

DAY-LONG “NATIONAL CAREER FAIR 2024” HELD AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF BANGLADESH

The State University of Bangladesh (SUB), in collaboration with Excellence Bangladesh, successfully hosted the “SUB National Career Fair 2024” on December 7, 2024. The event was held at the university’s permanent campus in Purbachal and witnessed overwhelming participation from job seekers and leading organisations across the country. More than 50 prominent national and multinational companies, including RFL, Partex Group, Ifad Group, Kazi Food, Chaldal, Zenex Info, Ha-Meem Group, Star Cineplex, 10 Minute School, Dabur, Rupayan Housing, Labaid, Akij Bashir Group, Grameen Danone, Steadfast Courier, IDC BD PLC, Confix, Futurenation, Panjeri Publications, IELTS Excellence, Global Study Limited, Pharmasia, and Acme Group, set up booths to collect resumes and engage with potential candidates. The fair received over 5,000 resumes both in person and through online submissions.

The event began with career-focused sessions and a CV writing workshop for job seekers. The keynote speaker for the career session was renowned corporate and cultural personality Asif Iqbal, the founder of Ganchil Music. The CV writing workshop was conducted by Niaz Ahmed, CEO of Corporate Ask.

A panel discussion titled “Recruiters’ Expectations and Bangladesh 2.0 in the Evolving Job Market” was held as part of the career session. Esteemed panelists included Shakil Ahmed Siddique, COO of Kaler Replica Limited; Umme Afa



Akter, HR Manager of Ha-Meem Group; Md Kamruzzaman Shobuj, CEO of My Jobs; Humayun Rashid, HR Lead of Confidence Group; Laila Nazneen, Head of HR and Admin at Star Cineplex; and Saiduzzaman Shamim, Senior Consultant at ADB and founder of Sanod.

The inauguration ceremony of the fair was graced by SUB Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Nawzia Yasmin as the Chief Guest. She said, “We are proud to see the participation of top-tier companies in this initiative by the State University of Bangladesh. This is our first career fair, and we

look forward to hosting large-scale events in the future to support job seekers.”

Professor Dr Hasan Kawsar, Treasurer of SUB and Special Guest at the event said, “The primary goal of this career fair was to establish a robust network between job seekers and employers, which will significantly contribute to creating future employment opportunities.”

The event’s “Title Sponsor” was Labaid Cancer Hospital & Super Speciality Center, and the “Powered By Sponsor” was “The News”.

BRAC UNIVERSITY ALUMNA receives fellowship for master’s at University of Oxford

Fatema Shorna, an alumna of the School of Pharmacy of BRAC University, has started pursuing a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Radiobiology at the University of Oxford after being selected for the IAEA Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme.

Fatema graduated from BRAC University in December 2019 and enrolled for the MSc programme in October 2024 following her selection for the fellowship in November 2023.

The MSc in Radiobiology is a one-year, full-time course designed for individuals interested in a career in academic research in radiobiology or radiation oncology, or in professions that require a knowledge of radiobiology.



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The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and the world’s second oldest surviving university. It has an alumni network of over 250,000 individuals, including more than 120 Olympic medalists, 26 Nobel Prize winners, 7 poets laureate, and over 30 modern world leaders including Bill Clinton, Aung

San Suu Kyi, Indira Gandhi, and 26 UK prime ministers.

The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme aims to help increase the number of women in the nuclear field, supporting an inclusive workforce consisting of both men and women who contribute to and drive global scientific and technological innovation.

Selected students receive a scholarship for master’s programmes in nuclear-related studies at accredited universities. They are also provided with an opportunity to pursue an internship facilitated by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Scholarships are awarded annually and include tuition and living expenses. In the selection of students, consideration is given to field of study and geographic and linguistic diversity, as well as other factors.

The fellowship also provides unique opportunities, such as Shorna being provided all funds to attend an International Women’s Day event at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna in March 2024.

Reflecting on her achievement, Shorna expressed gratitude for the support she received at BRAC University. Her success underscores BRAC University’s mission to empower women, foster excellence, and create global leaders. It also serves as an inspiration for aspiring students seeking to pursue their dreams and excel globally.



IUB hosts book launch event of “Living with Refugees”

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) launched a book titled *Living with Refugees* on November 28, 2024 at the Multipurpose Hall on campus.

Organised with support from the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities (DSSH), South Asian Studies Centre, TUFs Field Science Commons (TUFISCo), and ILCAA-Anthropology, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, the event focused on refugee studies and their impacts.

Qudrate Khoda, PhD, Associate Professor of DSSH, served as the Master of Ceremonies and the event was coordinated by Nazia Mahmood PhD, Senior Lecturer. Professor Bokhtiar Ahmed, PhD, Dean of SLASS, opened the event with a welcome address. The book, published by The University Press Limited (UPL), was edited by Professor Ranjan Saha Partha (Jahangirnagar University), Obaydullah Al Marzuk (IUB), and Professor Masahiko Togawa (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies). It contains contributions from 19 researchers from Bangladesh and abroad.