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Celebration of "Mujib Borsho" (মুজিববর্ষ) at CIU Bangabandhu means Bangladesh



The birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was celebrated at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) with due respect, fervor, love, and through various activities.

On the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, the CIU authority started the festivities on 17 March 2020.

CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that Bangabandhu means Bangladesh and we are eternally indebted to him. He has given us a sovereign country, a nation, and our own identity.

"The nation will remember him with reverence forever. Bangabandhu's life is an epic," added the Vice Chancellor.

A 13-member Committee for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 100th birth anniversary celebration was formed at CIU.

On the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary, CIU authorities set up two replicas of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's portrait at CIU-one at Minhaj Complex and a second one at Roksana Manzil with due respect. These replicas inspired the students tremendously.

A 'Bangabandhu o Muktijuddho Corner' was set up in the CIU library on 17 March 2020. This corner, hopefully, will play a valuable role in imparting education on history of the Liberation War.

Apart from the CIU authorities, Chittagong Independent University Creative Writers' Club (CIUCWC) celebrated the birth centenary of **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, the greatest Bengalee ever to grace this earth, by arranging a creative writing competition online on 13 August 2020.

CIUCWC sought from CIU students write-ups, either in Bengali or English on Bangabandhu and Bangladesh. Management Staff, faculty members of different schools, students and guests attended the concluding event.





BoT Meeting



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 2nd meeting of 4th Board of Trustees (BoT) virtually on 30 June 2020.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meeting while Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mr. A Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Nader Khan, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan, Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Vice Chancellor of CIU and Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, BoT Secretary and Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Board members reviewed the progress of the recommendations and decisions approved at the previous meeting. Decisions were also taken on the different agendas discussed.



▶ The 3rd meeting of 4th Board of Trustees (BoT) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 3 September 2020.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meeting while Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Mr. A. Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan, Vice Chancellor of CIU and Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, BoT Secretary and Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting.

Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting.



▶ Under the chairmanship of Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman BoT the 4th meeting of 4th Board of Trustees (BoT) of CIU was held through virtual Meet on 7 April 2021.

Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mr. A Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, Trustee Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan, Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Trustee Mr. Hefazatur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of CIU and Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, BoT Secretary and Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting which resolved a few important university issues.



▶ The 5th meeting of 4th Board of Trustees (BoT) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 4 May 2021.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meeting while Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Mr. A Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. Salman Ispahani, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan, Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Vice Chancellor of CIU and Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, BoT Secretary and Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting. Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting.



▶ The 6th meeting of 4th Board of Trustees (BoT) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 27 May 2021.

Mr. Towhid Samad, Chairman, BoT, chaired the meeting, while Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Mr. A Quaiyum Khan, Trustee Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, Trustee Ms. Safia G. Rahman, Trustee Dilruba Ahmed, Trustee Mr. Aminur Reza Khan, Trustee Mr. Md. Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Trustee Mr. Md. Amin Helaly, Vice Chancellor of CIU and Ex officio member of BoT Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, BoT Secretary and Acting Registrar of CIU Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting.

Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting.

Ms. Corin Petrisor Visits CIU VC



▶ Representatives of Canadian High Commission paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury on 15 January 2020 at the latter's office.

Ms. Corin Petrisor, Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner of the Canadian High Commission was accompanied by Mr. Kazi Golam Forhad, Trade Commissioner and Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU.

Ms. Corin was pleased with the academic environment of CIU and showed a keen interest in supporting CIU students for education abroad and research.

CIU Publishes Vol. 2 and 3 of CIU Journal



▶ The second and third Volumes of Issue 1 of Chittagong Independent University Journal (CIU Journal) were published in December 2019 and December 2020 respectively. In the second volume, seven research articles and two book reviews were published, while six research articles were published in the third volume.

The journal stands as a milestone in fulfilling the academic pledges of CIU.

Faculty members, researchers from McMaster University, Canada, Universiti Utara Malaysia, and East Delta University, also contributed to the journal.

Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar is the Editor of the journal, which is published annually. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury is its editorial advisor.

Professor Nirmala Rao Calls on CIU VC



▶ The Vice Chancellor of Asian University for Women (AUW) Professor Nirmala Rao paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury of CIU at his office on 30 September 2019.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, including the possibilities of strengthening ongoing joint collaborative academic and research programs between CIU and AUW. Deans of the Schools and Acting Registrar of the University attended the meeting.

UCEP Chairman Meets CIU VC

► Chairman of Underprivileged Children Education Program (UCEP) Bangladesh Ms. Parveen Mahmud FCA called on Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury at his office on 30 September 2019.

Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU, Ms. Rooma



Dass, Assistant Director of American Corner Chittagong, among others, were present on the occasion. The VC thanked the guest for her visit to CIU and her interest in CIU's academic activities.

CIU Starts Online Classes



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) started online classes for Summer 2020 semester virtually through the 'Course Management and Operation System' (CMOS) on 5 July 2020, a unique system introduced by CIU for its own students.

Along with the students from Chattogram city itself, students from Rangamati, Satkania and Cox's Bazar also joined online and successfully carried out their studies. Students appreciated the initiative in their Facebook comments.

CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that online classes would continue with a view to advancing higher education during the Corona pandemic.

Ramgolam in English Translation: Meet the Translator

► Creative Writers' Club, Chittagong Independent University and American Corner jointly organized a program titled 'Ramgolam in English Translation: Meet the Translator' on 19 November 2019 at CIU American Corner.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS and translator of *Ramgolam*, was the Main Speaker of the program and advised the students to translate Bangla literary works into English in order to make the treasure of Bengali literature available to global readers.



The book was originally written by Mr. Harishankar Jaladas, a well-known author of Bangladesh and he identified the novel Ramgolam as a life story of the disenfranchised people of Bangladesh.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest while Ms. Zareen Choudhury, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Chittagong and Mr. Dipankar Das, Head of Batighor attended the program.

Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor and Convener of the club presided over the program. Heads of different Departments, Faculty members and Administrative officials were present among others.

Four Students Receive Laptops from CIU VC



► Four students received laptops as personal gifts from the Vice Chancellor of Chittagong Independent University on 21 September 2020.

The four students are: Ms. Tithi Dutta (English), Ms. Jannatul Ferdous (LLB), Ms. Tahmina Azim (Computer Science and Engineering) and Mr. Jobayer Towshif Mashfi (BBA).

CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was happy with their academic performance and general conduct and wished them all well.

He hoped that the laptops would help them continue studies and online classes during the pandemic. On behalf of Vice Chancellor of the university, the Deans of four schools handed over the laptops to the students.

Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies



▶ Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a day-long seminar titled 'Contemporary Issues in the Foreign Relations of Bangladesh' on 27 October 2019 at CIU Conference Room.

Faculty members of different universities along with CIU Deans, Head of different departments both Academic and Administrative, were present at the program.

Mr. M. Serajul Islam, Former Ambassador to Japan, was the Keynote Speaker of the program and he discussed various aspects of the country's foreign policy as well as its prospects and challenges.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director of IGDIS, conducted the program, while Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, CIU, presided over it.



▶ Seoul National University Asia Center, Korea & Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), CIU jointly organized a program titled 'Higher Education, Economic Development, and Garment Industry in Bangladesh and Korea' on 7 November 2019 at Seoul National University Asia Center, Korea.

A team of five-members led by VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) attended the program.

Among Others, Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, Professor Dr. Mir Mohammad Nurul Absar, CIU Business School, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director, IGDIS of CIU, were present.

