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## From the Desk of the Editor

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh in association with a2i has developed Uniformed University Management Software and Integrated University Information Management Platform. University students, teachers, researchers, office-bearers and parents can enjoy its benefits from anywhere using this software and save money and time. Besides, it will create an environment of transparency and accountability as well. University authorities should take steps for the rapid implementation of the software to build a 'Digital Bangladesh following the call by President and Chancellor of the universities Md Abdul Hamid.

UGC has been awarding Prime Minister Gold Medal to the meritorious students, who secure the highest marks/CGPA in their respective faculties at university level. The Hon'ble Prime Minister (HPM) Sheikh Hasina graces the gold medal awarding ceremony as the Chief Guest and distributes the medals among the recipients every year. The awardees put more focus in their studies for getting the prestigious gold medal from the HPM. The gold medal winning students contribute a lot to the society through creation of new knowledge.

UGC has taken steps to arrange cluster admission test at all public universities of the country from the next academic year for reducing pressure on students and their parents. The Vice-Chancellors should come forward for introducing cluster entrance examinations as it has already become a national demand. It will enhance the image of teachers' community if implemented at university level. The whole nation's desire could not be ignored for the hesitation of some universities.

**Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum**  
Member, UGC

## Contribute to building Digital Bangladesh – President Abdul Hamid



Closing ceremony of a six-day long Digital Service Design Lab (DSDL) was held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on 22 January 2020. President Md. Abdul Hamid was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest.

He called upon the universities and the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh to take effective measures to contribute to building a 'Digital Bangladesh'.

"I urge the universities and UGC to take effective steps for the rapid implementation of the 'Integrated University Information Management Platform', including the introduction of e-governance courses in universities, to build a 'Digital Bangladesh'," he said.

President Abdul Hamid said initial plans have been made to identify and implement about

2,074 digital services of different ministries. As part of this programme, steps have been taken to design and plan 723 services of 23 ministries.

He stressed producing skilled and expert technologists to face the challenges of fourth industrial revolution. The Chancellor said domestic technologists will need to get higher education and training, noting that they have to increase cooperation between foreign institutions and technologists along with taking higher education and training.

Md. Abdul Hamid hoped that the government's information and communication technology departments, including the engineering, science and technology universities of the country will take initiative in this regard.



UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah presided over the concluding session of the workshop. State Minister for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak, Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, Senior Secretary to the Information and Communication Technology Division NM Ziaul Alam were present at the programme as

Special Guests. Zunaid Ahmed Palak and Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury handed over the digital service design specification to the Hon'ble President.

Chief e-governance strategist of A2i Project of ICT Division Farhad Zahid Sheikh presented the background, activities and coordinated planning of digital service design and planning lab.

UGC decided to open a Digital Service Design Lab for bringing the digital services of the country's universities under a single platform. The decision was announced at the six-day workshop on January 16 at the auditorium of Public Works Department in the city. Secretaries concerned to the President were present in the programme.

## Prime Minister Gold Medal-2018 awarding Ceremony



The Prime Minister Gold Medal Awarding Ceremony organized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held at the Shapla Hall of the Prime Minister's Office on 26 February 2020. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina graced the event as the Chief Guest. A total of 172 students, who secured the highest marks or CGPA in their respective faculties at different universities of the country in 2018, were selected by the UGC for the Gold Medal. UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah presided over the ceremony.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, spoke on the occasion. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Secretary of Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education Md. Mahub Hossain were also present at the event.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the government is taking steps to expand the areas of UGC through strengthening it, increasing its workforce and skill. "We're taking steps to bring

everything under discipline. We've enacted the Private University Act, accountability of the academic and administrative activities of the private universities have been ensured, which was absent in the past," she said.

The Prime Minister also put emphasis on establishing specialised universities in different areas of the country. Putting emphasis on research activities, she said that it is not possible to reach the peak of development without research.

Talking about the fourth industrial revolution, technology based industries are growing and that will be flourished further. "We'll need our population. If we can build up our people with proper education and skill then there will be no problem for us at all, rather we can help other countries also. We want to work that way," she said.

Department of Fisheries Technology of Bangladesh Agriculture University Mobarok Hossain and Department of Management Studies of Jagannath University Sharmin Sultana expressed their feelings in favour of the medal recipients.



## Bangabandhu's ideology remains key to progress

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said though the country is achieving economic development but there are still many disparities in the society. "We should practice the ideology of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to reduce disparities from the present society," he said.

The UGC Chairman came up with the remarks while addressing a discussion meeting arranged at UGC on the occasion of birth anniversary of Bangabandhu on 17 March 2020.

He also requested the young generation to know the real history of country's independence and Bangabandhu. He also urged them to take lessons from the life and works of Father of the Nation.

With UGC Officers' Association President (Acting) Md. Omar Faruque in the chair, the meeting was addressed, among others, by UGC Members Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir.

Besides, UGC authorities paid rich tribute at the portrait of Father of the Nation



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32 and mural of Bangabandhu set up at UGC.

## Prompt measures for expanding activities and strengthening of UGC: Education Minister

Prompt measures will be taken for expanding the activities of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, strengthening it and ensuring

transparency and accountability of UGC for quality improvement and modernization of higher education of the country. Education Minister Dr. Dipu

Moni, MP made the observation while visiting the UGC on 30 January 2020.

Mentioning that the present government is prioritizing the





education sector, the Education Minister noted that combined admission test will be held in all public universities from 2020-2021 academic session for mitigating the sufferings of the admission seekers and their guardians. Harassment of female students will be reduced to a great extent following this system. It will also save the

money of the admission aspirants. The Hon'ble Minister stressed the need for establishing central research laboratory, university teachers' training academy and formulating master plan in every university in consultation with the relevant stakeholders to proceed the country's universities in world ranking. She also gave the

directive to UGC for stoppage of evening course, appointment of full-pledged project directors in ongoing projects including formulation of guideline for recruitment of Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer in universities within a short time.

UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah informed the Education Minister of overall activities of UGC and scenario of tertiary education of the country in the meeting.

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member, UGC and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member, UGC spoke on the occasion. Divisional heads of UGC were present on the occasion.

## UGC holds meeting with Education Ministry on tertiary education



The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, on 12 March 2020, held a view exchange meeting with the Ministry of Education (MoE) on ensuring quality higher

education in the country. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP presided over the meeting. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, MoE,

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, UGC, Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member, UGC were present at the meeting.

The meeting discussed various issues including amendment of UGC Ordinance 1973, Cross Border Higher Education, proposed Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) project.

## Meeting between Education Ministry and UGC held

A view exchange meeting between Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was held at UGC Bhaban

on 19 March 2020. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, UGC,

Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC,





Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member, UGC and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir were present on the

occasion. Besides, high officials from Ministry of Education and divisional heads of UGC were present.

The meeting elaborately discussed the UGC's existing guidelines for equivalence of foreign degrees. Besides, various aspects of higher education came up in the discussion.

## UGC approves Tk 84.85b for 46 public universities

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh has approved a budget of Tk 84.85 billion (8,485.12 Crore) for 46 public universities for the fiscal year 2020-21. Of the total allocation, the UGC allocated a revenue budget of Tk 5,454 billion and a development budget of Tk 3,031 billion in support of 53 projects.

In the outgoing fiscal year of 2019-20, the UGC approved a budget of Tk 80.88 billion for the country's public universities. This year's allocation in the revenue budget has been increased by 5.0 per cent. The budget was approved at the 158th Full Commission Meeting of the UGC held on 24 June 2020 chaired by the UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah.

The meeting was held online because of the coronavirus situation and the budget was presented at the meeting by Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, in charge of Finance and Accounts Department of UGC.

UGC annually approves the



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yearly budget for conducting higher education activities in public universities. Dhaka University has received the highest revenue budget in the upcoming fiscal year of 2020-21 with amount of Tk 8.3 billion (830 crore). About Tk 660 million has been allocated for the research purpose at the public universities in the fiscal year of 2020-21 which is a 03 per cent higher than the outgoing fiscal year with an allocation of Tk 640 million.

Meanwhile, the Commission has approved a Tk 620 million for its own as budget allocation which was about 530 million in the fiscal year of 2019-20, according to the UGC budget session. Besides, the UGC in the meeting has decided to send a

letter to the government asking for special allocation for conducting online classes in public universities.

UGC Members- Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md Sazzad Hossain, Islamic University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Harun-ur-Rashid Askari, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Gautam Buddha Das, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman University of Science and Technology Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Shahjahan, Khulna University's Law School Dean Professor Dr. Md Waliul Hasanat, Sylhet Agricultural University Professor Md Abdul Baset, Bangladesh Textile University Professor Md Julhas Uddin, Member of Planning Commission (Socio-Economic Infrastructure), Secretary of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance were present at the meeting, among others.



## UGC takes step to hold combined admission test at public universities



The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has decided to arrange combined admission test at all public universities from the next academic year (2020-2021) for reducing pressure on the students and their parents, who need to go to different universities across the country to

take entrance examinations.

The decision came at a meeting between the Vice-Chancellors of the public universities and University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in Dhaka on 23 January 2020. UGC Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor

Dr. Muhammed Alamgir spoke at the programme.

In his presidential speech, UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said that the uniform admission test will be a great blessing for the students and guardians as hassles and sufferings might be reduced.

In the meeting, UGC Member Professor Dil Afroza Begum explained the concept paper of the uniform admissions test. According to the concept paper, the question paper for the admission test will be developed following the curriculum of higher secondary level, considering the contents from the disciplines of humanity, business studies, and science.

Students from humanities, business studies, and science groups would be eligible to take the admission test, which will be held based on HSC syllabus.

## UGC determined to hold uniform admission tests



UGC Chairman Professor Dr Kazi Shahidullah said the Commission is determined to arrange the uniform admission tests for the students seeking admission to the country's public universities. "Uniform admission system shall be introduced in public universities from the next academic year even if any university doesn't want to join

the process," he said adding uniform entry exam for universities is now a national demand.

Dr Kazi Shahidullah came up with the development following a meeting with a four-member delegation of Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) at UGC auditorium on 04 February 2020. Earlier, the

delegation of CAB led by its President Golam Rahman called on UGC Chairman. UGC Members- Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, among others, were present.

A meeting between the Vice-Chancellors of the public universities and University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held on 23 January 2020 on the decision for holding the uniform admission test in the country's public universities. After the meeting Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah told media that public university admission test would be held under a uniform procedure across the country from the 2020-21 academic year.



## Combined admission test to improve image of teachers: UGC Chairman



Combined admission test in public universities from the next year will enhance the image of teachers, said UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah at a meeting with engineering and technology university vice-chancellors on 10 February 2020. He said that the Vice-Chancellors and other teachers should come forward

for introducing combined entrance examinations. The whole nation preferred combined examinations and UGC took the initiative to protect the interest of the nation. he observed.

Referring to the reluctance of University of Dhaka and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, the whole nation's desire could

not be ignored for the hesitation of some universities he said adding that everybody should be careful so that one's ego did not damage other's interest.

He warned that if any university declined to join the combined entrance exam system, it might face harsh criticism.

UGC Members- Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Alam, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology Vice-Chancellor Professor Rafiqul Islam Sheikh, and Khulna University of Engineering and Technology Acting Vice-Chancellor Mohiuddin Ahmad, among others, were present in the meeting.

