



## AIUB Computer Club hosts Cyber Gaming Fest 2025

The AIUB Cyber Gaming Fest 2025, organised by the AIUB Computer Club (ACC) and supported by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB), was held from December 19 to December 22. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr Md Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Dr Manzur H Khan, Proctor; Abhijit Bhowmik, Associate Professor and Special Assistant, OSA; Md Mazid-ul-Haque, Assistant Professor and Special Assistant (OSA); and S M Abdullah Shafi, Lecturer and Special Assistant (OSA).

Spanning multiple days of online and on-campus competitions, the fest transformed the AIUB campus into a vibrant gaming arena filled with excitement and competitive energy.

The *PUBG Mobile* segment began

with 51 teams divided into three groups for the online qualifiers, which were narrowed down to 32 teams for the semi-finals on December 19 and eventually to the top 16 teams for the campus finals. On the final day, amid intense focus and competition, four thrilling matches were played, after which "Blackbeard Pirates" emerged as the champions in a highly energetic atmosphere.

The *Valorant* segment featured a combination of online lower-bracket matches conducted via Discord and high-stakes LAN matches on campus. "AllStars" battled through the lower bracket and defeated "No\_Nonsense" in a best-of-three series to secure a place in the Grand Final against "NAXR Esports". The final was a thrilling best-of-three contest, where NAXR Esports

won the first match in overtime after 26 rounds. However, AllStars made a remarkable comeback by winning the second and third matches to claim the championship title.

The festival also showcased several competitive sports and mobile gaming titles. In *Mobile Legends: Bang Bang*, "Viper Strikers" secured the championship. The *FC 25* tournament saw "Neo emerge" as the champion. In *E-Football*, Shaon Shanto claimed the solo championship, while "PNG Bot" lifted the trophy in the team segment.

The closing ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr Saiful Islam, Vice-Chancellor; and Prof. Dr Md Abdur Rahman, Pro Vice-Chancellor.

## NSU CLR hosts seminar on "Bangladesh Uprising and the Law and Politics of Democratic Rule"



North South University's (NSU) Center for Legal Research, a research wing of the Department of Law, NSU, hosts a seminar on "Bangladesh Uprising and the Law and Politics of Democratic Rule in the Postcolonial World" on December 24.

The seminar was held at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Conference Room and attended by distinguished faculty members, students, academics, and legal and political enthusiasts. The seminar was graced by the presence of its Keynote Speaker, Dr Mostafa Haider, Lecturer at Curtin Law School, Curtin University.

Prof. Md Rizwanul Islam, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, officially opened the programme with his introductory remarks. Dr Haider presented on the topic, igniting thought-provoking discussions. Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Barrister and Chair at the Department of Law at NSU, delivered the concluding remarks. Md Lokman Hussain, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Law and Coordinator for the NSU Center for Legal Research, moderated the session.

## Manon becomes champion in MTB International Master's Chess Tournament at IUB

Manon Reja Neer, Bangladesh's highest rated International Master (IM), has become champion in the MTB International Masters Chess Tournament, held at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) from December 14 to 23. The international tournament, which featured three IMs and three FIDE Masters (FM) from Bangladesh, India, and Nepal, was hosted by IUB's Division of Student Activities (DoSA) and the IUB Chess Club, with technical support from the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

IM Manon secured the top spot with 6.5 points in nine games. FM Sakline Mostafa Sajid became the runner-up with six points, and Bivor Adak from India emerged third, also with six points. IM Minhaz Uddin Sagor secured the fourth place with 5.5 points. They received prize money worth BDT 40,000, BDT 30,000, BDT 20,000 and BDT 10,000, respectively.



Other players from Bangladesh included IM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Khondokar Aminul Islam, and Amit Bikram Roy (from IUB). From India, there were Arpon Das (Jr) and FM Singh Gurpreet Pal. Nepal was represented by Silwal Purushottam.

South Asia's first Grandmaster, Niaz Murshed, who is also the Advisor to the IUB Chess Club, was the tournament's host. Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) was the

title sponsor. Md Haroon Or Rashid, Chief Arbiter of the Bangladesh Chess Federation, oversaw the event. He was assisted by Mishan Baskota, an assistant arbiter from Nepal.

The closing ceremony was graced by Captain Syed Sujauddin Ahmed, President of the Bangladesh Chess Federation; Md Bakhteyer Hossain, Deputy Managing Director, MTB PLC; Prof. Daniel W Lund, Pro

Vice-Chancellor, IUB; and Atif M Safi, Head, DoSA, IUB.

Earlier, the opening ceremony was held on December 14 at the IUB Multipurpose Hall. GM Niaz Murshed; Didar A Husain, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IUB; Trustees Towhid Samad, Rashed Chowdhury, A Matin Chowdhury, Mohammad Zakaria Khan, Dr Husne Ara Ali, and Md Tanveer Madar attended the event. Vice-Chancellor Prof. M Tamim, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Lund, deans, and members of the IUB senior management were also in attendance.

The event was further graced by Dr Shoeb Reaz Alam, Vice-President, Bangladesh Chess Federation, and Md Bakhteyer Hossain. A highlight of the opening ceremony was an exhibition match between Towhid Samad and GM Niaz Murshed.