The areas of cooperation between the two will include exchange of faculty members and students, joint program ranging from certificate to PhD, joint research activities, participation in seminars and academic meetings etc.



▶ Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a seminar titled 'Rethinking Development, Globalization and Governance' on 10 December 2019 at CIU Conference Room.

The Main Speaker of this program was **Professor Ahmed Shafiqul Huque**, Department of Political Science, McMaster University, Canada.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chair, while Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director of IGDIS, conducted the program. A good number of teachers and students attended the session.

The speakers highlighted the importance of transparency and honesty in ensuring good governance.



▶ Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a seminar titled 'Comprehensive City Development: Strategies and Challenges' on 27 February 2020 at CIU auditorium.

CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director of IGDIS, conducted the program.

Mr. SM Ashraful Islam, Former additional secretary and Professor Nirmala Rao, Vice Chancellor of Asian University for Women were the key speakers.

Among others, Mr. Shahinul Islam Khan, Chief Town Planner, Chittagong Development Authority, Ms. Ruhy Ahmed, Head of CSR, BSRM and Mr. Mufidul Alam, Chief Revenue Officer, Chattogram City Corporation also participated in the seminar.

It was suggested in the program that activities of the local government administration must be prioritized in order to develop Chattogram as a planned and sustainable city.



▶ Institute of Governance, Development, and International Studies (IGDIS) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a webinar titled 'Win:How Public Entrepreneurship Can Transform the Developing World' on 24 June 2021 virtually.

The Keynote Speaker of the program was **Dr. M Fouzul Kabir Khan**, Former Secretary, Government of Bangladesh and Founder CEO, IDCOL.

Mr. Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest. Among others Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Associate Professor of CIUBS, Mr. S M Ashraful Islam, Former Additional Secretary, Government of Bangladesh, Dr. Nazneen K Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, Government of Bangladesh and Member (Finance and Trade) spoke at the event.

CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the program, while Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director of IGDIS, conducted the webinar.

The speakers concluded, "Bangladesh has been consistently successful in many indicators of the economy. There is no alternative to government sponsorship as well as the growth of new entrepreneurs in the private sector."

GPH Ispat Team Visits CIU



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

An exchange of views was held between the two organizations at the VC Office of CIU in Jamal Khan on 24 February 2021, Wednesday. Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, CIU Vice Chancellor, welcomed the delegates.

The members of the delegation were Ms. Sharmin Sultan, Chief People Officer and Mr. Md. Hamed Hasan Riyadh, Deputy Manager, Human Resources of GPH Ispat.

In their meeting various issues including student facilities, opportunity of higher education, organizing workshops, joint program, etc. were discussed.

Among others, Mr. Sarkar Kamrul Mamun, Acting Director, Career Planning and Placement Counselling Office and Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, CIU attended the program.

Programming Contest Held at CIU



A competitive programming event titled 'Standard Chartered Bank and Prothom Alo Inter School and College Programming Contest' was hosted by Chittagong Independent University on 3 October 2019.

This prestigious event was divided into phases like regional workshops, school-college activation, online and on-site programming competition and so on. More than 100 teams registered for the contest from which only 50 teams were selected to participate in the final. The programming contest was held at Network simulation lab, Multimedia lab and Communication lab at CIU premises.

The Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes and medals among the winners. **Ms. Bitopi Das**, Head of Brand and Corporate Media, Standard Chartered Bank and **Mr. Bishwajit Chowdhury** Joint Editor, The Daily Prothom Alo were present as special guests. The concluding event was hosted by **Mr. Munir Hasan**, Editor, Youth Program of The Daily Prothom Alo.

Colorful Engineering Night

▶ Independent University Science and Engineering Club (iSEC), Chittagong Independent University organized a colorful program titled 'Engineering Night' on 30 November 2019 at CIU auditorium. The two-part program began with welcome speeches.



VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was the Chief Guest at the event. He stated that there is no alternative but to engage in cultural activities for achieving success in life.

The Dean, faculty members, guardians and students attended the cultural event. Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Faculty in-charge of iSEC, presided over the program.

CIU Team Visits Four Colleges



▶ Under the Community Outreach Program, a representative team of the Registrar's Office of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) visited Kapasgola City Corporation Mahila College, Chattogram Biggan College, Chattogram Commerce College and South Asian College on 22 October 2019.

During the visits, the team met the Principals, Vice Principals, teachers and students of these institutions who showed much enthusiasm for CIU and its academic programs. The students were happy to learn that CIU would welcome them in pursuing higher education.

Ms. Zafreen Choudhury, Senior Officer and Mr. Mohiuddin Jewel, Officer, PR and Communications, Registrar's Office, CIU represented Chittagong Independent University.

CIU's Cycle Boy

▶ Mr. Shahariyar Emon, a student of CIU Business School cycled 64 districts of the country to raise awareness on 'Leave the car and take the bicycle, build a pollution-free country' on 1 November 2019. He is well known as the 'Cycle Boy' on the campus.



Mr. Emon said that he had the record of traveling the 64 districts of the country in the shortest time on a thick wheel bicycle. "I saw how the environment is being polluted by engine driven vehicles. So, I have been thinking for a long time that I will take this kind of initiative", he added. The university congratulated him for his drive in creating awareness about pollution free environment.

MoU Between CIU and Batighor



► The Chittagong Independent University (CIU) and popular book vendor 'Batighor' signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 17 November 2019 at CIU Conference Room for developing the standard of journals and books publication.

Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU, and Mr. Dipankar Das, Head of Batighor, signed the MoU on behalf of respective organizations.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that this MoU woul play an important role in the growth of both organizations.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Head of Department of English, Dr. Md. Zillur Rahman, Librarian, Mr. Cumar Doyel Dey, Deputy Director, Admin, CIU were present at the signing program among others.

The Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Quiz Competition

▶ The prize-giving ceremony of a Quiz Competition arranged by the **Dept. of English** of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on 28 January 2020 at American Corner Chittagong.



Ramisa Anan, Iman Amin Ithu, and Meheki Siraj were the winners of this competition. They received valuable books as prizes from the Chief Guest of the ceremony Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

Ms. Sanjida Afrin and Ms. Tafriha Tarannum, Lecturers, Department of English were the conveners of the competition.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head of the English Department and other faculty members were also present.

On Campus Work for CIU Students



▶ Umme Hani Chowdhury, a student of BBA of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) works during class breaks. "My administrative skills are getting better. We are students but we are also helping in university operations," she said at a view-exchange program in the university on 18 February 2020 at CIU Conference Room.

Not only Umme Hani, but many students from different departments of CIU, also take up on campus jobs, a unique opportunity at CIU under a 'Student Support Program'.

A total of 10 students narrated their employment experience to the CIU Vice Chancellor. Mentioning that no work is trivial, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "Work must be finished in time. Creativity is hidden within work."

Certificate Giving Ceremony



▶ School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) conducts a twelve-week program titled 'Certificate course on International Refugee Law and International Protection' at CIU for the students of Law on 28 January 2020.

The Guest of Honor of this program was Mr. Veton Orana, Assistant Representative, UNHCR, while CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest and gave away certificates to the participants at the CIU auditorium. Violence against Rohingyas, sustainable peace, humanitarian, social, political, legal and economic issues, gender discrimination, protection and rights as well as security considerations through technical sessions were discussed in the program.

Professor Zakir Hossain, Advisor of SoL presided over the program, while Mr. Mohammad Aktarul Alam Chowdhury, Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean, School of Law spoke on the program among others.