## Cluster system admission test at public universities



The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh has further modified the clusters of universities for holding a central admission test of the public universities in the coming academic year of 2020-2021. The decision was taken in a meeting between UGC and Vice-Chancellors from 33 public universities at UGC on 26 February 2020. Vice-Chancellors of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar universities were not present. UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah

presided over the meeting. The cluster system means universities offering similar disciplines will be brought under a cluster for which a single admission test would be held. For example, students would take one test for placement in any of the science and technology universities and another test for placement in any of the agricultural universities.

"We have decided to introduce the cluster system for enrolling students," UGC Chairman Professor Kazi Shahidullah told

reporters after the meeting. He hoped that the five universities -- Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University and Chittagong University -- would take part in the process.

The UGC Chairman said there will be four separate clusters -- one for agricultural universities, which is already in place; one for science and technology universities, one for engineering universities and the last one for general studies universities.

Except for general universities, each of the three clusters will have a single admission test. For general universities, three separate entry tests will be held for students under three groups -- science, arts and commerce. The UGC will sit next month to work out the procedure and modalities of the admission tests, said the UGC Chairman



## UGC suggests universities to introduce online education

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, on 23 March 2020, suggested all the public and private universities for introducing online education to run academic activities during the coronavirus pandemic.

The UGC also suggested installing the software 'Zoom Application' of Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) for the continuation of higher education and research during the time of corona pandemic to minimise possible academic losses.

In a notice, UGC said BdREN can ensure the free installation of the application and make it easily accessible and available for the teachers and students of the universities, so that they can address the losses caused by



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corona outbreak during vacations. To avail the services, teachers will have to provide their detailed information and attach respective vice-chancellor in the email, it added.

The online education system during the time of corona has already got popularity across the globe and some local institutes are running the facility to curb the possible disruption of

academic activities, the notice mentioned.

Besides, the 'Zoom Application' can also create mass awareness among people-- including teachers and students, experts and doctors -- in the process, it added.

Earlier, on March 19, a meeting was held with the Education Minister in the chair where the issues were discussed, including the role of Education Ministry and UGC during the coronavirus pandemic, the statement added. UGC also urged the respected university teachers to contact BdREN support centre through email address [helpdesk@bdren.net.bd](mailto:helpdesk@bdren.net.bd) or contact number + 8 8 0 - 9 6 1 2 - 1 1 0 0 9 , +880-2-8181002 to avail the services.

## UGC publishes online teaching guideline for private universities

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, on 07 May 2020, published a guideline on conducting courses online in light of the prevailing coronavirus pandemic, including teaching, taking exams, their assessment as well as admission for private universities.

The guideline is now available on the UGC website and copies are sent to the private universities. The instructions prepared by UGC can be found in the Notice section of



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[www.ugc.gov.bd](http://www.ugc.gov.bd). As per the guideline, Private universities will be able to carry out

unfinished activities (teaching, examination and assessment) of the current semester that has been affected by the pandemic online, in accordance with the guideline. Besides, students will be able to seek admission for the next semester as well.

Earlier a virtual meeting on forming the guidelines was presided over by Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, and attended by members of UGC, apart from representatives of public and private universities.



## UGC to make research services available online



UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said, research support services carried out by the UGC will be made available online to bring dynamism in research works at university level. Digitisation of UGC services will keep good contribution to ensuring

hassle-free services alongside enhancing efficiency of officials, he added.

He made the observation while inaugurating the online research support software titled -- "Online Submission for Research Grants" at UGC on 11 February 2020.

Applicants will get their desired service by clicking 'Grant for Research Assistance' in the online application on the UGC website. For this, the applicants will have to register with his/her National ID (NID) number.

Generally, service-seekers of universities get different services including participation in different programmes held at home and abroad and research works through manual methods.

Newly developed online submission for research grants software will provide these services at the quickest possible time.

UGC Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum attended the function as Special Guest. UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain presided over it.

## UGC, BAC holds meeting on quality higher education



A meeting between UGC and Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC) on enhancing quality of higher education was

held at UGC Bhaban on 12 March 2020.

At the meeting, it was decided that UGC and Bangladesh

Accreditation Council will work together to improve the quality of higher education in Bangladesh. UGC Chairmen Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah presided over the meeting.

Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairmen of BAC along with BAC Members were present at the meeting. Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC were also present.

## UGC fixes allowances for private universities

A good number of private universities of the country are, at present, providing sitting allowances to the external members attending the meetings

of Syndicate, Finance Committee and Academic Council/ Recruitment Committee at different rates.

The condition has drawn the

attention of the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh recently. Under such circumstances, the UGC has issued a set of directives to



the private universities for fixation of the lowest and highest ceiling of sitting allowance from Tk. 4000.00 to Tk. 10000.00 for Syndicate, Tk. 3500.00 to Tk. 8000.00 for Finance Committee and Tk. 3000.00 to Tk.6000.00 for Academic Council/ Recruitment Committee meetings respectively for the external members. The directives will ensure good governance and financial disciplines in higher education of the country's private sector. The



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external members will be entitled to enjoy the transport allowance as per the usual rules. All the

private universities were requested to properly follow and abide by the above-mentioned directives.

A letter in this regard has been sent on 02 February 2020 to the Registrars of all private universities signed by the Director of Private University Division, UGC, Dr. Md. Fakhru Islam. It may be mentioned here that 96 private universities out of 105 approved ones are presently imparting higher education in the private sector.

## UGC Chairman urges Vice-Chancellors to recruit qualified teachers



A workshop on current status of IQACs at Private University and ways to step forward was held at UGC on 28 January 2020. UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

UGC Chairman, in his speech, urged the Vice-Chancellors of country's public and private universities to recruit qualified teachers for the quality enhancement and excellence in higher education. Qualitative change in higher education is not possible unless the competent candidates are recruited as teachers. The standard and quality of education imparted by

both the public and private universities is gradually deteriorating. Side by side, the teaching quality of the teachers' community at universities is also worsening, he said. Qualification in teachers' recruitment at universities is not being properly evaluated in most of the cases. It is not possible to get rid of this situation just with the technology if the right people are not recruited, observed the UGC Chairman.

