



From the Desk of the Editor

There are forty Public Universities in Bangladesh, and fourteen of them are explicitly meant for offering degrees in Science and Technologies. The Government of Bangladesh under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has established the Universities of Science and Technologies with a mission to guarantee quantum jump in the development of our Nation so that by 2041 the country is upgraded to the status of Developed Country. The main objectives of establishing these Universities of Science and Technologies must not be diluted or diverted by any means. The mission must be achieved at any cost. However, the Public universities in Bangladesh are almost fully financed by the Government. The money comes from millions of hard working common people of this country who earn this money by the sweat of their brow. It is, therefore, absolutely imperative that the university authorities spend the funds allocated to them for academic, administrative and development purposes by following the Government's established Rules and Financial Guidelines. There must be absolute transparency in spending these funds from the Government. Any failure to abide by these Rules and Financial Guidelines must not be forgiven by the beneficiaries.

The sooner we appreciate this, the better for the country.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah
Member, UGC

5th Prime Minister Gold Medal Awarding Ceremony



The 5th Prime Minister Gold Medal awarding ceremony was held at the Prime Minister's office on 25 February 2018. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed the Medals among the recipients from public and private universities for their outstanding performances in 2015 and 2016. The gold medals were awarded to 124 students for 2015 and 141 students for 2016. The students who obtained highest marks/CGPA in undergraduate courses in respective faculties were selected for the prestigious awards. The UGC of Bangladesh organized the awarding ceremony.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education; Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh were present on the occasion as Special Guests. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, presided over the function. Professor Dr. Dill Afroza Begum, Member, UGC delivered the address of welcome on the occasion. Dr. Nojibur Rahman, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister was also present on the dais.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina warmly congratulated the recipients and urged them to take leadership role in building Sonar Bangla as envisaged by the Father of our Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister quite empathetically noted that we must offer quality education with emphasis on science and technology in order to be able to compete with others in global context. The Prime Minister systematically outlined the steps already undertaken by her Government in order to achieve these objectives. In particular, she mentioned that her Government has established 14 Science and Technology Universities in the country to encourage our young generation in pursuing science education, because without proper education in science and technology no Nation can progress in to-day's world. Commenting on the recently formulated Strategic Plan for Higher

Education 2017-2030 by UGC, the Prime Minister assured that the government will undertake necessary measures to implement the plan without any delay.

The Prime Minister said the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman established the UGC in 1973 for proper management of higher education in Bangladesh. There were only six universities in the country at that time. We have as of now 40 Public and 95 Private universities in Bangladesh, and the status of UGC must be upgraded to Higher Education Commission (HEC) in order to address the demands of these universities-she noted. The transformation of UGC into HEC is also a demand of time - she observed.

She also expressed her determination to build Bangladesh as a middle income country by 2021 and a developed and prosperous one by 2041. The Prime Minister hoped that the new generation will work with commitment and dedication in building hunger and poverty free non-communal Bangladesh to uphold the spirit of our Liberation War.

Ms. Rubaya Zabin Priota of the Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University and Mr. Noor Mohammad of the Department of Chemical Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology expressed their feelings on behalf of the recipients.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman of UGC informed the Prime Minister that the Commission has made two courses - 'Bangla Language and the History of Emergence of Bangladesh', compulsory for the public and private universities.

Advisers to the Hon'ble Prime Minister; Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister; former UGC Chairmen; UGC Members; renowned educationists; Vice-Chancellors from public and private universities; UGC Secretary; officials from Prime Minister's office and UGC and parents of the awardees were also present.

The Hon'ble President & Chancellor meets Vice-Chancellors of Public Universities

The Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, invited the Vice-Chancellors from the Public Universities for a meeting at Bangabhaban on 01 February 2018. The objective of the meeting was to discuss various issues related to the management of the universities and, in particular, uniform admission test for admission of students into first year classes. The Chancellor of the universities was quite skeptical about the rationale of present system of admission tests conducted by different universities. The



Hon'ble Chancellor expressed his resentment at the difficulties faced by the admission seekers and their guardians in attending admission tests conducted separately by different universities, and even by different faculties of a particular university. Mr. President emphatically said that this is unacceptable and directed the Chairman of UGC to devise a mechanism for unified admission test in consultation with the Vice-Chancellors so that the admission seekers do not have to suffer in future. The Hon'ble President directed the Vice Chancellors of all universities to update curricula to ensure quality education at the universities. The Hon'ble President underscored the need for ensuring quality research alongside the traditional education and emphasized on ensuring transparency and accountability in appointing teachers, officers and employees in universities with the proper evaluation of their fitness and merits. Terming the teaching community as the prime architect for nurturing the students as worthy citizens the Hon'ble President called upon the Vice-Chancellors to reduce the gap between the teachers and students and maintain the spirit of morality at all levels. The Hon'ble President was apprised by the Vice-Chancellors of overall activities of their universities, including recent infrastructural development, academic activities, different problems and future plans.