English Department Debate and Public Speaking Championship 2019



► A three-week long debate competition titled 'English Department Debate and Public Speaking Championship 2019' ended on 14 November 2019 at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Auditorium. SLASS Debating Society (SDS) organized the event; eight teams took part in the competition.

Mr. Asigur Rahman, Lecturer, CIU and Moderator of the club presided over the program, while VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony, handed over the prizes to the winners in the debate competition.

Bangabandhu Speech Competition 2020



▶ SLASS Debating Society (SDS) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) conducted the Award Ceremony of 'Bangabandhu Speech Competition 2020' virtually on 21 November 2020.

The Chief Guest of the final ceremony was CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. The winners in the competition are Mohammad Majid (champion), Sujoy Mallick (first runner-up) and Fatima Afroz (second runner-up).

Mr. Asigur Rahman, Chief Moderator of SDS and lecturer of the English department presided over the whole program, while Dean of SLASS, Dean of SSE, Head of English Department, Faculty members and students were present among others. All the three winners of the competition were awarded books as prizes.

Language Through Performance



▶ The Department of English, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a performance titled 'Language through Performance' which was co-hosted by American Corner Chittagong on 10 March 2020 at CIU Auditorium.

The students of the department staged three one-act plays in the program: Suppressed Desire (Susan Glaspell), A Marriage Proposal (Anton Chekov), Takar Botam (An adaptation of the short story Button, Button by Richard Matheson). The performance enthralled the audiences. The program was supervised by Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean, SLASS who remarked that enterprises like this would bring mobility to the cultural life of the students.

Jannat, Calvin, Salma, Keya, Iftekhar, Alvi, Prema, Autundrila, Nujhat, Iman Amin played different roles in the three plays. Ms. Ummey Haney Pinkey, Lecturer in English directed the plays with the help of Mr. Mostafa Kamal Jatra.

Admission Test



Admission tests for different programs for Autumn Semester-2019 were held peacefully at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) campus on 31 August 2019. A good number of students sat for the written tests for the privilege of getting a place in the schools of their choice.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hogue Chowdhury, accompanied by the Deans, Proctor, Departmental Heads, Controller of Examinations and Acting Registrar, inspected the halls during the test.



 Admission tests for Spring-2020 were held on 6 January 2020 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, "We are determined to select the right candidate for the right course by preparing effective question papers in our admission tests."

Freshers' Reception at CIU



▶ Orientation and Freshers' Reception program for newly enrolled students of the Autumn 2019 semester of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) took place on 7 September 2019 at the auditorium of CIU. University freshmen were given a reception in a joyful environment. More than 200 students were present in the program.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as orientation speaker in the program, while Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Proctor and Director of IQAC and Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar of CIU delivered respectively welcome address and vote of thanks.

Terming CIU as a family, the VC said that the first day of university life is a memorable one for the freshers and urged them to make proper use of time during their stay at CIU.



► The Department of English, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) formally welcomed its newly enrolled students of Autumn 2019 semester.

To celebrate the first day of university life of the freshers, the Department organized a campus visit on 12 September 2019.

Mr. Nasih Ul Wadud Alam guided the tour and Ms. Sanjida Afrin and Ms. Tafriha Tarannum Senjuti helped in the coordination of the tour.

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized 'Spring Orientation-2020' program for the newcomers on 9 January 2020 at its auditorium. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul



Hoque Chowdhury as Chief Guest welcomed the freshers and repeated his pledge of making the university the best one in the country. The Deans, the Departmental Heads and the proctor also addressed the students during the event.

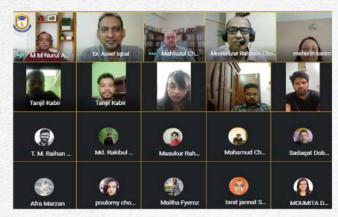


► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a two day 'Virtual Orientation Program' on 9 July 2020 and 13 July 2020 for the students enrolled in Summer 2020 Semester.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chair at the program, while Advisors, Deans of the four schools, Heads of different departments, Faculty members, Acting Registrar and Administrative officials attended it among others.

The students shared and expressed their dreams about their academic life at CIU.

Addressing the ceremony, VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said that CIU has been trying relentlessly to impart quality education ever since its foundation.



Chittagong Independent University (CIU) accorded reception to the freshers of Summer 2021 virtually on 19 June 2021. Honorable Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chair, while the Deans of the four schools and Heads of different departments, and Academic and Administrative officers, explained to the freshers the various rules and facilities of the university.

The VC said that CIU is putting maximum emphasis on imparting quality education, recruiting qualified teachers and improving facilities for its students.



► School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University organized a seminar titled 'Deep Fake: Technology and Consequences' on 25 September 2019 at CIU auditorium. Mr. Irtiza Chowdhury, Lecturer, CSE, SSE was the Keynote Speaker, while Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Professor and Dean, SSE of CIU, presided over the seminar.

The seminar consisted of a thorough breakdown of how deep fakes are constructed and its underlying elements of deep learning, pattern recognition and image processing. The prevalence, potential dangers and benefits of such a technology were also a part of the discussion.



School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University conducted a seminar titled 'Photonic Crystal Fiber Sensor' on 29 October 2019 at CIU auditorium. The seminar was chaired by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE while Ms. Meher Niger, Lecturer, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) was the Keynote Speaker of the program.

Specifically, the seminar emphasized on Photonic Crystal Fiber Sensor. The speaker presented the various structures of PCF, their simulation process and applications in the modern era. The students were also encouraged to design and simulate some structures for better results.



► The Department of English, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a talk titled 'English Studies and Professional Diversity' on 17 November 2019 at its Central Auditorium.

Mr. Md. Jaherul Islam, Manager of Human Resources Department of ICDDR,B was the Key Speaker and Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Head of the Department of English, presided over it.

The speaker in his speech stated that some are good at writing but feel shy in speaking; on the other hand, there are others who are skilled in speaking but weak in writing. He suggested that self-confidence would help in acquiring proficiency in English.

Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, the Dean of the SLASS was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Kazi Md. Siful Aspea, Assistant Professor of English also delivered his speech in the seminar, while most of the faculty members and students of the department were present. Ms. Tafriha Tarannum Senjuti, Lecturer of the department, anchored the seminar.



School of Law, CIU arranged a seminar titled 'Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Trial Proceedings of Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Domon Tribunals, Chattogram' on 20 November 2019 at CIU auditorium.

The Keynote Speaker of the program, Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Siddiquee, District and Sessions Judge, said, "The Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Domon Tribunals are functioning under huge pressure of case backlogs. Before April 2018 about 16 thousand cases were pending before 3 Tribunals in Chattogram. At present 6 judges are working for 7 tribunals."

The program was chaired by Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, while Mr. Mohammad Aktarul Alam Chowdhury, Assistant Dean, Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain, Assistant Professor and Convener of the program, School of Law of CIU, delivered speeches. A good number of teachers and students attended the program.



► Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) organized a seminar titled 'Effective Teaching in the Classroom' on 10 December 2019 at CIU Conference Room.

Prof. Ahmed Shafiqul Huque, Department of Political Science at McMaster University, Canada was the Keynote Speaker of the seminar, while the program was chaired by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, CIU. Faculty members from various schools of CIU were present as audience in the program.

The program was conducted by Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Associate Prof. and Head, Dept. of EEE and Director, CETL. He emphasized on the various teaching methods and approaches that need to be followed to make teaching effective in the classroom.



► Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) conducted a seminar titled 'Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Marketing in 21st Century' on 14 January 2020 at CIU auditorium. It was followed by a discussion and question-answers.

