

## Gregorian English Language Club hosts 3rd National English Carnival

The Gregorian English Language Club hosted the 3rd National English Carnival presented by NRB Bank Ltd. on March 13-14, 2020. Around 3000 students from 34 institutions and three cadet colleges attended the carnival. On the opening day, eminent writer Junaid-ul Haque adorned the programme as the chief guest while Mohammad Golam Nakib, Senior Vice-President and Head of Retail Banking, NRB Bank Ltd., and Md Tajdin Hassan, Head of Marketing, The Daily Star, were present as the special guests with Brother Nirmol Francis Gomes CSC, Vice Principal as the chairperson. The special guests spoke highly of the arrangement and encouraged participants to carry on their endeavour of being true to themselves.

Participants were very excited to take part in the events including the English Olympiad, Word Play, Spell Bee, Treasure Hunt, etc. Students were categorised according to their class: Junior Group (Class VI - VIII), Secondary Group (Class IX - X), and Higher Secondary Group (Class XI - XII). The prize giving ceremony was held on March 14 where A. D. Md. Abdur Rob, Joint Director (Retd.), Prime Minister's Office, and Mamoon Mahmood Shah, Additional Managing Director, NRB Bank Ltd. were present as special guests. Jony Saha, Moderator of Gregorian English Language Club, expressed his heart felt gratitude to the title sponsor NRB Bank Ltd. and also to their media partner ATN Bangla, newspaper partner The Daily Star, online partner Torun and Radio Carnival, radio partner Radio 71, food partner BD Food, and Burger Barrista.



## Speakers advocate for social change at TEDxGulshan

The much anticipated TEDxGulshan took place recently at RAOVA Convention Centre, Dhaka, with the theme "Innovation Enabling Social Change".

The event was inaugurated by President and Curator of TEDxGulshan Ashfaq Zaman CPA followed by speeches from Syed Tamjid-ur-Rahman, Vice President, UN Global Compact Bangladesh & Vice President, Bangladesh Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution; Bobby Hajjaj, Oxford Scholar & Faculty, and an international TEDx speaker; and Major Mohommed Ali Shah, Indian Army veteran and Bollywood actor. Afterwards, Adviser to PM Salman F. Rahman took to the stage and talked about the world of freelancing and how it emerged in Bangladesh.

Later on, speeches were delivered by Zara Mahbub, Country Director & CEO, Kazi IT Centre Ltd.; Dr. Yasmeen Haque, Professor, Dept. of Physics, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology; Maliha M. Quadir, Founder & Managing Director, Shohoz; Niaz Rahim, Group Director, Rahimafrooz Bangladesh Ltd.; and Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, a2i, PMO.

Other speakers included Ayman Sadiq, CEO, 10 Minute School; Dr. Katherine Li, Director, Office of External Affairs, North South University; Mahir Ali Khan, Vice Chairman, Rupayan Group; Sausan Khan Moyeen, Enchanted Events & Prints; and Bibi Russell, Bibi Productions Fashion for Development. The event came to a close with a vote of thanks and closing remarks by the curator Ashfaq Zaman.

## BUFT appoints new Vice Chancellor

Prof. Dr. S. M. Mahfuzur Rahman has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT). He officially joined on March 12, 2020. Earlier, during his tenure at the University of Dhaka, he served as Professor and Chairman at the Department of Finance, Professor of the Department of International Business, and Director of the MBA and Professional Masters programmes of the two departments. In addition, he worked as the Director, Rupali Bank Bangladesh and also as Chairman, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh. He is an avid researcher and had been an active participant with research papers presented in seminars and workshops, many of which were in countries such as Australia, China, Germany, UK, USA, Russia, and so on. He also served as consultant for different government and private organisations of Bangladesh, as well as for international agencies like UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, ADB, and World Bank.

## BRACU Department of Pharmacy manufactures handrubs

In order to fight against the coronavirus pandemic, the Department of Pharmacy, Brac University (BRACU) and BRAC University Pharma Society (BUPS) have been preparing alcohol-based handrubs. This initiative will allow people to take preventive measures for containing the spread of the disease.

Patients with diabetes, especially those above the age of 60, are among the groups most at risk for severe complications if they contract the COVID-19 disease. Diabetes and high glucose levels are associated with increased complications like respiratory failure and mortality in hospitalised patients with COVID-19. To minimise the risk of these complications, Department of Pharmacy of BRACU and BUPS provided more than 300 bottles of handrub on March 21, 2020 to the Department of Endocrinology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) to be distributed among diabetic patients.

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