Vice-Chancellors from Private Universities meet the Hon'ble President

The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid addressed the Vice-Chancellors from private universities of Bangladesh on 06 February 2018 at Bangabhaban. The Hon'ble President highlighted the role of private universities in catering the needs of tertiary education in Bangladesh and emphasized on the paramount need to prepare the students in such a way that they can compete with others in global context. Mr. Hamid advised the private university authorities to intensify monitoring of the students and teachers so that nobody is involved in militancy, terrorism and extremism. The Hon'ble President categorically said that the involvement of a section of teachers and students in religious fanaticism has tarnished the country's image



worldwide. He directed the private university authorities to shun the attitude to do business with education and ensure imparting quality education to help the students reach international standards.

Convocation of Jessore University of Science and Technology



The 3rd convocation of Jessore University of Science and Technology (JUST) was held on 06 February 2018 at the university premises. The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, also the Chancellor of the university, presided over the convocation ceremony and distributed the certificates among the graduating students. Professor Robert Huber, a Nobel Laureate, was the convocation speaker. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Professor Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, JUST, among others, addressed the ceremony.

The Hon'ble President said that technology is a vehicle to development. He underscored the need for innovating newer technologies for accelerating development of the country. Mr. Abdul Hamid mentioned that creative activities must be simultaneously continued along with academic activities and added that various unlawful activities, including terrorism/radicalism/fanaticism must be shunned at all cost from the campuses to nurture free-thinking and maintaining congenial environment at the campuses.

The Hon'ble President passionately called upon the teachers, students, researchers and guardians to contribute collectively to nurturing mutual respect, tolerance and non-communal spirit.

Terming the new graduates as the country's learned human resources, Mr. Abdul Hamid said, 'The future

of the country depends on you. Your youth, knowledge, talent and wisdom will be the main driving force for the country's development. You have debt with the country and the people. You should pay the debt as a conscientious citizen.'

First Convocation at Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU)

The first Convocation of SAU was held on 15 February 2018 at its campus premises. The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, also the Chancellor of the university, presided over the convocation ceremony and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education was present as Special Guest. Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank and also Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, East West University (EWU), delivered the Convocation Speech. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Professor Dr M Golam Shahi Alam, Vice-Chancellor, SAU also spoke on the occasion.

The Hon'ble President advised the authorities of agricultural and veterinary universities to conduct research works keeping in mind the demand and security of food. In addition, it is necessary to create skilled human resources as well as to develop skilled manpower in the preservation and diversification of perishable products. Agricultural universities will have to play a leading role in this regard', he said.



Referring to the tremendous development in the country's agricultural sector, the Hon'ble President lauded the contribution of all concerned, including the experts, researchers, agriculturists and farmers for inventing technology-based environment-friendly agricultural products. In the era of globalization and knowledge-based economy, the Hon'ble President said a university must survive in the global competition by means of its individual characteristics and also by ensuring institutional relevance and quality.

Convocation at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)

The 3rd convocation of BSMMU was held on 19 February 2018 at its premises in the capital. The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, also the Chancellor of the university, presided over the convocation ceremony and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Mr. Mohammad Nasim, MP, Minister for Health and Family Welfare; Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Minister for Education; Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Professor Dr. Kamrul Hasan Khan, Vice-Chancellor, BSMMU, among others, addressed the Convocation.



The Hon'ble President, in his presidential speech, asked the physicians and others concerned to work with professionalism and give top priority to providing healthcare facilities to the common people. Mr. Abdul Hamid passionately urged all concerned to perform their professional duties with devotion and provide better services to the patients. He also put emphasis on creating awareness in maintaining healthy life. Congratulating the new graduates, President Abdul Hamid advised them to work for the country and its people. Noting that medicine and treatment methods are being modernized day by day, the Hon'ble President urged the physicians to be more knowledgeable with the latest invention and technologies to attain people's confidence. President Abdul Hamid also suggested introducing e-service using the modern information technology to take the treatment facilities to the people at the grassroots.