The Chief Guest observed if the candidates committed to education and teaching profession are recruited, the country's tertiary education will

reach the desired goal. He noted only the increasing in facilities for the teachers' community cannot contribute to the quality development of tertiary education. The lost image in higher education sector should be regained in combined efforts, he opined. Mentioning that even private universities will not be spared if these institutions resort to irregularities and other malpractices by flouting the rules in running the universities, UGC Chairman said, private universities have to take approval of UGC and abide by the rules in opening up of subjects and enrolling students. Three private universities have been fined for enrolling students beyond the permitted number of seats.

With UGC Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir in the chair, the workshop was attended, among others, by UGC Members- Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Vice-Chancellors from 42 private universities, Directors from UGC and IQACs.



Professor Alamgir, in his presidential speech, said that University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh does not distinguish the country's public and private universities in higher education. He noted the universities which will ensure quality education will be accepted by the people and

rewarded. Regarding Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), he opined that it will create pace, momentum and quality culture at university level. IQAC will play a vital role to proceed the country's universities in world ranking. There is no alternative to higher education in implementation of

Vision-2041, he said. Professor Alamgir further opined the higher education activities of the country will be outcome-based education.

Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, Director of SPQA Division, UGC spoke on the activities of IQAC at private universities.

## Universities asked to appoint Full-time Project Directors



UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, at a programme, called upon the Vice-Chancellors of Public Universities to appoint fulltime Project Directors to supervise the development activities. "Works on many development projects are hampered as currently temporary Project Directors supervise those. We want speedy progress of the development activities. It is possible only if there are permanent Project Directors " he said.

He told this at a programme arranged to evaluate the progress of the ongoing projects at public universities. Planning and Development Division, UGC organized the programme on 18 February 2020 at UGC auditorium. UGC Member Professor Dr Muhammed Alamgir presided over it.

Vice-Chancellors of Rangamati Science and Technology University Professor Promanendu Bikash Chakma, Vice-Chancellor of Islamic

Arabic University Professor Ahsan Ullah, and Director of Planning and Development Division of UGC Dr. Ferdous Jaman, among others, spoke at the programme.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said some universities are spending project money to pay salaries of the teachers and employees and to buy furniture, which is not acceptable. He said, "Please don't use project money in other sectors and just follow the rules and regulations of the project implementation."

The UGC Chairman also said, "It is very important to complete development work in time maintaining quality. Besides, expenditure of any project should not be increased. But unfortunately, some universities are not looking into the matter."

The UGC has approved 48 projects worth Tk 3,170 Crore in the 2019-20 fiscal year. Feasibility study is a must if the cost of any project is above Tk 25 Crore and a fulltime Project Director is also a must if the cost is above Tk 50 crore.

## Educationists call for ensuring world-class education at college level

Country's renowned educationists at a programme in Dhaka called for ensuring world-class education at college level of the country for building a developed nation and survival in today's competitive world . Higher

education of the country will not reach the desired goal until and unless the college education is modernised. The Government should prioritise the higher education and increase budgetary allocation in this

sector, they observed.

The opinion was conveyed at a meeting of the expert committee for development of science, technology and ICT in formulating strategic plan for education at college level under





College Education Development Project (CEDP) at UGC on 13 January 2020.

The educationists noted that formulation of a particular strategic plan is urgent for development of college education. Standard and quality textbooks need to be written by the expert teachers at college level so that these textbooks are sustainable for at least 20 years. Baseline study is imperative to

determine the existing situation of science education imparted by college. Students should be inspired for science education, they opined.

With UGC Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir in the chair, the meeting was attended, among others, by Professor Dr. Munaj Ahmed Noor, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, Professor Dr. Subrata

Kumar Adittaya, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Md. Mahbul Alam Joarder, Department of IIT, Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Hasina Khan, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Science, Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Lafifa Jamal, Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering, Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Mohammad Kaikobad, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET, Professor Dr. Silia Shahnaj, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, BUET, Professor Dr. Md. Hanif Siddiqui, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Chittagong University and AKM Mukhlesur Rahman, Project Director, CEDP.

## UGC Chairman urges industrialists to help improve quality of higher education



A workshop on Current Status of IQACs at Private University and Ways to Step Forward was held at UGC auditorium on 03 February 2020. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, UGC was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah called upon the industrial sector

to come forward for quality enhancement and excellence in higher education imparted by the country's universities. It is not possible to ensure the desired higher education only by the universities, rather alongside the universities, industrial sector should come up in this regard. Collaboration between university and industry needs to be

expanded. The cooperation to this end will come up from both the sides. The industrial sector could take collaboration from the universities to solve their problems including its research activities, observed UGC Chairman.

Presided over by UGC Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, the workshop was attended, among others, by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC. Professor Dr. SM Kabir, Member, Bangladesh Accreditation Council, Vice-Chancellors and representatives from 44 private universities and Directors from UGC and Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, Director, SPQA Division, UGC spoke on IQAC's activities at private universities on the occasion.



Calling upon the Vice-Chancellors of the country's universities in bringing the qualitative change in higher education, the UGC Chairman noted that no university has secured a place in world ranking which is unexpected. Therefore,

the main challenge of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh is to ensure quality education at university level.

Professor Alamgir, in his presidential speech, opined that raising awareness is needed for ensuring quality education in

tertiary level so that country's universities could proceed in higher education and secure place in world ranking. The UGC, in this regard, will prepare a combined proposal and send it to the universities within a short time, he observed.