Dr. Mahmud Hassan, Doctoral Fellow, School of Business, University of Queensland, Australia was the Main Speaker in the program, while Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present among others. Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, CIUBS presided over the program.

The speaker in his speech reflected on the marketing sector of the country linking it to sales, promotion, advertising, public relations, pricing, branding and packaging including services and discount.



▶ Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, a distinguished critic, writer and a former teacher of Dhaka University, spoke in a program entitled 'Postcoloniality and Literary Criticism' organized by the Department of English, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) on 25 February 2020 at American Corner Chittagong.

As the keynote Speaker, Prof Islam noted that concocting a macaroni language mixing Bangla and English together demonstrates a clear disrespect to both the languages. He also pointed out that as Bangla Literature has achieved universal parameter, it was high time we had potential translation to take it to the gateway of world literature. He encouraged students to be equally skilled in other languages like English, French, Latin so that they could introduce Bangla Literature to the whole world.

Mr. Nasih UI Wadud Alam, Lecturer, SLASS, presided over the program, while Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean, SLASS, also urged the students to put forth their endeavor to take Bangla Literature to its proper height.

School of Law, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) in association with American Corner, Chittagong jointly organized a seminar titled 'Legislative Initiatives and Reforms in the Muslim Family Laws for Women Empowerment in Bangladesh' on 8 March 2020 at CIU Auditorium.



Dr. Md. Anisur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Asian University for Women (AUW) was the Key Speaker of this program, while Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury attended the seminar as the Chief Guest.

Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, School of Law, CIU attended as discussant of the program. Md. Aktarul Alam Chowdhury, Assistant Dean, School of Law presided over the meeting.

"Physical appearance can't be the reason of judgment between men and women. Bangladesh is becoming a role model for women empowerment in the world", speakers concluded in the seminar.



➤ School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a webinar titled 'Small Virus, Big Problems: Living with Covid-19 Pandemic' virtually on 11 July 2020.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury and Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, SoL participated in the webinar and spoke on Covid, Human rights, Physicians' legal responsibilities and International Order.

- **Dr. Ottavio Quirico**, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of New England, Australia and **Prof. Madya Dr. Rohana binti Abdul Rahman**, Dean, School of Law, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Malaysia also took part in the discussion.
- ► School of Science and Engineering (SSE) of Chittagong Independent University organized a program titled 'Career Talk' virtually on 20 March 2021.
- Mr. N. Sadat Shami, Senior Manager, People Analytics



Organization, Facebook was the Key Speaker in the program, while Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Dean, SSE of CIU presided over it.

The Speaker in his speech briefed the students on various issues including career ideas, challenges, importance of practical knowledge, confidence building strategies, creativity and knowledge. A good number of students attended the program.



► The English Department of Chittagong Independent University arranged a webinar on the 'Issues in English Language Teaching' virtually on 3 June 2021.

Faculty members and students of the English Department attended the program. Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, presided over the program.

The webinar focused on issues of teaching methods, washback effects, communication in practical English skills, activity designs, classroom management, feedback on students' writings, and the combination of cultural elements in language teaching.

Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Head, Ms. Shakila Mustaque, Lecturer, Mr. Asiqur Rahman, Lecturer and Mr. Md. Rifat Ahmed, Lecturer, Department of English of SLASS, CIU spoke in the event.

▶ The English Department of Chittagong Independent University arranged a talk titled 'Research Interest and Higher Education in the US: Current Trends' on 3 June 2021 at Room no-1701, Minhaj Complex, CIU.



Mr. Shaibal Dev Roy, Doctoral Fellow, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA was the Key Speaker at the program while Professor Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean of SLASS, presided over it.

The speaker said, "There is no alternative to public and private joint ventures for creating new researchers and research in Bangladesh. The more information and material we gather, the more we can move forward in the field of research." Teachers and students of SLASS participated in the event.



School of Law, Chittagong Independent University organized an international webinar titled 'Right of Self-Determination of the Palestinian people: Addressing the Claim under International Law' virtually on 17 July 2021.

Several speakers stated that a lot of initiatives have been taken to resolve this problem, but the peace process is still far away.

Ms. Ramisa Jahan, Lecturer, School of Law, CIU, conducted the program. Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, Professor Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula, Executive Director of Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal, Dr. Mukhriz Mat Rus, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Mr. Hatem Raba, President of General Union of Palestinian students in Bangladesh reflected on the issue in the program.

Mr. Mohammed Belayet Hossain, Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of School of Law, CIU, was the Chair of the event.

▶ A virtual lecture session titled 'Interview DOs and DON'Ts and Industry Updates' was held on 11 August 2021 for the students of LFE201 course under CIU Business School virtually.



Mr. Masum Al Mokerrabin, Circle Marketing Head, Chattogram Business Circle of Grameenphone Limited delivered the talk as a Resource Person, while Mr. Abdullah Al Nur, Market Communications Head, Chattogram Business Circle of Grameenphone was also present in the session.

The event was also attended by the Course Instructor and Lecturer of CIUBS, Mr. Sayeed Hasan.

As many as seventy five senior students from CIUBS participated in the session.



▶ School of Science and Engineering of Chittagong Independent University conducted a day-long workshop titled '1st Workshop on Outcome Based Education' on 14 September 2019 at CIU Conference Room. Professor Dr. Asaduzzaman, Chairman of CSE department, CUET, was the Keynote Speaker of the program, while VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest.

The program was presided over by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Dean, SSE of CIU. The objective of the workshop was to introduce the various thoughts and components of outcome-based education to the participating faculty members and others.

► School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) hosted 2nd workshop on 'Outcome Based Education' (OBE) at Networking Lab on 31 October 2019. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Risul Islam Rasel, Assistant Professor of SSE.



The discussants emphasized the importance of institutional learning outcomes, program learning outcomes and course learning outcomes. OBE is becoming a living educational model, adapting to new demands and needs of higher education.

The Dean, the Advisor, the faculty members, staff members and the students of SSE, attended the program.



▶ IEEE Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Student Branch organized a workshop titled 'Hands On Arduino' on 16 November 2019. The workshop was carried out by Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Dean, School of Science and Engineering and Head, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of CIU. Around 20 students took part in it. They were awarded with certificates of participation at the end of the session. Main focus of the workshop was to do hands on practical with Arduino Uno and Arduino Easy Module Shield. IEEE CIU Student Branch tried to instill a basic knowledge of Arduino in the students.



► To impart the various factors of 'Outcome Based Education' which is a cardinal issue of learning, School of Science and Engineering, Chittagong Independent University conducted a day-long workshop titled '3rd Workshop on Outcome Based Education' on 21 November 2019 at the Networking Lab of SSE.

The program was presided over by Professor Dr. Md. Rezaul Huque Khan, Faculty Advisor, SSE, CIU, while **Professor Dr. Asaduzzaman**, Chairman of CSE department, CUET was the keynote Speaker of the program.

The speaker discussed several methods and criteria regarding OBE. The intention of the workshop was to present various teaching/learning methods, formulate Course Outline, accept feedback from the stakeholders, facilitate CO/PO mapping, determine Course criteria and explain the application procedure of various methods.



► School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a poetry workshop for its students on 15 January 2020 at American Corner Chittagong. The famous poet Prof. Dr. Kaiser Haq, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities (SAH), University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh (ULAB), delved into the techniques of poetry-analysis for SLASS learners.

Prof. Quazi Mostain Billah, Dean, SLASS, CIU and all the SLASS faculty members attended the enlightening workshop which ended with a question-answer session for all.