First Convocation of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

The first Convocation of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was held on 11 February at its campus at Khulshi in the port city of Chittagong. The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul



Hamid, also Chancellor of the university, presided over the Convocation ceremony and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Professor Emeritus Dr. A K Azad Chowdhury, Dhaka University was the Convocation Speaker, while Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC attended the Convocation as Special Guest. Professor Gautam Budda Das, Vice-Chancellor of CVASU also spoke on the occasion.

The President urged the teachers, researchers and scientists of CVASU to carry out researches to invent new varieties and methods to fight the negative impact of climate change to ensure continued progress in agriculture and livestock. A total of 844 graduate students were conferred Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, 216 post-graduate students Masters of Science degree and two Doctor of Philosophy degree at the Convocation. Mr. Abdul Hamid said the university could play a vital role in conducting research for exploring marine resources.

The Hon'ble President receives a book from Professor Mannan



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants of Bangladesh presented a book entitled 'Nation, People and Politics' and written by him to the Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on 29 January 2018.

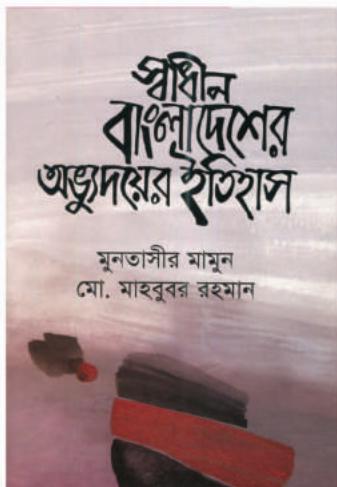
Convocation of Bangladesh University of Business and Technology



The 3rd Convocation of Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) was held at International Convention City Basundhara on 13 February 2018. The Hon'ble President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, also the Chancellor of the university, presided over the Convocation ceremony and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Professor Emeritus Dr. A K Azad Chowdhury of Dhaka University addressed the function as the Convocation Speaker. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, Mr. AFM Sarwar Kamal Chairman, Board of Trustees and Professor Mohammad Abu Saleh, Vice Chancellor, BUBT, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The Hon'ble President, in his presidential address, urged the students to stand against terrorism and militancy and contribute to building a Sonar Bangla as envisioned by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Mr. Abdul Hamid advised the new graduates to be imbued with the spirit of patriotism, firmness of character, social responsibility and professionalism.

A text book on History of the Emergence of Independent Bangladesh presented to the Prime Minister



The Chairman of UGC presented a book on History of the Emergence of Independent Bangladesh to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 25th February 2018. The book entitled, 'Swadhin Bangladesher Avyudoyer Itihas' (History of the Emergence of

Independent Bangladesh) has been jointly written by Professor Dr. Muntassir Mamoon, Department of History, Dhaka University and Professor Dr. Md Mahbubar Rahman, Department of History, Rajshahi University and published by UGC. The book has been made compulsory for university students.

The Chairman of UGC presents a book to Hon'ble Prime Minister

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants of Bangladesh presented a book entitled 'Nation, People and Politics' and written by him to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gonobhaban on 20th February 2018.



Professor Mannan meets Mr. Pranab Mukherjee

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants of Bangladesh handed over a book entitled 'Nation, People and Politics' written by him to former Indian President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee at a ceremony in Dhaka.



Dr. Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Energy Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister; Dr. Abdur Razzaque, Presidium Member of Awami League; Professor Dr. Rehman Sobhan, Eminent Economist of the country; Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, Presidium Member of Jatiya Party and former Ambassador Mr. Muhammad Zamir, among others, were present on the occasion. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee arrived in Bangladesh on 14 January 2018 for a five-day private visit.

First Convocation of Bangladesh Islami University



The first Convocation of Bangladesh Islami University (BIU) was held on 14 February 2018 at International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Education Minister presided over the Convocation ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Dr. Sadat Hossain, former Chairman, Bangladesh Public Service Commission addressed the function as the Convocation Speaker.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission; Professor Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury, Vice-chancellor and Mr. Kamal Uddin Abdullah Jafori, Chairman, Trustee Board (BIU), spoke at the function.

The Hon'ble Education Minister congratulated the graduating students for their achievements, and urged them to work hard for brighter future. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid urged the private universities to come forward with the attitude of serving the people and contribute to the education sector rather than concentrating on business and profits. He warned of legal actions against the private universities failing to fulfill the conditions for running academic activities.

