the faculty members of SSE attended it. An Akheri munazat was performed for the well-being of Chittagong Independent University (CIU). Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor and Dean, SSE of CIU shared some of his valuable knowledge with the attendees on this occasion.



## Appointment

**Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim** started his career with Chittagong Independent University (CIU) as an Advisor from November 2018 and later he was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of EEE, SSE, CIU in January 2019.



**Mr. Mohammad Aktarul Alam Chowdhury** joined as an Assistant Professor of School of Law (SoL) at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 2 May 2018. Currently, he is serving as the Assistant Dean of School of Law, CIU.



**Dr. Sayema Sultana** joined Chittagong Independent University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting of CIU in January 2019 after completing her PhD in 2018 from the University of Malaya, Malaysia.



**Mr. Irtiza Chowdhury** joined Chittagong Independent University (CIU) as a Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering on 2 January 2019. He completed his B.Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) from Islamic University of Technology (IUT).



**Md. Zubair Kasem Khan** joined the School of Law in May 2019, having previously been a Lecturer in Law at Bangladesh University, Dhaka. He also served as a full-time Graduate Researcher for the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) Research Project under RMC, commissioned by Ministry of Education, Malaysia.



**Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman** joined Chittagong Independent University (CIU) as a Lecturer in the School of Business on 8 May 2019. She completed her MBA from IBA, Jahangirnagar University with major in 'Human Resource Management' and minor in 'Finance & Banking' in May 2014.



**Mr. Mahmud Bin Mohammad** Joined the Controller of Examinations Office of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) as an Officer on 3 February 2019. He completed his B.Sc. in Computer Science (CSC) from IUB. He pursued his M.Sc. in Computer Science & Information Technology at Southern University Bangladesh.



**Ms. Asma Alam** joined the American Corner Chittagong (Chittagong Independent University) as Education USA Coordinator on 1 April 2019. She started her career as a Customer Service Executive at Standard Chartered Bank and worked there for 4 years. She did her Masters from University of Gavle, Sweden on Business Management.



**Ms. Moumita Das** was appointed as Manager of School of Science & Engineering on 1 August 2019. She completed her BBA from Independent University Bangladesh and MBA from University of Chittagong.



**Ms. Sameena Alam** joined the Registrar's Office of CIU as an officer on 1 July 2019. She completed BBA in Accounting and MBA in Finance from CIU.



## Promotion

**Dr. Moslehuddin Khaled**, Head of Dept. of Management and HRM, was promoted to Associate Professor, CIU Business School, in March, 2019.



He was awarded PhD degree by Chittagong University in 2018. The title of his thesis is 'Management in Government Agencies: Bottom-up Approach for Better Citizen Service'.

**Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque** was promoted to Assistant Director- HR, VC Office & Council Affairs on 8 May 2019.



He did his MBA from Stamford University Bangladesh and Advance Diploma in Administrative Management from Institute of Administrative Management, IAM, UK.

**Mr. Md. Ismail** was promoted to Officer-Purchase of CIU on 1 April 2019. He did his BBS (pass) & MBA from Chittagong Govt. Commerce College.





## CIU Team Calls on UGC Chairman



A team of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) led by VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury called on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, newly appointed Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at the latter's office in the capital on 16 June 2019.

In their meeting various issues were discussed including student scholarship, opportunity of higher degree for the teachers, regular workshops, seminars and the possibilities of undertaking joint collaborative academic and research programs with the UGC. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah expressed his utmost desire to give all-out support to help CIU in education and research. Among others, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar and Ms. Salma Begum FCA, Acting Director, Finance & Accounts, were present on the occasion.

## Seminar on Entrepreneurship Held at CIU



A seminar titled 'Social Entrepreneurship in Universities: Unleashing its Potentials' was held on 16 January 2019 in Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Auditorium. Mr. Kazi M Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh

Investment Development Authority (BIDA), was present as the Chief Guest at the seminar. CIU Institute of Governance, Development and International Studies (IGDIS) organized the seminar which was chaired by VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Renowned businessmen, young entrepreneurs, teachers and students of different educational institutions attended the seminar.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director, IGDIS, conducted the seminar which was also attended by Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, CIU's Trustee Board Member, Dr. Mahfuzuddin, former Senior Advisor of ADB, Alihussain Akberali, Chairman of BSRM, Dr. Abdul Majid, Advisor of AK Khan Group and Mr. Mohammad Yasin, Director of BIDA, Chattogram among others.

## Scholarships

Students studying at CIU receive generous financial support from the university. There are various categories of support such as Merit Scholarship, Sibling Tuition Fees, Freedom Fighter Categories etc.

The following amount was disbursed as financial support to CIU students in Spring 2019 and Summer 2019.

	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Undergraduate	2,43,30,480/-	2,34,83,640/-
Graduate	54,06,250/-	44,36,500/-

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