Career Planning and Placement Counseling Office



► School of Law (SoL) and Career Planning and Placement Counseling Office, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) jointly organized a webinar titled 'Advocacy: Career Prospects and Challenges' on 10 July 2021 virtually.

Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, VC of CIU, Mr. Md. Zahidul Bari, Advocate, Mr. Sheikh Iftikher Shimul Chowdhury, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Professor Md. Zakir Hossain, Faculty Advisor, Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun, Acting Director, Career Planning and Placement Counselling Office, discussed the different aspects of the career planning and placement for prospective CIU graduates.

Mr. Md. Hasnath Kabir Fahim, Lecturer, SoL, CIU conducted the program, while Mr. Mohammed Belayet Hossain, Assistant Dean, School of Law, CIU, was the Chair of the event.

"Reading textbooks alone does not make anyone a good lawyer. The various experiences that take place around us and practical knowledge enrich this profession in different ways", emphasized the speakers.

Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainable Development



► Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainable Development, Chittagong Independent University and Policy Research Institute (PRI) jointly organized a workshop titled 'National Job Strategy' on 19 December 2019 at CIU Conference Room.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chair, while Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman of PRI conducted the whole program.

Several corporate houses, entrepreneurs, educationists, bankers, businessmen of Chittagong also spoke on the topic. A widespread set of job policy can disseminate knowledge of priorities of the job market and help the job seekers in designing their future career.

Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainable Development, CIU also attended the program.

Corporate Talk

► Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) organized a Corporate Talk titled 'Voice of an Insurer' on 16 October 2019 at CIU Auditorium. The Main Speaker of



this program was Ms. Farzanah Chowdhury, Managing Director and CEO. Green Delta Insurance Co. Ltd.

VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as Chair, while Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor, CIU Business School and Convener of Corporate Talk, conducted the whole program. A good number of students attended the program.

The speaker in her speech stated that for many, the sky is too small as the dream is huge. So, one's willpower can change oneself.



▶ Business Students' Society (BSS), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a three day Corporate Fest which started on 2 November 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Mr. Sufi Mizanur Rahman, a renowned entrepreneur of the country and Chairman of PHP Family was the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony.

More than 200 students were present in the program. The club members arranged an academic workshop which included an open discussion and opinion sharing.

A total of 18 teams from different universities of Chittagong metropolitan area including CIU, CU, AUW, EDU, Southern, Premier, etc. participated in the competition held on the eve of the fest.

Mr. Sufi Mizanur Rahman stated that the bigness of a person can be measured by calculating how much time he spends on work every day.

Dr. Md. Mohmmad Nayeem Abdullah, President, Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Faculty Advisor, Mr. Sayeed Hasan, Faculty in-charge, Mr. Brent Richardson, Program Coordinator, Ms. Tahmina Shama, General Secretary of the club were present among others.

Club Activity



▶ Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a day long workshop on 'Advertising and Branding' on 17 September 2019. Mr. Ashique Ul Azam Khan, Director, Strategic Planning of Ogilvy Bangladesh conducted the whole program while Dr. Robaka Shamsher, Faculty in-charge of the club was present among others.

The Main Speaker discussed the various aspects of advertising and branding. Students from CIU Business School, majoring in Marketing, participated in the workshop and learnt the different strategies of branding and advertising.



► Chittagong Independent University Intrinsic Finance Club (CIU-IFC) organized a workshop titled 'Investment In Stock Market' on 26 September 2019 at CIU Auditorium. LankaBangla Securities Limited was the strategic partner of the program.

Mr. Mohammad Amir Hossain, General Manager and Regional Head, LankaBangla Securities Limited was present as the Chief Guest while Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor, CIU Business School, presided over the program. The discussants emphasized the importance of money market and capital market.

▶ The inauguration program of Chittagong Independent University Accounting Club (CIUAC) was held on 30 September 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Chief Guest VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the event by cutting a cake, The faculty members and students attended the event.



The new club members arranged a day-long program which included an open discussion, opinion sharing, competitions and quiz contest.

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury, Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor of Accounting Club presided over the program. The Vice Chancellor wished a successful journey for the club in his opening speech.



▶ Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS) organized a free blood grouping campaign on 1 October 2019 at CIU campus. Students and teachers joined the campaign. More than 150 students had their blood groups checked. "CIU Social Welfare Society offers generous big-hearted service to the students", added Ms. Iffat Ishrat Khan, Lecturer, CIU Business School and Faculty in-charge of the club.



▶ The inauguration program of Chittagong Independent University School of Law-Law Society (CIUSoL-LS) and Chittagong Independent University School of Law-Debating and Mooting Club (CIUSoL-DMC) was held on 14 October 2019 at CIU Auditorium.

The new club members arranged a day-long program including an open discussion, opinion sharing and cultural program from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Professor Zakir Hossain, Advisor of SoL presided over the program, while Mr. Mohammad Aktarul Alam Chowdhury, Assistant Dean and Convener of the program spoke on the occasion among others.



▶ English Club, Chittagong Independent University organized a program titled 'Annual Cultural Evening' on 17 October 2019 at CIU Auditorium. CIU VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present among others, while Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English presided over the program. The Dean, faculty members and students attended the cultural event.



► Chittagong Independent University-HRM Society (CIU HRM Society) conducted a seminar titled 'Organizational Behavior' on 18 October 2019 at CIU Auditorium. Mr. Kazi Saifur Rahman, In-charge, Facilities, Services and Maintenance of Administration, BSRM, was the Keynote Speaker, while Ms. Tamanna Binte Zaman, Lecturer, CIU Business School and Faculty in-charge of CIU HRM Society presided over the program.

The speakers highlighted the importance of job performance, employee interaction, job commitment and leadership quality. A good number of students attended the program.



► Chittagong Independent University Social Welfare Society (CIU-SWS) organized a Free Medical Camp 2019 on 1 November 2019 at Haji Nuruzzaman Housing Society situated in Firingi Bazar area.

Medical facilities such as eye, dental and general health checkup, blood grouping and diabetes tests, ear and nose piercings were provided free of cost.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Alhaj Zahirul Alam Dobhas, Chairman of CDA, while Mr. Alihussain Akberali FCA, Chairman, BSRM, Dr. Md. Mohmmad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIUBS were present among others.



▶ Independent Marketing Club (IMC) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) organized a workshop titled 'Persuasive Presentation' on 16 November 2019.

Mr. Moontasir Hossain, Station Chief of Radio Foorti Chattogram, conducted the whole program illustrating the tips and tricks of slide making and covered around six modules related to presentation.



► Chittagong Independent University School of Law Debating and Mooting Club (CIUSoL-DMC) organized a workshop titled 'Fundamental Rules of Parliamentary Debate' on 23 January 2020 at Minhaz Complex of CIU.

Mr. Md. Raihan Shakil, a former renowned National Debater and Debate Organizer, conducted the workshop that included training on defining the Motion of the Parliamentary Debate, Format of Parliamentary Debate, Oral Presentation, Argument, Rebuttal, Procedures of raising Point of Personal Information, Point of Personal Privilege and Point of Order.

Mr. Md. Zubayer Kashem Khan, Moderator, Mr. Md. Hasanat Kabir Fahim, Lecturer, Md. Akram Hosen, President of CIUSOL-DMC attended the program.



► Chittagong Independent University Sports Club organized a tournament titled 'CIU Indoor Sports Competition' from 27 February 2020 to 7 March 2020 at CIU campus. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the program as Chief Guest.