"There is no way other than taking legal actions against those private universities which have failed to fulfil their conditions to ensure a congenial atmosphere," he said. He also asked them to be more aware of developing a high-quality higher education system in the country to compete in the current competitive world.

"Talent and wisdom of the new generation should be utilized in bringing positive changes in the society," observed the Education Minister.

A total of 2,958 students of the university were conferred degrees through the Convocation. Of them, four students received gold medals.

Book launching Ceremony at Dhaka University



Launching ceremony of a book entitled *Saat Marcher Bhashon Keno Bishwo Oitija Sompod: Bangabandhu Muktijuddho Bangladesh* written by Professor Harun-or-Rashid, Vice-Chancellor, National University and published by Bangla Academy was held at Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury auditorium of Dhaka University on 01 March 2018. Mr. Tofael Ahmed, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce graced the function as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education was the main discussant. Emeritus Professor Dr Anisuzzaman presided over the book launching ceremony. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University and Professor Dr. Mijanur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Jagannath University also spoke on the occasion.

While speaking as the Chief Guest, Mr. Tofael Ahmed said historic 7th March speech is the epoch making speech of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, which amounts to virtual declaration of our independence. He observed that the speech delivered by Bangabandhu was complete guideline about the Liberation War of Bangladesh. He thanked Professor Harun-or-Rashid for writing this book.

Addressing the event, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, said Bangabandhu's historic 7th March speech is not only an asset for Bangalee but also it is regarded as unique asset of human being of the whole world after UNESCO recognition.

Emeritus Professor Dr. Anisuzzaman, in his presidential speech, said that Bangabandhu, Independence and Bangladesh are synonymous.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, said that the new generation will be immensely benefited by reading this book.

Vice-Chancellor of National University observed that the high level discussion on historic 7th March of Bangabandhu at the presence of huge number of guests are indicative of the success of writing this book.

Convocation at American International University-Bangladesh



The 18th Convocation ceremony of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) was held on 03 February at its own campus at Kuril, Dhaka. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, in charge of the Ministry of Education, presided over the Convocation Ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, was the Special Guest. Ms. Marcia S Barnicat was, US Ambassador to Bangladesh graced the ceremony as the Convocation Speaker. Mr. Ishtiaque Abedin, Chairman, Board of Trustees and Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, Vice-Chancellor, AIUB, spoke on the occasion.

Congratulating the graduating students, Education Minister thanked the AIUB authority for its sincere role to provide quality education and play a pioneering role to develop the country by producing quality graduates.

Professor Abdul Mannan, in his speech, emphasized the need for improving quality of higher education. He also thanked AIUB for its effort for shifting the academic programs in his permanent campus.

The Convocation Speaker said that the education of the university is the education of changing itself.

A total of 2674 graduates were conferred degrees for successfully completion of all the academic requirements in various disciplines of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs offered by the university.

First Convocation of BGC Trust University



The first Convocation of BGC Trust University was held at its Chandnaish campus on 22 February 2018. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Minister for Education presided over the Convocation ceremony as the representative of the Hon'ble President and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Mr. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Media Adviser to the Prime Minister, attended the function as the Convocation Speaker where Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, was the Special Guest. Engr. Afsaruddin Ahmed, Chairman of Board of Trustees and Professor Saroj Sinha Hazari, Vice-Chancellor, BGC Trust University, also spoke on the occasion.

In his Convocation Speech, Mr. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, also the Editor, Daily Observer called upon the graduates, who have already joined their respective professions, to build themselves up as worthy citizens of the country with honesty and dedication. He also urged the graduates to remain alert against malpractices for building up a just and ethical society. The Convocation Speaker also urged them to remain above greed and selfishness in their practical fields. A total of 7377 students received graduation degrees from five faculties in the Convocation.

Convocation of Northern University Bangladesh

The 4th Convocation of Northern University Bangladesh(NUB) was held on its permanent campus in Ashkona of the capital on 14 March 2018. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Education Minister presided over the Convocation ceremony as the representative of Hon'ble President and distributed certificates among the graduating



students. Dr Mashiur Rahman, Economic Affairs Adviser to Prime Minister was the Convocation Speaker. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Professor Dr. Abu Yusuf Mohammad Abdullah, Chairman, Board of Trustees; Professor Dr. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Anwarul Karim Pro-Vice Chancellor and Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Treasurer, NUB, among others, spoke at the Convocation.

