

Inter- Private University Badminton Competition begins at EWU

The first Inter-Private University Badminton competition began at East West University (EWU), Aftabnagar, Dhaka. Twenty-four private universities participated in this tournament. More than 150 participants took part in the five-day contest. The competition was arranged by EWU Sports Club. The competition was inaugurated by Prof. M M Shahidul Hassan, VC of EWU as the chief guest on February 25, 2016. The programme was chaired by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Chairperson, BOT, EWU and former Governor of Bangladesh Bank while Md. Saiful Islam, Chief Operating Officer, PRAN Foods Limited and Ali Hasan, Head of Marketing, PRAN Foods Limited were the guests of honour.

Speakers welcomed the EWU Sports Club for taking an initiative to arrange this kind of competition. The tournament continued still March 1, 2016. Bangladesh Badminton Federation helped to run the competition and Pran Krako was the sponsor of this tournament. Musical artist Tahsan also performed in the opening ceremony.

International Mother Language Day observed at BRACU

A programme named "21 Mane Matha Noto Na Kora" was organised jointly by BRAC University Pharma Society and Department of Pharmacy, BRAC University based on the theme at the Auditorium on February 25, 2016. The program started with photography and sketch art exhibition on 25 photos related to the context of Bangladesh followed by a cultural performance with patriotic songs and poems. The programme has been coordinated by Dr. Sharmind Neelotpol, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, VC of BRACU, Prof. Syed Saad Andaleeb was present in the ceremony.

Seminar on "Road to Software Industry" at ULAB

Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Career Services Office of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh organised a seminar on "Road to Software Industry" on February 17, 2016 in association with Nascenia Ltd. The event was organised at ULAB Seminar room for School of Science and Engineering students in order to encourage them to build their career within this industry. Hafiz Al Ahad, Director, Career Services Office started this seminar with his welcome note. Prof. Dr. Sazzad Hossain, Head of the CSE Department briefly introduced this award winning software company to the audience. CEO Sheikh Shaer Hassan, CTO Md. Fattahul Alam and the Senior Software Engineer Feroj Bepari conducted the seminar to inspire the students to choose software engineering as their career path and informed them about the current trends, methods, and techniques of the software industry. Adeeba Binte Azad, Sr. Executive, Nascenia Ltd. and faculties of CSE Department along with the students were present at the event.



Sprint - The Amazing Challenge *A new addiction for adventure junkies*

Earlier this month Apex, the footwear fashion brand arranged a race in Singair, Manikganj. The challenge was hosted and sponsored by Sprint, a registered sports brand of Apex. The competition included a total of 20 teams each consisting of four members. The teams had to overcome challenges and with the completion of each task came clues that led them to their next destination. The competition was named, "Sprint - The Amazing Challenge".

A big part of this event was the inclusion of cycling activities. Through this inclusion Sprint expects to encourage people to become more active in their daily lives which complement their brand philosophy. They have always supported youthful exuberance and this race is yet another proof of that commitment. Savar Cyclist was involved in the planning and execution of the event. They helped chart the course, plan the activities and organised

the race in association with Apex.

Viewers can watch the show in "Gaan Bangla TV", every Thursday and Friday at 9pm. You can also tune in to Radio Amar 88.4FM on the same days at 5pm to hear about the experiences and moments of the adventure show. The show also hosts a quiz competition where callers can participate and win exciting prizes.

The show has already aired a couple of episodes and if you missed them you can catch up with them on Apex's official Facebook page (www.facebook.com/apex4u). Complete episodes of the race and other exciting content are also available on the page.

So far the responses have been remarkable across all the channels. The people are showing real enthusiasm and from their comments it is clear that another season is being eagerly anticipated and also that participants will be easy to find.

IUBAT observes Amar Ekushay and International Mother Language Day

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) observed Amar Ekushay and International Mother Language Day. Academics recalled the sacrifice of the martyrs in a discussion highlighting the glorious role of Salam, Rafique, Jabbar, Barkat and others who sacrificed their lives for the cause of Bangla language.

The programme started through hoisting of the national flag to half-mast in the morning by Prof. Dr. M Alimullah Miyan, VC in presence of Board of Governors, faculty members, students, officers and staff including entire rank and file of the university community. That was followed by procession and placing of wreath in the university Shahid Minar by the VC, Board of Governors, Pro-VC, Treasurer, Registrar, Chairs, Directors, Coordinators, faculty members, students, officers, staff and alumni.

A dialogue on the significance of Ekushay February as well as cultural programme was organised. Speakers highlighted how the language movement made a gateway for different movements leading to the war of liberation and the emergence of independent Bangladesh.

National Conference on Natural Science & Technology at AUW

Asian University for Women (AUW) is going to launch its 3rd National Conference on Natural Science & Technology (NCNST'16) on April 15-16, 2016, which will be held at AUW, Chittagong. The NCNST'16 committee is inviting the interested and eligible participants to submit their abstracts from any discipline of natural science and technology. Authors must submit their abstracts online through the submission portal available under "Abstract Submission" page of the NCNST website (www.auw.edu.bd/ncnst). Together with faculty and senior scientists, this conference also encourages submission of research findings by students from undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels.

Conference themes are consisted of Sanitation, Hygiene & Waste Management, Epidemic Diseases, Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change & Impacts, Renewable Resources, Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering, Agriculture & Food Security, Drugs Discovery & Regenerative Medicine, Artificial Intelligence & Robotics, Computer Communication & ICT, and all other STEM related topics. The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 25, 2016.

Conference Website: www.auw.edu.bd/ncnst