He said, "In order to change the quality of education, various incentive activities including sports should be spread everywhere."

Sports events, such as Table-tennis, Pool, Carrom, Ludo and a few other events were arranged for the male and female students separately.

Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood, Club Advisor and Assistant Professor of CIUBS attended the program. Toufiq, Tayeb, Shafin, Akib, Aqeel, Jerin, Bilkis, Sharara and other members of the club worked very hard to make the tournament a success.



► Chittagong Independent University Creative Writers' Club (CIUCWC) celebrated the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the greatest Bengalee ever to grace this earth, by arranging a creative writing competition virtually on 13 August 2020.

CIUCWC had requested students to send in write-ups, either in Bengali or English, expressing their thoughts on Bangabandhu. From a huge number of CIU student participants, the panel of judges comprising SLASS faculty members, elected the final list of winners: Iman Amin Ithu (for English write-up) and Oasiatul Marifa Ifti (for Bengali article), both SLASS students. CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Chief Guest of the program, announced the names of winners to all the competitors.

The Vice Chancellor in his speech mentioned that Bangabandhu always carried the dreams and expectations of the youth in his heart and moved forward.

The program, attended by the Dean of SLASS, Head of the English Department, faculty members of different schools, students and guardians, ended with three songs sung in memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the architect of our independence.



▶ The English Club members of Chittagong Independent University distributed lunch, books, pencils among 54 street children studying in 'Borner School' in the CRB area on 17 September 2020. The club members also arranged a drawing competition for them.

Ms. Charmain Rodrigues, Assistant Professor, SLASS, CIU and also moderator of the club, admired the humanitarian gesture of the university students.



▶ On the occasion of the holy Eid, a group of talented students of School of Law (SoL) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) distributed Eid gifts among 78 underprivileged children at Dewanhat Area, Agrabad, Chittagong on 9 May 2021. Former and current students of the SoL took part in the event. The children were seen smiling after getting the eid gifts.



▶ Chittagong Independent University Business Students' Society (CIU-BSS) organized a program titled 'Career Planning and Preparation During The Lockdown' virtually on 28 May 2021.

Its main focus was to help the students prepare a standard CV entering educational qualifications, references, skills, experiences, career ideas, importance of practical knowledge and creativity.

Mr. Tanvir Shahriar Rimon, CEO, Ranks FC Properties and Mr. Monwar Hossain, Head of Human Resources (Former), the Westin Dhaka, spoke at the event.

Sara Dilshad and Afsana Fairuz, two students of CIU Business School, jointly conducted the whole program which was attended by a good number of students.



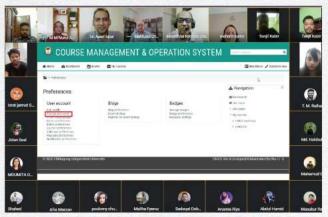
► Chittagong Independent University School of Law-Debating and Mooting Club (CIUSoL-DMC) organized a prize giving ceremony on 19 August 2021 at CIU Conference Room.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury was present as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Advisor, Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain, Assistant Dean, SoL, Teachers, Students and others attended the program.

"CIU has been playing an important role in the advancement of higher education through career-focused curriculum and an environment where students thrive to succeed", said the Vice Chancellor in his speech.



- ► Central Information Technology Services (CITS) and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) jointly organized a workshop titled 'Course Management and Operation System' (CMOS) through Google Meet on 23 July 2020 for students of CIU.
- Dr. Moslehuddin Chowdhury Khaled, Director of CETL delivered an instructive Keynote Speech, while Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Director of CITS conducted the program.



► Central Information Technology Services (CITS) and Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) jointly organized a workshop on the Course Management and Operation System (CMOS) on 29 May 2021.

Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Director, CITS conducted the whole program, while Professor Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar, Director of CETL, spoke in the event.

The VC of CIU, Deans of the Four Schools, Heads of all the departments, teachers, freshers to the university attended the program.

It may be mentioned here that CIU is conducting online classes and other academic activities through CMOS platform, which is a course management portal of CIU.

Open Day



▶ Before the beginning of every semester, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) holds an open Day to let students and guardians visit the university and inspect its facilities.

CIU Open Day-Spring 2020 was held on 26 November 2019 at CIU campus. The event was inaugurated by VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury. Deans, Advisors, faculty members, staff members of different departments attended the program.

In his inaugural speech, the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury stated that students should also form the habit of reading books and articles and possibly write reviews of them. In this way, their written competence will increase.

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Amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, when education almost ground to a halt, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged an online Virtual Open Day from 7 June 2020 to 11 June 2020 for potential Summer 2020 semester students.

Under this program, students got various benefits such as spot admission, semester fee waivers, scholarships, career chats, or professional counseling.

CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "This exceptional event has been organized online in order to help the students keep up their academic activities during the pandemic."



▶ CIU Virtual Open Day-Autumn 2020 was held from 31 August to 3 September 2020. The event was inaugurated by CIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury virtually while Deans, Advisors, faculty members, students and quardians attended the program.

The VC stated that the university was conducting educational activities in accordance with the rules of the University Grants Commission.

Professor of CIU Business School and Convener of the program Dr. Mir Mohammed Nurul Absar conducted the program.

Picnic-Visit



► Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) students of School of Science and Engineering (SSE), CIU visited Submarine Cable System Landing Station, Cox's Bazar as part of their Live-in- Field Experience (LFE) program on 19 September 2019.

The activities of the entire program was monitored by Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering of CIU.

During the visit, the students were briefed on the step-by-step working process of landing station by the submarine cable engineers.



A number of senior students of Computer Science and Engineering, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) visited Chittagong Online Limited (COL) as part of their 'Computer Networks' and 'Computer Networks Lab' course on 29 October 2019.

The activities of the entire program was looked after by Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering of CIU.

During the visit, the undergraduate students were briefed on the working procedure, basic operation of network devices and characteristics of an Internet service provider (ISP). Mr. Aniruddha Barua, CTO and Mr. Farman Siddiquee, Assistant Manager of Chittagong Online Limited, were present during the visit.



- ▶ A group of Students of School of Law of Chittagong Independent University visited Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Domon Tribunal, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar from 5-9 January in 2020 under Live-in-Field-Experience (LFE) course. The activities of the entire program was monitored by Mr. Md. Adnan Kabir and Mr. Md. Hasnath Kabir Fahim, Lecturer, School of Law.
- ► Social Welfare Society (SWS) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a picnic in Rangamati on



1 February 2020 for its club members. All the members from different batches along with faculty members took the day off to be amidst nature. The students enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the picnic.



▶ School of Science and Engineering (SSE) of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged a picnic and study tour for its students from 6 February 2020 to 7 February 2020 in Cox's Bazar.

On the occasion, teachers, students, officials and staff members arranged different activities to make their trip lively and joyful.

A raffle draw was also held. The students passed their two days of study tour cum picnic happily.

Mr. Golap Kanti Dey, Assistant Professor of SSE said, "This kind of picnic or study tour fuels creativity of the students."



▶ The Department of English of Chittagong Independent University arranged its annual picnic in Rangamati on 8 February 2020. It was a wonderful day for all. All the students and faculty members of the department participated in the picnic. Amid scenic beauty and tranquility of mother nature, all of them had a day of fun and merriment.



▶ The School of Law of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) arranged its annual picnic at Bandarban on 13 February 2020. More than 150 participants including faculty members and students belonging to the School of Law enjoyed all the activities throughout the day. In addition to having open air meals, the picnickers organized many games and competitions to pass the day.