## British Council organises International Higher Education Symposium



The British Council in strategic partnership with the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, organised an International Higher Education Symposium on 24 February 2020 at The Westin Dhaka. The event brought together a range of senior representatives from the British High Commission, Ministry of Education, UGC, development agencies working in the higher education sector of Bangladesh, Vice-Chancellors and senior Professors from public and private universities across Bangladesh and education experts to talk about one of the more pressing matters in Bangladesh's development – higher education.

The day-long conference of talks, presentations and panel discussions focused on raising awareness and develop an understanding of the value of

focusing on quality enhancement through the professional development of teachers in higher education and curriculum reform.

To meet the growing needs for graduate-level employment in a knowledge-based society, the conference brought light to the need for the professional development opportunities of the university faculty members and the necessity to enhance the curriculum. It also highlighted the contribution of teaching and the learning process that can ensure the quality enhancement of the higher education sector in Bangladesh. Finally, it shed light on the impact of globalisation within the higher education sector and how the internationalisation of the universities of Bangladesh can significantly contribute to boosting the quality of the

institutes.

Md. Mahbub Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, was present as the Chief Guest of the symposium while Professor Dr Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present as the Guest of Honour. The symposium was presided over by Tom Miscioscia, Director Bangladesh, British Council.

In his speech, Professor Dr Kazi Shahidullah said, 'While much progress has been achieved, there is still much to do, and we look forward to the day when higher education in Bangladesh is of international standards. To this end, the UGC and the Ministry of Education are keen to pick up on the learnings from this symposium and to capitalise on the international expertise here today. We also welcome greater involvement of foreign higher education institutions to work alongside Bangladeshi universities to raise standards and bring international perspectives to higher education.'

HE Robert Chatterton Dickson, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Kanbar Hossein-Bor, UK Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh, were also present to support the cause of the symposium.



## Inaugural ceremony of Digital Service Design Lab in Dhaka



Inaugural Ceremony of a six-day long Digital Service Design Lab (DSDL) was inaugurated at the auditorium of Public Works Department, Dhaka on 16 January 2020 for bringing the digital systems of services of the country's universities under a single platform. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in association with Digital Service Accelerator, a2i and ICT Division organized the event. N M Ziaul Alam, Senior Secretary, ICT Division graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member, UGC presided over the ceremony. Dr. Aruna Biswas, Additional Secretary, Secondary and

Higher Education Division, and Md. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education were present as the Special Guests. Forhad Zahid Shaikh, a2i delivered the address of welcome on the occasion.

Teachers from 36 public and private universities and high officials from Ministry of Education and UGC, among others, were present in the inaugural ceremony.

Uniformed University Management Software and Integrated University Information Management Platform will be developed in the country's

universities through this workshop. This software will be implemented in all universities by 2021 as part of building Digital Bangladesh.

The Chief Guest, in his speech, appreciated the initiative for developing Uniformed University Management Software and Integrated University Information Management Platform at university. Management and service quality at university level will be enhanced. It will help in implementation of dream of Digital Bangladesh. He called for ensuring the use of digital technology at all levels, he added.

Professor Sazzad Hossain, in his presidential speech, noted that an integrated system will be developed through DSDL. It will play a vital role in facing the challenges of fourth industrial revolution and achieving SDGs.

He further said that teachers, students and employees of universities will easily deliver and receive all services at any time and from any place through the Uniformed University Management Software and Integrated University Information Management Platform

## UNICEF delegation calls on UGC Chairman

A three member delegation from UNICEF called on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at the latter's office on 19 January 2020. Neha Kapil, Chief, C4D (Communication for Development), UNICEF, Bangladesh led the delegation. Other Members of the delegation included Dr. David Mould,

Professor Emeritus, Media, Arts and Studies, Ohio University, USA and Yasmin Khan, C4D Manager, UNICEF, Bangladesh Country Office. Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member, UGC, Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam, Director, Private University Division and Mr. Md. Omar Faruque, Director (Current Charge), Research Support and Publication Division, UGC,

among others, were present on the occasion.

During the meeting, the delegation informed the UGC Chairman that UGC and UNICEF will jointly announce the first-ever C4D research fellowships for the faculty members of public and private universities of the country at a programme to be held on 04





February 2020 in Dhaka. UGC Chairman, in his speech, stressed the need for developing C4D curriculum on the basis of local and global demands and needs. UNICEF and UGC have been jointly working to foster C4D curriculum and research among Bangladeshi Academic institutions since 2017.

### Nepalese UGC Chairman calls on Professor Kazi Shahidullah



Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and higher education scenario of the country. He mentioned that relationship between UGC of Bangladesh and Nepal needs to be strengthened for promotion and internationalization of higher education of these two friendly countries.

Professor Bhim Prasad Subedi, PhD, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal, called on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at the latter's office on 19 February 2020. During the meeting, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Professor Dr.

Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC and Professor Mohammad Sahid Ullah, Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Chittagong were present.

UGC Chairman Professor Kazi Shahidullah welcomed his counterpart Professor Bhim Prasad Subedi at his office and informed him briefly about the history of University Grants

Professor Bhim Prasad Subedi exchanged his experiences regarding the activities of UGC, Nepal for higher education, relationship with the government, governance of universities and the recruitment policies of Vice-Chancellors in Nepal. Moreover, issues relating to National Qualification Framework, Accreditation Council and Institutional Quality Assurance Cell came up in the discussion.

### UGC announces names of C4D researchers

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and UNICEF, for the first time, announced the names of Communication for Development (C4D) research fellowship awardees at a programme held at UGC on 04 February 2020. The awardees were Professor Dr. Jamila K

Chowdhury of Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman of Islamic University and Professor Dr. Mahbubul Alam of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University. UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah presided over the ceremony. UGC and UNICEF jointly invited the research proposals regarding the C4D issues from

the faculty members of country's universities.

UGC Members- Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Ohio University Professor Emeritus Dr. David Mould, UNICEF's C4D Manager Yasmin Khan, divisional heads





of UGC, were present on the occasion..

