

IUB holds 2nd Space Innovation Summit 2019

Aiming to motivate aspirants on space education and to inspire youth in space issues sharing knowledge in aeronautical science, the 2nd Space Innovation Summit 2019 was held on July 19-20, 2019 at the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

ICT State Minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, as the chief guest, inaugurated the two-day summit, with University Grants Commission (UGC) member also Bangladesh Communication Satellite Company Ltd Director Prof. Dr. Sazzad Hossain as special guest. The inaugural session was chaired by IUB Treasurer and VC (in-charge) Khandaker Iftekhar Haider. Space Innovation Summit 2019 chief patron and chief coordinator of Bangladesh Innovation Forum, also NASA Solve BD founder, Ariful Islam Apu was present in the inaugural session. As many as 1,500 participants participated the summit where 16 seminars and 2 workshops took place. The seminars were divided in four different sessions, which covered rocket technology, satellite making and communication, robotics for space exploration, and careers at NASA.

Dr. Ashraful Amin, Associate Professor of CSE department of IUB spoke on July 20 morning about IUB's mission to join the University Mars Rover Competition in USA both in 2017 and 2018, and later presented the stats and trivia of "Apollo 11: Mission to the Moon". EEE department of IUB and IEEE IUB Student Branch were the event partners of this summit.

EU appoints new Dean of Arts Faculty

The authority of Eastern University (EU) has appointed Prof. Tahmina Ahmed, Professor, Department of English, University of Dhaka, as the Dean and Professor, Faculty of Arts of EU.

Prof. Ahmed has brilliant academic achievements to her credit. She completed her M.A. in English from the University of Hawaii, USA in 1984 under the East-West Center Award Scholarship. Prof. Ahmed has about 37 years of teaching, research and administrative experience. She has more than 30 research publications in renowned national and international journals. Her main focus of interest is drama and she has translated a number of plays from English to Bangla for local theatre groups. She has directed many plays with students also. Presently, she is doing research on the adivasis of Bangladesh.

Prof. Ahmed was the former Chairperson, Department of English, University of Dhaka; Deputy Sub-project Manager of the HEQEP project in the Dept. of English, University of Dhaka, Member, IQAC SA Entity, Dept. of English, University of Dhaka. She has been Subject Specialist for a number of IQAC review teams; Team Leader, Project: INSPIRE DEWS funded by the British Council, Dhaka and with partner Manchester Institute of Education, University of Manchester, UK. As team leader of Project INSPIRE DEWS, she has researched and co-authored books on teaching writing to tertiary level students.



Perfetti Van Melle brings Chupa Chups to Bangladesh

The globally loved brand Chupa Chups was officially launched in Bangladesh on July 4, 2019.

Born in Spain, Chupa Chups is amongst the most famous brands of candy with the iconic logo of yellow and red daisy. The brand is loved worldwide with presence in over 150 countries. In Bangladesh, the brand has been launched with a completely new product, "Chupa Chups Tubes Mini", a filled sweet and sour chewy candy. It is available in BDT 10 packs in an assorted mix of strawberry, orange and green mango flavoured candies.

The launch of Chupa Chups marks another innovation by Perfetti Van Melle, the market leader in Bangladesh's confectionary market. Managing Director of Perfetti Van Melle Bangladesh Sumitava Basu said, "We always strive to bring consumers innovative products and have a number of pioneering brands such as Center Fruit, Center Fresh and Alpenliebe, and we are proud to welcome the newest member Chupa Chups. It is a truly unique product which is being manufactured locally under the strictest conditions and international quality standards."

As a result of the intensive collaborative efforts, Chupa Chups placement and secondary sales took place in approximately 10,000 outlets within the first two days of market storming, an unprecedented record for any new product launch.



On July 25, 2019, the 1st Inter-Institution English Language and Literature Competition 2019 was held at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB). Khilgaon Model University College won the champion's title. The first runner-up team was Shaikh Burhanuddin Post Graduate College; team from Dhaka City College became the second runner-up of this competition. Pro-VC of ULAB, Prof. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, welcomed the colleges and Prof. Dr. HM Jahirul Haque, VC, ULAB and Prof. Dr. Kaiser Haq, Dean of the School of Arts & Humanities, ULAB handed over the cash prizes and crests to the winners.

AIUB holds awareness seminar on preventing dengue and chikungunya

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) jointly organised a public awareness programme to promote prevention of dengue and chikungunya on July 28, 2019 in the AIUB Auditorium. The Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Md. Atiqul Islam was the chief guest, chaired by the VC of AIUB Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna.

During the seminar the Mayor talked about the steps to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes and chikungunya. The Chief Health Officer of DNCC, Brig. Gen. Mominur Rahman Mamun and local ward commissioner, Dr. M. Zinnat Ali, were also present as special guests.

The VC of AIUB presented plaques of appreciation, dengue preventing awareness communication materials to the Mayor of DNCC and the special guests. The Mayor also presented AIUB with CDs containing informative videos regarding dengue and chikungunya.

JKKNIU organises BIFFL Job Fair 2019

Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) Career Club held "BIFFL JKKNIUCC Job Fair 2019" on July 10 at the University premises.

Prof. Dr. AHM Mustafizur Rahman, VC of the university along with Associate Professor Dr. Sheikh Sujjan Ali; SM Hafizur Rahman, Assistant Director & PS to VC; Amit Hasan Rony and Salman Al Mamun, President and Secretary of the club inaugurated the fair.

Domestic and foreign companies such as Pran, Bengal Group, BRAC, Meghna Group, Walton, Augmedix, BYLC, Beatnik, Jagojobs and others participated in the fair. Besides, internship opportunities were provided by the companies for the fresh graduates.

The title sponsor of the fair was Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited (BIFFL) while the programme was powered by Jomidar Bari Event Management.

For this job fair, the campus remained in a festive mood and the job seekers submitted their CV with much enthusiasm as the fair took place for the first time in this university.

IUBAT arranges book reading competition

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) organised the "Certificate Awarding Ceremony for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019" for the British Council Book Reading Competition on July 16, 2019 at IUBAT Conference Hall, in collaboration with the British Council.

Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, VC of IUBAT, presided over the programme. In his presidential speech, he underscored the necessity of English learning for the IUBAT students. Dr. Momtazur Rahman, Professor and Coordinator of the Department of Languages delivered his welcome address. Prof. Dr. Hamida Akhtar Begum, Pro-VC of IUBAT, urged the students to use their reading habits to hone their English skills.

Chief guest Kirsty Crawford, Program Director of Libraries Unlimited was present at this ceremony and outlined numerous suggestions for reading and urged the students to adhere to their habit of reading.