

NOTICE BOARD

## IUB awarded “Best International Team” at international moot court competition in India

A moot court team from the Department of Law at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) secured the “Best International Team Award” at the 12th Justice P N Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights, 2024. 50 teams from various South Asian countries participated in the competition held at the Bharati Vidyapeeth New Law College in Pune, India, from March 21 to 23.

IUB was the only international team in the competition to have made it into the advanced rounds. Representing IUB were two students from the LL.B. (Honours) programme – Asfi Fatima, a second-year participant in her first-ever international moot court competition, and Zakaria Islam, a third-year contender who previously participated in the Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition. They were coached by Maimuna Syed Ahmed, Lecturer at the Department of Law, IUB, who herself



was a mooter at university.

The team’s strategic approach paid off as they navigated through complex legal arguments, focusing on key areas of human rights law. Despite the odds, the IUB team excelled, advancing to the quarter-final rounds and earning the distinction of “Best International Team”.

The inauguration ceremony and preliminary rounds were held on March 21, followed by quarter-final and semi-final rounds the next day, and the final rounds and valedictory ceremony on March 23.

This year, the Moot Problem dealt with concerns over the right to information; freedom of expression as against the right to privacy and data protection; legality of cyber espionage; waiver of diplomatic protection, and concerns surrounding the legality of arrest, detention, and treatment of foreign nationals.



### NSU hosts seminar on “Bangladesh Liberation War 1971: Key Military Determinants of Our Success”

On March 28, North South University’s (NSU) Department of History and Philosophy organised a seminar on “Bangladesh Liberation War 1971: Key Military Determinants of Our Success” at the NSU Syndicate Hall.

Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher, The Daily Star, was present as the Chief Guest. Bir Protik and former ambassador Major General (Retd.) Jamil D Ahsan was designated Discussant, while Major General (Retd) Dr Sarwar Hossain, Adjunct Associate Professor at NSU’s Department of History and Philosophy, took the stage as Keynote Speaker. The session was chaired by NSU’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Atiqul Islam, with NSU Treasurer and acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdur Rob Khan also in attendance.

The programme, moderated by Professor Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman of the Department of History and Philosophy, commenced with a warm welcome speech.

In his keynote address, Dr Sarwar Hossain explored the formation and functioning of the military during the Liberation War. Reflecting on the significance of military strategy, Dr Hossain remarked, “The Liberation War of 1971 showcased our armed forces’ strategic brilliance and determination. Through planning and courage, they secured our independence, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.”

Major General (Retd.) Jamil D. Ahsan, Bir Protik, shared, “Our nation boasts a rich history, particularly evident in the Liberation War. Most people know the political aspect of the history of this country. But this book – *1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption* – unveils the military-political aspect of this war.”

Mahfuz Anam said, “Unlike autobiographical accounts, this meticulously researched book offers a structured analysis of the Liberation War from a military perspective. It is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of our history.”

Professor Atiqul Islam said, “This is a very well-written book. The quality of expression and the depth of research of this book is profound.”

The seminar concluded with the unveiling of the Bengali edition of *1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption*, authored by Major General (Retd.) Dr Sarwar Hossain.

## UCB’s “Monash Progression Day” outlines the groundworks for global education

“Bangladeshi students should take the international opportunity,” says Monash College Australia CEO

On March 9, Universal College Bangladesh (UCB) organised “Monash Progression Day”, in an effort to extend international opportunities for Bangladeshi students. Numerous students, parents, academicians, and media personnel joined the event to learn more about how to succeed as an international student and build a global career.

At the core of the event was a panel discussion titled “Study at UCB to begin your international career”. Jo Mithen, CEO, Monash College Australia, Prof. Hew Gill, President & Provost, UCB, and Prof. Muhammad Ismail Hossain, Dean of Academic Affairs, UCB, were joined by Faiaz Maksudul Haque, Rafiad Ruhi Jewel, Afrida Nusaiba Masir, and Maliha Nashita Rahman, all former UCB students now studying at Monash University.

The student panellists explained how studying at UCB enabled them to fast-track their international higher education journey through Monash pathway programmes, leading them directly into the first or second year of their chosen degrees at Monash University.

Prof. Hew Gill said, “Offering students different pathways is really important because it means Bangladeshi students have time to develop the transferrable skills which will be essential for their future global success. UCB programmes offer cost-efficient pathways and guaranteed entry into Monash University for Bangladeshi students from English medium or National Curriculum schools.

Our internationally qualified faculty and personalised teaching prepares Bangladeshi students for a global education before they go overseas, making the UCB-Monash approach unique.”

“Monash University is ranked 42nd in the 2024 QS World University Rankings,” said Jo Mithen. “Students globally compete to get into such a prestigious university, and I would encourage Bangladeshi students to apply. Successfully completing a Monash pathway programme at UCB guarantees a place at

Monash University. I encourage more Bangladeshi students to get informed about UCB pathway programmes, and to improve their international academic and career prospects, right here in Bangladesh.”

The attendees also engaged in an open Q&A session in which the former UCB students, now enrolled at Monash University, explained how the teaching they received at UCB prepared them for their chosen international degrees. After the panel discussion ended, students and parents met with the Monash College CEO and other experts for personal advice and academic counselling, exploration of the many lucrative Monash scholarships, and to discuss future careers in Bangladesh and overseas. As an added attraction, the High Achievers Award was also presented to UCB students who performed at the top of their cohorts in the most recent assessments for Monash College programmes offered at UCB.