Addressing the event Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said that UGC and UNICEF will work jointly for the researchers of the country to build a better society.

“Research is key to development. We need research collaboration from UNICEF for country’s development”, he hoped. UGC Chairman urged the fellowship awardees to conduct research activities on international standard. “Your

research should be result-oriented and it will obviously contribute to our society”, he hoped.

He further said that UGC and UNICEF are jointly working to foster C4D curriculum and research activities. He hoped that UGC and UNICEF will be able to declare more fellowships for Bangladesh’s faculty members in this field in future.

UGC Member Professor Sazzad Hossain said a lot of research works are being conducted in our country. But these works are not being properly documented. UGC is planning to archive all these research activities through online.

### Dr. Ferdous Zaman made UGC Secretary (Additional Charge)



Director of Planning and University Grants Commission Development Division of (UGC) of Bangladesh Dr.

Ferdous Zaman has been made Secretary (Additional Charge) of UGC. UGC issued an office order to this end on 18 March 2020.

According to the decision of UGC, Dr. Ferdous Zaman will serve as Secretary (Additional Charge) of the Commission along with his directorship of Planning and Development Division. The Officers' Association and Karmachari Union of UGC congratulated Dr. Ferdous Zaman for his getting the new charge.

### UGC donates a day's salary to PM's relief fund

Officers and employees of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh has

donated their one-day salary to the Prime Minister’s relief fund to

help fight the coronavirus outbreak in the country.



## Bangladeshi students participate in 13<sup>th</sup> SAUFEST



Students from 35 universities of Bangladesh led by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh participated in the

13th South Asian Universities Festival (SAUFEST) in India. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) organised the

festival held at Kurukshetra University in Haryana on 24-28 February 2019. A 98-member team led by Deputy Director of Research Support and Publication Division of UGC Nahid Sultana joined the festival. The Bangladeshi students took part in the festival.

It may be mentioned here that the SAUFEST is annually arranged to establish mutual cooperation and exchange of ideas among the students of universities of South Asian country.

## Islamic Arabic University project completion emphasised



Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh asked the authorities concerned to

complete the construction of the Islamic Arabic University project within the stipulated time, warning that the project period would not be extended.

He made the observation while presiding over a meeting of the Islamic Arabic University construction project implementation committee at UGC on 01 March 2020. UGC Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Director, Planning and Development Division, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Additional Director Dr. Durga Rani Sarkar, and Registrar of Islamic Arabic University SM Ehsan Kabir were present at the meeting.

## Jashore University of Science and Technology celebrates 13<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary

The Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST) celebrated its 13th founding anniversary on 25 January 2020. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah inaugurated the daylong

programme by hoisting the National and university flags followed by colorful procession.

Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest Professor Kazi Shahidullah said that UGC has given special focus on ensuring quality education rather than the

quantity of education. He also said commercialization of education needs to be stopped immediately. For this, evening course has to be stopped. He also added that UGC takes initiative to introduce cluster system admission test from this





academic session. He sought co-operation from all concerned to realise the national demand.

Professor Dr Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, JUST presided over the ceremony. Police Super of Jessore Muhammad Ashraf Hossain, Just Treasurer Professor Md Abdul Majid, Convener of Deans Committee Professor Dr Md. Anisur Rahman, JUST Teachers' Association President Iqbal Kabir Jahid, JUST Registrar Engr. Md. Ahsan Habib, among others, addressed the event.

## DU Accounting and Information Department celebrates golden jubilee



The 50th anniversary of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems (AIS) of Dhaka University and the 25th anniversary of the Accounting Alumni were held on 24 January 2020 at the university central

playground. Planning Minister MA Mannan was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md Akhtaruzzaman inaugurated the day-long programme while

Department Chairman Professor Riyazur Rahman presided over the programme. Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah and Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, DU Professor Shibli Rubaiyatul Islam were present as Special Guests. Also, among others, the Department's former teacher Professor Shafiq Ahmed Siddique, Professor M Moinuddin Khan, President of Accounting Alumni Association Swadesh Ranjan Saha and General Secretary M Tofail Ahmed spoke at the event. A large number of former and current teachers, students and officers and staff of the department participated in the event.

## International Chemistry Conference held at Jagannath University

A two-day International Conference titled 'Recent Advances in Chemistry' concluded at the central auditorium of Jagannath University (JnU) on 08 February 2020 with a focus on progresses in chemistry in recent years. Department of Chemistry,

Jagannath University hosted the conference with the motto 'Chemistry for Health and Welfare'.

UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, graced the concluding ceremony as the Chief Guest. Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, JnU

and President of ICRAC Dr. Mohammad Syed Alam presided over the ceremony while Professor Dr Mijanur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer Professor Dr. Kamaluddin Ahmad, JnU addressed the programme.

Professor Charlotta Turner on





'Extraction and analysis of high-value compounds in plants using green solvent technology',

Professor Shakhawat H Firoz on 'Manganese oxide based nano-architected materials for

their application in energy and environment', Professor Md. Ashaduzzamanon 'Fabrication of structural composites from indigenous Nanostructured layered kaolinite' presented their respective articles.

A total of 470 academics from eight countries and different research institutions participated in the conference. The eight countries were Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Nepal, Sweden, India, Saudi Arab, Australia and Japan

### 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Comilla University



The first convocation of Comilla University (cou) was held on 27 January 2020. President Abdul Hamid presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred degrees on the graduating students.

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal delivered the Convocation speech while Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Chairman Professor

Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Comilla University Vice-chancellor Professor Emran Kabir Chowdhury were present as Special Guests.

Addressing the Convocation, President Abdul Hamid asked all students to forge a strong social movement against drugs. Asking students to remain alert about the matter, he said, "I'm earnestly requesting you to motivate other students as well as people. Or else, the entire

country and the future generation will be destroyed."