▶ Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) arranged a picnic in Cox's Bazar on 20 February 2020. Majority of the students joined this joyous event. Teachers of the CIUBS went with the students for picnicing. In addition to having open air meals, the picnickers organized many games and competitions to pass the day.



A group of students of Chittagong Independent University Business School (CIUBS) majoring in finance visited the LankaBangla Securities Limited to get first-hand knowledge at Agrabad Head Office, Chittagong.

Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Finance and Economics led the team, while Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean of CIUBS, Mr. Mohammad Amir Hossain, General Manager and Regional Chief, LankaBangla Securities were present among others.

The students were very happy to gain practical knowledge. During their visit, they exchanged views with the officials of the organization.



▶ A group of talented students of School of Law (SoL), Chittagong Independent University (CIU) visited the Chittagong Court on 3 June 2021 to gain some practical knowledge.

Mr. Adnan Kabir, lecturer, SoL and Assistant Proctor of CIU, led the team of students who are in their LLB final semester.

During the visit, the students gained hands-on experience in different areas, including function of metropolitan session's judge court, civil and criminal proceedings, issuing summons, filing, judicial management procedures, presentation of information in the court, and hearing from plaintiff and defendants.

Meeting



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 13th Academic Council Meeting, at the University Conference Room on 17 September 2019. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Trustee Ms. Safia Rahman, external member, Deans, Faculty Advisor, Heads of the departments, Controller of Examinations and Acting Registrar as the Member Secretary of the Committee attended the meeting. During the meeting, a number of agendas were discussed and resolutions were taken.



The 21st meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held on 14 December 2019 at the Conference Room of the university. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Syndicate member Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Hakim, Professor Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Acting Registrar and Syndicate Member Secretary Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 14th Academic Council Meeting, in the University Conference Room on 14 February 2020. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

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

Specific agendas were discussed and a number of valuable decisions were taken at the meeting to maintain congenial academic environment in the university.

► The 22nd meeting of the Finance Committee of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 25 June 2020.



Trustee Mr. Nader Khan chaired the meeting while Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, VC of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Dr. Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee, Treasurer of ULAB, Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah, Dean, CIUBS, Dr. Aseef Iqbal, Dean, SSE, Ms. Salma Begum FCA, Member Secretary of Finance Committee and Acting Director (F & A) attended the meeting. Following detailed discussion, a number of decisions were taken to facilitate the functioning of the university.



► The 22nd meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 27 June 2020.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed and other members attended the meeting. Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting.



▶ Through Google Meet between 3 July 2020 to 14 July 2020 VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury met the different units of CIU such as students, teachers, administrative staffs to exchange views on the academic and other issues for Summer semester 2020.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, in his speech, mentioned that CIU conducted its educational activities in accordance with the University Grants Commission rules and directions.



► The 23rd meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 19 October 2020.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Professor Dr. Md. Kamrul Hossain, Professor Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Acting Registrar & Syndicate Member Secretary Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) held its 16th Academic Council Meeting virtually on 9 March 2021. Vice Chancellor of CIU Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, presided over the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Huq, Trustee Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman, Trustee Mr. Lutfe M Ayub, Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar and Member Secretary of the Meeting, Deans, Faculty Advisor, Head of the departments and Controller of Examinations attended the meeting. Decisions on different important university issues were taken in the meeting.



► The 24th meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 11 March 2021. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Syndicate member Professor Dr. Md. Kamrul Hossain, Professor Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Acting Registrar and Syndicate Member Secretary Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.



The 25th meeting of the Syndicate of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) was held virtually on 25 May 2021. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury chaired the meeting.

Trustee Mr. Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Trustee Engr. Ali Ahmed, Trustee Ms. Dilruba Ahmed, Syndicate member Professor Dr. Md. Kamrul Hossain, Professor Dr. M Ayub Islam, Dr. Nayeem Abdullah, Professor Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Acting Registrar and Syndicate Member Secretary Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima and Director of Finance & Accounts Mr. Subrata Gupta FCA, attended the meeting which took a number of important decisions.

Basanta Baron Uthshob

► Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club celebrated spring festival 'Basanta Baron Uthshob' on 16 February 2020 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.



Ayman, Mitu, Anindita, Raiyan, Amitav, Afrin, Antora, Nihab, Tashrin, Raida, Faria, Autandrila, Keya, Adri, Anirban, Mahini, Ifti, Shanta and many others performed in the festival.

Ms. Rifat Tasnim, Assistant Professor and Convener of the CIU Cultural Club said, "The arrival of spring means the inspiration to do something new in the coming days."

Amar Ekushey



▶ With due respect and solemnity, Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed 'Shaheed Dibosh' and 'International Mother Language Day' on 21st February 2020 and paid tribute to the martyrs of the language movement.

To mark the day, CIU chalked out elaborate programs including rally and placing floral wreaths at the Campus Shaheed Minar.

CIU Cultural Club organized a cultural program to observe the International Mother Language Day. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury attended the program as the Chief Guest. He said, "We have to spread the sweetness of Bengali language to all and enrich our culture and tradition."

Joy, Anindita, Mitu, Rezwana, Ifti, Ayman, Sujoy, Tithi, Tashreen, Fairuz, Tusi, Laila and a few other students performed in the cultural program.

Among others, the Deans and the Heads of different departments, the Faculty members and the Administrative officials attended the program.

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Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU attended the program as the Chief Guest while the Deans, Heads of different Departments, Faculty members, Administrative officials and students were present among others.

CIU Observes Historic 7th March



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the Historic 7th March by commemorating the inspiring speech of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered on 7 March in 1971. It called upon the Bangalies to prepare for the war of libration.

The Historic speech of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was played before the meeting which was chaired by VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury.

The Deans, Heads of different departments, Faculty members and Administrative officials attended the program.

The festivities of the day took place at CIU premises on 7^{th} March 2021.

Independence Day

► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated the Independence and National Day with due respect, solemnity and joy virtually on 25 March 2021. To celebrate the event the



university took up a program which was attended by the Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers, students and staff of the university.

National Mourning Day



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the National Mourning Day 2020 commemorating the 45th 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.

The university organized a discussion virtually on 15 August 2020 with due solemnity, which was attended by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers, students and staff of the university.

Several speakers also spoke on **Bangabandhu's** contribution and stated that we all have to follow his principles and instructions to create Sonar Bangla.



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the National Mourning Day 2021 commemorating the 46th martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the members of his family, who were brutally murdered on 15 August in 1975.

The university organized a discussion virtually with due solemnity; the Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers, students and staff of the university spoke on the sad and tragic event.

CIU Observes Martyred Intellectuals Day



► Chittagong Independent University (CIU) observed the Martyred Intellectuals Day (Shahid Buddhijibi Dibosh) with due solemnity on 14 December 2019 on the campus. A discussion program was held at the CIU Conference Room with the Vice Chancellor in the Chair.

While addressing the program, VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "We must spread the message of sacrifice of the best intellectuals of the nation among the new generation."

Among others, Deans and Heads of different Departments, Faculty members, Acting Registrar and Administrative officials attended the program.



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A discussion program was held with Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of CIU in the Chair, while Deans and Heads of different Departments, Faculty members, Acting Registrar and Administrative officials attended the program. The VC said, "Pakistani forces and their local collaborators committed cold-blooded mass murder to cripple Bangladesh forever in thoughts and ideas."

Victory Day



 Chittagong Independent University celebrated the 49th Victory Day of Bangladesh (Bijoy Dibosh) on 16 December 2019 with due festivity and grandeur.

