

BUP Cultural Fest 2016: *Indulged in Festivity*

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Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) has succeeded to awe everyone with their recently organised "BUP Inter-University Cultural Fest 2016 - Powered by Infoworld". It was a two-day event, hosted by BUP Cultural Forum (BUPCF). The inter-university cultural fest has been a signature event of the Forum for the past three years, but this was the first to go nationwide. Ten renowned universities from around the country participated in the festivity of colour and culture.

The programme started off on November 11, 2016. On the first day, the ten participating universities, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka Medical College, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, BRAC University, United International University, Armed Forces Medical College, Eastern University and BUP, showcased their creativity, talent and dedication for their culture and heritage through their performances. Each team gave their best efforts to win the hearts of the judges, to prove that their institution was the best of the bests. Sitting in the judges' panel, doing the next-to-impossible task were four of the country's most celebrated figures in the entertainment industry: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Shamim Ara Nipa, Pintu Ghosh and Arman Parvez Murad.

"BUPCF has the capability to pull off an international cultural fest, and I am very hopeful of attending that too," stated Fazlur Rahman Babu, highly appreciating the hospitality and discipline of the festival.

The beloved Shamim Ara Nipa said, "Everyone has a beautiful, tender corner in their hearts. Amidst all the national and global unrest, it is the beauty of mind that can make the world a better place to live in. And a plat-



form like this, where the young minds can practice culture and nurture the beauty on their mind, is inevitable for humanity."

The closing and prize giving ceremony was held the next day, where Minister of Cultural Affairs, Asaduzzaman Noor, was the chief guest and the VC of BUP, Major General Salahuddin Miaji, rcds, psc, was the special guest. AUST and BUP shared the second runners-up position while BUET claimed first runner-up. The "Outstanding Performance" was awarded to the team of

Dhaka Medical College for leaving the judges speechless with their act. Finally, the title of champion was well earned by the team from Jahangirnagar University.

The event was wrapped up by a commencement for the winners and participants and everyone present there. Nemesis and Chirkut, along with two bands from BUP, turned up the celebration to a height that will be difficult to forget any time soon.

SHOUT was the English print media partner of the event.

A (SHOE) BOX FULL OF MAGIC

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What if I told you that the box can be as exciting as new shoes that come in it?

Faux cane basket

Starting with the easier, you can craft a faux cane basket with a shoebox, some jute twine and of course the always reliable hot glue. Begin by neatly cutting off the flaps at the top of the shoebox. It is best to paint the exterior of the box in a jute-like beige colour with acrylics but you can skip this step if short on time. Heat up that glue gun and start gluing from the bottom in straight lines. Now take that jute twine rope and place it on the glue securely. Continue wrapping the entire box with the twine and seal the last bit with some excess glue.

If you want an upgrade to what is already an awesome faux cane basket, find an old white pillow case and make 3 small folds of about 3 inches from inside out. Then, place the folded region over the top edges of box and place the rest of the pillow case inside the box, securing the corners with some glue.



Projector

Imagine this: you really, really have to watch this movie you've been waiting for since forever but your laptop decided to flatline precisely on that weekend. There happens to be a solution to this nightmare: a smartphone projector. Besides, how cool would you be if you could turn a humble shoebox into a projector? Start by

painting the shoebox pitch black inside and out, using multiple coats if necessary. Next, you'll need the lens for the projection which comes from a magnifying glass. Since the glass has to be separated from the handle, try to find the kind which has a detachable handle usually found in stationery shops. Trace the outline of the lens onto one of the smaller sides of the box and cut the circle out. Now place your lens in place, securing with electric tape or hot glue.

Next, you have to make the stand for your phone. It's as simple as hot gluing two pieces of foam board/cardboard perpendicularly, one of the pieces being



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of the same height and width as the inside of your box while the other being half the height. The larger piece should be attached to the centre of the smaller piece. While the glue dries, hold the boards in place with that triangular ruler from your geometry box that you never used. When done, attach sticky tacks to the back of your phone and place firmly onto the centre of the stand. Remember to put your phone on full brightness and maximum volume. However, note that the image passing through the lens gets inverted. So, when positioning the phone on the stand, place it such that the image is upside down, facing the lens and lock screen rotation. Move the stand back and forth to calibrate the focus using a white wall as your screen. As reinforcements for the phone you will need a speaker, preferably wireless, and a power supply, preferably a power bank. When everything is set and in place, grab a bag of chips, hit the lights and enjoy!

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