The President also called upon universities to take initiatives for quality research alongside regular academic activities. "In addition to teaching, quality research should be undertaken so that teachers and students can utilise the resources and possibilities of Bangladesh to get involved in the country's progress," he said. Md. Abdul Hamid also underscored the need for establishing universities at a proportional rate to transform Bangladesh's vast youths into skilled human resources.

Altogether, 2,888 students were conferred upon graduation and post-graduation degrees and 14 of them awarded with gold medals.

It may be mentioned here that the university was established in 2006 as the 26th public university of the country with seven functional departments.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Fareast International University

The first convocation of Fareast International University (FIU) was held at the city's Bangabandhu International

Conference Centre on 23 January 2020. The Hon'ble President Md. Abdul Hamid presided over the convocation

ceremony and conferred degrees on the graduating students.





The President urged the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh to take strong measures for ensuring the standard of education in the country's universities. "Rules and regulations must be followed from student admission to recruitment of teachers, from preparing question papers to evaluating answer scripts, and from curricula introduction to fixing tuition fees. UGC will've to take stern steps for ensuring the standard of education alongside the specific work plan upon consultation with trustee board members, parents and experts, if needed," he said.

Md. Abdul Hamid said the UGC, the Education Ministry and all concerned will have to come forward to make sure that every university runs their activities without any interference, and no student gets cheated in the name of higher education."

Terming the private investment in education sector as a praiseworthy initiative, he said universities will be the centres of acquiring knowledge and its expansion, where students will get the opportunity of practicing sports and cultural activities alongside acquiring knowledge on contemporary issues. "But

many universities are running their activities in limited [small] commercial buildings which is a big obstacle to free practice of knowledge," he added.

President Abdul Hamid said the entrepreneurs who have the intention to run a university will have to follow the rules and regulations as education is not a commercial product. "There're many sectors to invest for the profit-mongering entrepreneurs. You should invest there as you'll get huge return there and will be able to contribute to socio-economic development of the country," he also added. The President asked the students to raise awareness against social degradation to save the future generation.

Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah were present as Special Guests while Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain as the Convocation Speaker. Secretaries concerned to the President were also present.

## 19th Convocation of East West University



East West University (EWU) held its 19th convocation on 17 February 2020 at the EWU Campus, Aftabnagar in the city. This convocation is dedicated to the memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his birth centenary.

Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, MP presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred degrees on the graduating students as the representative of the Hon'ble President.



Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present at the convocation as the Special Guest. Barrister M Amir-UI Islam, senior lawyer in Bangladesh Supreme Court, was the convocation speaker. Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, EWU, Professor Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, Chief Advisor of EWU, and Professor Dr MM Shahidul Hassan, Vice

Chancellor, EWU also gave their speeches on the occasion.

In the convocation, the speakers urged the youths to develop themselves as innovative entrepreneurs to meet the desired economic, social and cultural needs of Bangladesh. They underscored the necessity to start a culture of "personal and collective responsibility, ownership and accountability" in the country. Through these

endeavors, they expect that the people of Bangladesh will prosper as it was dreamt in 1971.

In the convocation, a total number of 2111 graduates in both undergraduate and graduate levels received the certificates. Besides, 3 students were awarded the prestigious Gold Medal for their excellent academic performance.

## 19th Convocation of American International University-Bangladesh



The 19th Convocation of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) was held at its permanent

campus in Kuril of the capital on 26 January 2020. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, presided over the convocation

ceremony and conferred the degrees on the graduating students as the representative of the Hon'ble President.

Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury and Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah attended the ceremony as Special Guests while former Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith was present on the occasion as Speaker.

Nadia Anwar, Chairman, Board of Trustees and Dr Carmen Z Lamagna, Vice-Chancellor, AIUB also delivered their speeches on the occasion.

## 5th Convocation of Northern University Bangladesh

The 5th Convocation of Northern University Bangladesh was held at its permanent campus, Ashkona, Dakkhin Khan, Dhaka on 09 February 2020. Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P, Minister for Education presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred degrees on the graduating students as the

representative of the Hon'ble President.

Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister on Economic Affairs was present as the Guest of Honor and Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh was present as Special Guest.

Ayman Sadiq, Founder-CEO, 10 Minute School and Hussain M Elius, CEO, Pathao Ltd. were present as the Convocation Speakers. The ceremony was also addressed by Professor Dr. Abu Yousuf Md. Abdullah, Chairman, Board of Trustees and Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor,





### 1st Convocation of Millennium University



The 1st convocation of The Millennium University was held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre

(BICC) on 13 February 2020. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, presided over the convocation ceremony and

Northern University Bangladesh. Vote of thanks was given by Pro-Vice Chancellor of Northern University Bangladesh Professor Dr. Engr. Md. Humayun Kabir.

Undergraduate and graduate degrees were conferred on the 3435 students from different disciplines, and ten meritorious students were awarded Gold Medals for their excellent results.

conferred degrees on the graduating students as the representative of the Hon'ble President.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was present at the convocation as the Special Guest while Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman of PKSF was the Convocation Speaker. Advocate Rokshana Khondokar, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the university also spoke on the programme as Special Guest.

### UGC Chairman attends UITS reception programme



University of Information Technology and Sciences (UITS), on 29 February 2020, accorded a reception to Sufi Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, Board of Trustees, UITS for his getting Ekushey Padak.

UITS also arranged an orientation programme for its fresh graduate at its permanent campus in the capital Dhaka. UGC Chairman Professor Dr.



Kazi Shahidullah attended the programme as the Chief Guest.

Chaired by UITS Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Mohammed Solaiman, the programme was addressed, among others, by Indonesian Ambassador in Dhaka Rina P

Soemarno and Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Professor Dr. SM Maksud Kamal.

