



## BUBT English Department arranges book exhibition

In memory of the martyrs of the Language Movement, The Readers' Circle, a book-reading forum of English Department of BUBT arranged a book exhibition in Room 401 of the department to promote the passion of reading among students.

Mostly classics, translations, and fiction in Bangla and English along with a number of books written on the Liberation War and Language Movement were displayed.

"We have arranged this for the first time in the department, but we are going to arrange such exhibitions regularly in the future years in a wider space," said the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Prof. Syed Anwarul Huq.

Prof. Mian Lutfar Rahman, Adviser, Student Affairs and Chief Coordinator, BUBT Extracurricular Activities, Prof. Santi N. Ghosh, Director, Research and IQAC, Proctor, and the Chairman of English Department were present in the opening ceremony.

## STAR Labs opens doors to students and researchers



On February 21, 2020, Dhaka's first community lab opened its doors to everyone from students to researchers, from artists to hobbyists and more. The open house continued until February 22, 2020.

The aim of the open house was to introduce the space and facilities to interested individuals for events such as seminars, workshops and even projects. STAR Labs, which stands for Science, Technology, Arts and Research, is located at Road 7 of Block F, Banani. Special sessions by scientist and artist Erik Zepka were one of the key happenings along with different kinds of workshops focusing on open and citizen science initiative.

Participants were introduced to the concepts and challenges regarding the biosphere followed by brainstorming sessions and how the solutions can be devised as models. Participants also engaged in hands-on project modelling and critical analysis to improve these solutions. Panel discussions on philosophy and arts were held as well.

## IUB welcomes spring with Boshonto Boron Utshob

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) put on a festive look on first day of *boshonto*. They celebrated the first day of Bengali month Falgun with several socio-cultural programmes at their own premises on February 13, 2020.

The main event started at 11 AM inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Milan Pagon, VC (Acting) of IUB followed by many mesmerising performances. IUB Theatre Club staged a beautiful drama at the event. Besides, there was also a special segment of baul song where Arif Baul brought the joy of spring air in the campus. With the amazing anchoring of Mazed Makki and Salman Azmir, the whole programme turned out to be enchanting and engaging. IUB in-house bands performed at the concert segment. Nemesis (sponsored by Banglalink) was the special attraction of the event that brought the curtain down.

Division of Student Affairs (DoSA) put their full effort to organise the *boshonto* celebrations. IUB Art Club was responsible for decorating the campus.



## The Sriejok Foundation hosts art competition

The Sriejok Foundation, for the second time, organised a children and adolescent art competition on February 21, 2020 at Tejgaon University College premises.

The art competition was inaugurated by Chairman of The Sriejok Foundation Equishe Ullash. The children took part in five groups ranging from Play Group to Class Ten. Judges Toimur Hannan and Sunonda Borman, Shahadat Hossain Rubel, Treasurer, Sriejok Foundation, Shajib Ghosh, Member, The Sriejok Foundation and many more guests were present during the programme.

The event was sponsored by Onnorokom Biggyanabaksho, Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, Burger King, and Josephite Canteen.

The Sriejok Foundation was established in 2013 for social and cultural development. The Sriejok Foundation is currently engaging on four aspects – human rights; nature and environment; history and culture; enhancement of knowledge and creativity.



## MDIC hosts interschool badminton tournament

Manarat Dhaka International School & College (MDIC) organised the fourth interschool badminton tournament for girls on February 13-14, 2020 where six English medium schools and colleges took part. It was inaugurated by Fatima Jemaima Rahman, Vice Principal of MDIC.

The following schools participated in the tournament: MDIC, Bangladesh International School & College (BISC), Word Bridge School, Playpen, American Standard International School, and Islamic International School & College.

Taslima Akhter, Assistant Director of Sports in National Sports Council and Member, Bangladesh Badminton Federation was present as chief guest.

The competitions were held in four categories: Junior Singles, Junior Doubles, Senior Singles, and Senior Doubles.

In Junior Singles, Tasnim Sumaiya from BISC clinched the champion's trophy. In Junior Doubles, Tasnim Sumaiya and Tahia Farah from BISC became champions. In Senior Singles, Sakura Takahashi from MDIC became champion and in Senior Doubles, Sakura Takahashi and Zarin Tousin from MDIC clinched the champion's trophy. Tasnim Sumaiya and Sakura Takahashi were declared the best players of the tournament.

Fatima Jemaima Rahman, Vice Principal of MDIC, was in overall supervision. Sajeda Akter, convener of the tournament and national badminton champion Alina Sultana, Coach of MDIC and Nazmunnahar, manager of the tournament were also present.

## NSU holds discussion session on International Mother Language Day 2020

North South University (NSU) organised a discussion session on "International Mother Language Day 2020" on February 24, 2020 in its own campus in Bashundhara.

Bangabandhu Chair Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, former Director General of Bangla Academy was present as chief guest. Abed Khan, Editor of the Daily Jagoron and Chairman of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) was present as keynote speaker. Freedom fighter Lion Benajir Ahmed, Chairman, BOT, NSU was present as special guest. Prof. Atiqul Islam, VC of NSU will preside over the session. The discussion session was moderated by Jamil Ahmed, Director, Public Relations Office.

Speaking as the chief guest, Bangabandhu Chair Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan said, "Bangla language is a language much favoured by science and there can be no better medium than the Bangla language in expressing the emotions and feelings of our mind."

Among others, M. A. Kashem, Member of Board of Trustees, NSU, Deans of different schools, Directors of various departments, Brigadier General Md. Saber (Retd.), Executive Director of Administration, Department Heads, senior officials, teachers and students were also present at the programme.