To mark the day, the university organized a symposium which was attended by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers and staff of the university.

The Vice Chancellor in his speech, mentioned that the Great War of Liberation in 1971emancipated us from the clutch of the colonizers and establish Sonar Bangla.



▶ Chittagong Independent University (CIU) celebrated the 50th Victory Day of Bangladesh with due respect, solemnity and joy virtually on 16 December 2020.

To mark the day, the university organized a discussion program which was attended by the Vice Chancellor of CIU, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury as well as the teachers, students and staff of the university.

The speakers also paid tribute to the martyrs and war heroes who played memorable roles in winning victory over the Pakistani occupation forces on 16 December 1971.

We Mourn

Mrs. Rukhsana Samad Beloved wife of BoT Chair Mr. Towhid Samad Death: 24 December 2019



Mr. Deva Priya Barua (D P Barua) A founder Trustee of ESTCDT Death: 8 July 2020



Mr. Khondkar Zakaria Mahmud (K Z Mahmud) A founder Trustee of ESTCDT Death: 23 July 2020



Mrs. Najma Dowla Beloved wife of Trustee Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla Member, BoT, CIU Death: 29 July 2021



Mrs. Luna Shamsuddoha Former Trustee of CIU, Former Vice Chairman, ESTCDT Death: 17 February 2021



Dr. Mahmudul Hugue Retired Professor of History, CU Former Academic Council Member, CIU Death: 25 May 2021



Mrs. Shamsad Ismail Beloved wife of Trustee Mr. Ismail Dobash Member, BoT, CIU Death: 4 January 2021



Mrs. Anowara Begum Trustee Mr. Syed Mahmudul Hug



Beloved mother of Member, BoT, CIU Death: 10 November 2020

Dr. Syed Serajul Huq Member of ESTCDT, Former Trustee of CIU Death: 07 January 2020



Prof. Dr. Syeda Nurjahan Bhuiyan Beloved wife of Trustee Mr. Muhammed Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan Member of BoT, CIU & ESTCDT Death: 29 August 2019



Mr. Iftekhar Sunny Student of SSE, CIU Death: 23 November 2019



Ms. Umme Humaira Lecturer, CIUBS



Ms. Ramisa Jahan Lecturer, SoL





Mr. Subrata Gupta, FCA Director, F & A



Ms. Syeda Najifa Amin Assistant Officer, Registrar's Office

Promotion



Ms. Meher Niger Lecturer (EEE), SSE



Ms. Samia Muntaha Lecturer, SSE



Ms. Sanjana Hoque Lecturer, SoL



Ms. Nusrat Jahan Officer (F & A)



Mr. Masukur Rahman Assistant Officer (Manager In-charge) SLASS

Death: 11 October 2020

Housekeeper, CIU

Ms. Tania Akter Student of SSE, CIU



Appointment



Mr. Kazi Md. Siful Aspea Assistant Professor, SLASS



Ms. Tafriha Tarannum Senjuti, Lecturer, SLASS



Ms. Rasheda Ferdous Lecturer, SLASS



Ms. Sanjida Afrin Lecturer, SLASS



Dr. Syed Manzur Quader Professor, CIUBS



Mr. Golap Kanti Dey Assistant Professor, SSE



Mr. Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury Director, Central Information Technology Services (CITS)



Ms. Leema Sen Gupta Assistant Professor, English, SLASS



New Head

Dr. Emon Kalyan Chowdhury Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Accounting, CIUBS



Dr. Syed Manzur Quader Professor and Head, Dept. of IB and MIS, CIUBS



Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain Assistant Professor, SoL



Mr. Bishwanath Dey Senior Officer, Admissions and Reg.



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Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Marketing, CIUBS

New Dean



Professor Quazi Mostain Billah Professor, Dept. of English, Dean, SLASS



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Ms. Rifat Tasnim Assistant Professor and Head, Dept.of English, SLASS



Dr. Mohammad Nayeem Abdullah Associate Professor, CIUBS, Dean, CIUBS



Mr. Mohammad Belayet Hossain Assistant Dean, SoL

New Proctor and Acting Director



Mr. Abu Sohel Mahmood Assistant Professor, CIUBS Proctor, CIU



Mr. Sarker Kamrul Mamun Acting Director, Career Planning and Placement Counselling Office, CIU



Mr. Md. Sajjatul Islam Assistant Professor, SSE Head, Dept.of CSE, SSE

Photo Gallery



Ms. Papry, Mr. Mahmudul and Ms. Ayman, received books from the CIU Vice Chancellor on the 'National Mourning Day' on 15 August 2021.



Students working in the library during the break between classes.



'Bangabandhu o Muktijuddho Corner' established at Chittagong Independent University (CIU) Library on 17 March 2020.



Chittagong Independent University Cultural Club organized the spring festival 'Basanta Baron Uthshob' on 16 February 2020 at CIU campus.



At the outset of CIU 2020 Spring Semester, a group of freshman gathered on the campus.



Students participating in a Cultural Program on 'Amar Ekushey'.



A meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 4 March 2021 at the university Conference Room.



School of Science and Engineering placing floral wreaths at the central shahid minar of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) at Jamal Khan campus on the occasion of 21st February 2021 (Amar Ekushey).

US Ambassador Joins Women's Day Celebration



▶ International Women's Day was celebrated on 9 March 2020 at the American Corner of Chittagong Independent University.

H.E. Earl R. Miller, US Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present as the Chief Guest in the program while Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury spoke about the significance of Women's Day.

Ambassador Earl R. Miller stated that a women's self-confidence is her strength. In his speech he narrated the story of his mother's struggle. He suggested that women should try to think and plan ahead of time. Prominent women activists, community leaders, business women, teachers, students, officers and employees of the university attended

Ms. Anjuman Banu Lima, Acting Registrar, CIU and Ms. Rooma Dass, Assistant Director, American Corner spoke in the program drawing attention to a few burning issues selecting in women's life in Bangladesh. The Vice Chancellor handed over a copy of CIU Journal to the US Ambassador and thanked him for his visit.

A CIU Team Visits KEPZ



► A group of students and teachers of Chittagong Independent University (CIU) visited the Korean Export

Processing Zone (KEPZ) at Anwara upazila on 8 February 2020. CIU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury led the team and on their arrival the KEPZ Chairman Mr. Kihak Sung welcomed them.

The team inspected different activities of production at the EPZ. VC Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury said, "The university has been working for producing skilled human resources for the country."

He also laid emphasis on working together with industry and corporate-world for helping students develop their skills and world view. The KEPZ Chairman Mr. Kihak Sung said that practical knowledge contributed to sharpening creativity in the students.

Mr. Jahangir Sadat, President, Mr. Md Shahjahan, Managing Director, Korean EPZ Corporation Bangladesh Limited, Mr. Sheikh Shahinur Rahman, Managing Director, Young One, Dr. Syed Manzur Quader, Director, Institute of Governance, Development and International Studies, CIU were also present during the visit.

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 Full Funding, etc.

The following amount was disbursed as financial support to CIU students in Autumn 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021.

Autumn 2019	Spring 2020
2,63,87,240/-	3,00,07,965/-
55,79,500/-	64,05,750/-
Summer 2020	Autumn 2020
1,54,33,200/-	3,29,68,630/-
1,70,2000/-	63,98,000/-
Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Spring 2021 3,39,21,600/-	Summer 2021 20,36,9080/-
	2,63,87,240/- 55,79,500/- Summer 2020 1,54,33,200/-



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