In his speech, the UGC Chairman said that UITS has been providing quality education. The University will

play its due role in tertiary education to move forward the country, he hoped. He also said the government has been working to modernise the existing education system.

## Academic activities of University of Brahmanbaria begins



The academic activities of newly-built University of Brahmanbaria have started with a slogan to change the society

and spread higher education in the country.

Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury inaugurated

the temporary campus of the private university at Datiara Bypass Road in Brahmanbaria on 25 February 2020.

Addressing the programme as Chief Guest, Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury said that public and private university will be set up in every district across the country.

Chaired by founding Chairman of the university RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury MP, the program was also addressed by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Member Professor Dr Sazzad Hossain, former Vice-Chancellor of Janagirnagar University Professor Dr Anowar Hossain, Syeda Rubina Akter Mira MP, University of Brahmanbaria Trustee Board Member Dr Delowar Hossain and Treasurer Professor Fahima Khatun.

## ICCA-2020 at American International University- Bangladesh



A three-day International Conference on Computing Advancements titled 'ICCA-2020' was held at American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) on 12 January 2020. The goals of the ICCA-2020 conference were to bring together a convergence between academics and industry researchers from different domains of computer science.

State Minister for ICT Division



Zunaid Ahmed Palak took part in the programme while UGC Member Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of BUET Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Chairman of AIUB Board of Trustees Nadia

Anwar, founder Member of AIUB Dr. Hasanul A Hasan, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Tafazzal Hossain, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Professor Dr. ABM Siddique Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of University of

Liberal Arts Bangladesh Professor Dr HM Jahirul Haque and Vice-Chancellor of Northern University Bangladesh Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain also joined the event.

## Research review workshop at Sylhet Agricultural University



Kamrul Ahsan addressed it as Chief Patron and Special Guest respectively.

More than 100 teachers, researchers and officials of SAU as well as representatives from different research institutions presented their research papers in the two-day programme arranged by Sylhet Agricultural University Research System.

Speakers at the workshop laid emphasis on development of the country's agricultural sector to achieve the Vision 2021 and Vision 2041 of the government. They said that fourth industrial revolution would be held in the country based on innovative agricultural development, overcoming various challenges in this regard.

The inaugural session of a two-day long programme titled 'Annual Research Review-2020' was held at the auditorium of Sylhet Agricultural University(SAU) on 11 February 2020. Professor Mohammed

Alamgir, Member, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh addressed the programme as Chief Guest while SAU Vice-Chancellor Professor Matiar Rahman Howlader and Sylhet range DIG of Police

## UGC pays tribute to Language martyrs



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh led by its Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah paid homage to the Language martyrs at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on 21 February. Members of UGC Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, UGC Secretary and other high officials of the Commission, leaders of the UGC Officers' Association and Karmachari Union were present during the time.



## UGC Chairman mourns death of National Professor Dr. Anisuzzaman



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, on 14 May 2020, expressed profound shock at the death of National Professor Dr Anisuzzaman. In a condolence message, the UGC Chairman said Professor Anisuzzaman was a renowned teacher of the country. Dr Anisuzzaman had conducted outstanding research on the history of Bangla literature. The valiant freedom fighter played outstanding contributions in the field of education. Professor Shahidullah termed him as the lighthouse of the nation. The death of Professor Anisuzzaman

is an irreparable loss to the country. The UGC Chairman further said that Professor Anisuzzaman was a guardian of country's higher education sector. He had given effective advice to take country's tertiary education in a desirable place.

The UGC Chairman prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family members. Dr Anisuzzaman died of old age complications at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka. He was 83. Dr Anisuzzaman was a writer and Emeritus Professor of the Department of Bangla Language and Literature at Dhaka University.

## UGC Chairman mourns death of National Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury



Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, UGC, on 28 April 2020, expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of eminent engineer and National Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury. The noted educationist breathed his last at a local hospital of Dhaka. He was 77.

In a condolence message, the UGC Chairman said the Ekushay Padak recipient educationist played a very

important role in the infrastructural development of the country. He also played an important role to expand the ICT education in the country. The death of Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury is an irreparable loss to the country. He prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.



## UGC Chairman mourns death of Vice-Chancellor of Fareast International University



Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman. University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh expressed deep shock at the death of Vice-Chancellor of Fareast International University Professor Nazmul Karim Chowdhury. In a condolence message, the UGC Chairman said, Professor Nazmul Karim was a renowned educationist

and a good human being. The death of Professor Nazmul Karim is an irreparable loss to the country. The UGC Chairman prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family members. The former Dhaka University Professor died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital due to Covid-19.

## UGC Chairman mourns death of former Director K M Abdul Awal



UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah expressed deep shock at the death of former Director K M Abdul Awal and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. He conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

K M Abdul Awal passed away at his residence in Dhaka on 28 May 2020. He was 70. He had been suffering from cancer. He left behind wife, three daughters and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

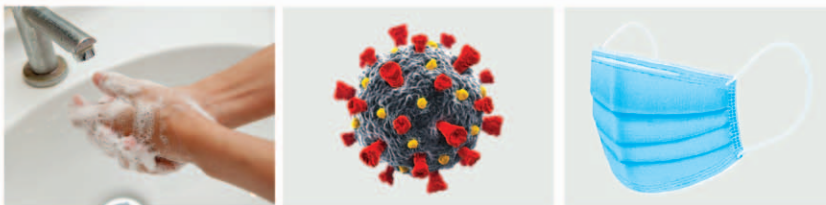
## UGC Chairman mourns death of Engineer Ataur Rahman



UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah expressed deep shock at the demise of Engineer Ataur Rahman, Senior Assistant Director, UGC and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. He conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Engineer Ataur Rahman passed away on 24 May 2020. He breathed his last at his residence in Dhaka. He was 59. Ataur Rahman had been suffering from kidney diseases. He left behind wife, a daughter and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.





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