

EDU hosts National Debate Championship

The National Debate Competition organised by the East Delta University Debating Society (EDUDS) ended up on February 9, 2020. The champion of this three-day festival was Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS), and runner-up was the International Islamic University Chittagong Debtors Community (IIUCDC).

Internationally renowned debater and media personality Dr. Abdun Noor Tushar was the guest of honour. EDU Treasurer Prof. Shams ud-Doha presided over the prize-giving ceremony. VC Prof. Sekandar Khan addressed as the chief guest that the practice of debate enlightens people. In a greeting, EDU founder Vice Chairman Sayeed Al Noman congratulated all the participants, including the winners and runner-up, and said, "We are working to make East Delta University a centre of learning."

Kishwan Group, Drishti Chittagong and Ranks FC Properties assisted in organising the festival, which began with the inauguration ceremony on February 7.

Twenty-eight universities of the country participated in the contest. Registrar Sajal Kanti Barua; Development and Planning Director Shafayet Kabir Chowdhury; Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Shahidul Islam Chowdhury; Director of Student Activities ATM Mahmudur Rahman; and Proctor Ananya Nandi were present at the programme.

DPS STS School Dhaka organises 4th DPSMUN

DPS STS School Dhaka organized the 4th DPS Model United Nation (DPSMUN IV) conference from February 13-15, 2020, in the Senior School for students to become delegates and to give them the opportunity to put into practice their knowledge of the MUN world.

A total of 413 students from 33 renowned schools participated in this mega event of DPSMUN IV conference. Among the 13 committees, 109 delegates were from DPS STS School. At the plenary session, Principal & Vice Principal of the school encouraged the delegates to connect with others and form alliances that would benefit all. The chief guest Andrew Homden, CEO of Consilium Education and Educational Advisor at DPS STS School Dhaka was welcomed by the school; he shared experiences of his early MUN days in high school. Baby Rani Karmakar, Deputy Secretary, The Economic Relations Division attended the event as the special guest.

Through this conference, the students were able to learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations (UN). It had also taught the students in speaking, debating, and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.

On this occasion, Vice Principal Madhu Wal said, "This conference gives students real-life experience in leadership, writing, teamwork and persuasive skills, and greater knowledge of global issues. No other programme offers young people an opportunity like MUN, to develop the kind of skill set and the understanding of the world that they need to be active and contributing citizens."

NSU celebrates Boshonto Utshob 1426

North South University (NSU) celebrated "Boshonto Utshob 1426" February 16, 2020 in its own campus in Bashundhara.

The daylong celebration included procession, dance, circus, fair and *jatrapala* organised by the North South University Shangsritik Shangathan. In the morning, a colourful procession was erected on the university campus.

A K M Enamul Haque Shamim MP, Deputy Minister of Water Resources, was present as the chief guest during the programme. Freedom fighter Lion Benajir Ahmed, Chairman, BOT, NSU was present as special guest. Prof. Atiqul Islam, VC of NSU presided over the programme.

Speaking as the chief guest, A K M Enamul Haque Shamim MP said, "As spring comes into our lives, winter comes, storms also comes, we do not have to sit idle, we have to bring spring for ourselves, for people around us, for the country and for the nation. During this time, he thanked North South University authority for organising such events to protect Bengali culture."

Benajir Ahmed said, "At North South University, we celebrate all kinds of Bengali cultural programmes in a glorious way." He urged the students to celebrate the spring festival in a festive atmosphere and to devote themselves to the service of the country.

Prof. Atiqul Islam, "I wish everyone's mind blooms like spring flower petals. Let our students be more thorough in following the Bengali culture."



SUB and British Council jointly organise workshop on English language proficiency

British Council and State University of Bangladesh (SUB) jointly organised a workshop titled "English Language Proficiency for Teaching & Higher Studies" at SUB campus in its Scholars Inn auditorium on February 15, 2020. The workshop was presided over by Prof. M. Shahjahan Mina, VC of SUB. Among others, the workshop was addressed by Pro-VC Dr. M. Anwarul Kabir, Director (CDC) Abu Taher Khan, Sarwat Reza, Head of Business, and Umme Aisha Masjuda, Business Pursuit Officer of British Council. The programme was attended by Prof. Dr. Nawzia Yasmin, Prof. Dr. Shaker Ahmed, Prof. Anis Alam Siddiqui, and Prof. Md. Asgar Ali.

Prof. M. Shahjahan Mina mentioned that the main objective of arranging this workshop is to attain English language skill and efficiency of the faculty members of SUB. He expressed his opinion with the words that no quality graduates may be produced without quality teacher. He extended his thanks to British Council for conducting a useful and effective workshop at SUB campus. Sarwat Reza, Head of Business of British Council assured that the IELTS examination centre of British Council will be set up in SUB Campus soon.

The workshop was attended by 85 Assistant Professors and Lecturers of SUB.



PU celebrates 'Rong-er Boshonto o Pitha Utshob 2020'

Presidency University (PU) cultural club welcomed the first day of Falgun with the event 'Rong-er Boshonto o Pitha Utshob 2020'.

Students from different departments took part in the festivities. Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairperson of BoT, PU; Prof. Dr. Matiur Rahman, VC, PU; Prof. Dr. Mohammed Muniruzzaman, Pro-VC, PU; and Maj Gen Kazi Ashfaq Ahmed (Retd.), Advisor, PU were present during the event. Deans, heads of departments and teachers were also present.

EWU hosts 19th Convocation ceremony

East West University (EWU) organised its 19th Convocation on February 17, 2020 at the EWU Campus in Aftabnagar, Dhaka. This convocation is dedicated to the memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his birth anniversary. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni MP conferred degrees among students. A total number of 2111 graduates in both undergraduate and graduate levels received certificates. Besides, three students were awarded the prestigious Gold Medal for their excellent academic performances.

Prof. Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present at the Convocation as the special guest. Barrister M. Amir-Ul Islam, senior lawyer in Bangladesh Supreme Court, was the convocation speaker. Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairperson, BOT, EWU, Prof. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chief Advisor of EWU, and Prof. Dr. M. M. Shahidul Hassan, VC, EWU also gave speeches on the occasion.

Members of the BOT, Pro-VC, Treasurer, Deans, department chairpersons, faculty members, officers, staff, graduates and their guardians participated in the convocation.

IUB student clinches Best Presenter Award

Md. Aziz Rahman, student of the Department of Accounting, School of Business at IUB grabbed the Best Presenter Award at the ACBSP Region 10 Conference held at United International University (UIU) on February 8, 2020. He is also the executive body member of Independent Accounting Association (IAA).

Rahman will now be representing Region 10 at the ACBSP Annual Conference to be held in Chicago in June 2020. This comes by invitation from ACBSP as part of his being bestowed with the Best Presenter Award in the Start Up Tank 2020 competition of ACBSP's Region 10 Conference. By virtue of this, Rahman is going to be the first-ever student from Bangladesh to be invited to the ACBSP Annual Conference for regional representation.