The Hon'ble Education Minister, in his presidential speech, urged the new graduates to be on alert so that students are not derailed and follow the path of religious fanaticism and get addicted to drug. The Hon'ble Minister advised the guardians and teachers to be vigilant on the activities of students so that they follow the right path.

The Education Minister urged them to raise massive awareness and pay special attention so that students do not indulge in these menaces, as they may be misguided due to the militancy and drug addiction.

He requested the private universities to come forward with a mind of serving the people and contribute to the education sector rather than making profits. As the Convocation Speaker, Dr Mashiur Rahman said the government is working to turn the country into a middle-income one by 2021 and a developed one by 2041.

He also said the private universities besides the public universities have made a unique contribution to higher education.

Professor Abdul Mannan said a number of private universities are defying rules and regulation while some university authorities think that they are above law. "There are many allegations including admission and certificate business, financial irregularities and sheltering militancy against some universities," he said adding that the education ministry along with UGC will take action soon against them after investigation.

A total of 5881 post-graduate and graduate students were conferred certificates while four students got Chancellor and five students received Vice-Chancellor gold medals.

Seminar on University-Industry Collaboration



A seminar on University-Industry Collaboration for development of skilled and innovative human resources in IT Sector was held at UGC auditorium on 01 February 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC presided over it. Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific; Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Professor Dr. Mohammed Zafar Iqbal, Computer Science and Engineering Department, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology were Guests of Honour at the meeting. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC delivered the welcome address. Mr. Syed Almas Kabir, President, Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) was Special Guest on the occasion

Inaugurating the seminar Professor Mannan said that the need for collaboration between university and industry is imperative to make the university graduates employable both in local and international job market. He observed that UGC has been relentlessly working to ensure quality education at tertiary level for producing quality graduates. He further emphasized on equipping the country's huge young generation with up-to-date knowledge and skills for overall development of IT Sector in Bangladesh.

Professor Jamilur Reza said that collaboration between university and industry need to be encouraged like other countries of the world. He thanked the UGC for arranging such a programme.

Professor Zafar Iqbal urged the university authorities to produce quality graduates equipped with state of

art IT knowledge and advised the industry leaders to come up with specific proposals for recruiting the graduates in relevant fields.

Professor Saiful Islam, in his observation, suggested creating a platform where universities will understand the need for industries and industries will find research and resources for further development.

The President of BASIS urged the university authority to develop course-curriculum as per the demand of job market so that the graduates could easily enter into employment market after completion of their study.

Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah, in his presidential speech observed that university-industry collaboration is the prime need for the socio-economic development of the country. He laid emphasis on curriculum development in IT sector based on the demands and needs of this sector.

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC, Vice-Chancellors from different universities, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, Heads of CSE/IT departments from different universities, representatives from a number of industries and officials from UGC, among others, were present on the occasion.

Aide Memoire signed between UGC and Asian Development Bank

Aide Memoire was signed among UGC, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Export-Import Bank of Korea and Bangladesh High Park Tech Authority on 30 January 2018 at UGC Bhaban. The agreement was signed when a-six member ADB delegation led by Professor Kyoung Y. Bae, Ph.D, Sangmyung University, Korea called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC signed the agreement on behalf of UGC.

The objectives of the MoU were to confirm the work scope with the related stakeholders and to initiate interviews and field studies in IT Parks and the related universities in Bangladesh. The ultimate goal of this Knowledge Sharing Programme (KSP) service is to assist the Government of Bangladesh ("GoB") to develop business ecosystem in the IT Park, academic-industry linkage for start-up support and develop HRD of IT Engineers.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC, Ryotaro Hayashi, Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, South Asia Department, ADB, Seok Yong



("SY") Yoon, Principal Public Management Specialist, ADB, Ahn Mi Seon, KSP Project Officer, EDCF Operations Services & Evaluations, Korea Exim Bank, Eom Sora, Senior KSP Specialist, EDCF Operations Services & Evaluation Department, among others were present during the meeting.

International Conference on Living in Peace and Harmony: The Risale-i Nur Perspective

A-two day International Conference entitled Living in Peace and Harmony: The Risale-i Nur Perspective was held during 05-06 February 2018 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University (DU). Department of Arabic of DU and the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture jointly organized the Conference. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission was present as the Chief Guest while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, DU inaugurated the Conference.

Presided over by Professor Mohammad Yousuf, Chairman, Department of Arabic, DU; Mr. Sait Yuce, MP of Turkish National Assembly; Mr. Devrim Ozturk, Turkish Ambassador in Dhaka; Professor Abu Md. Delwar Hossain, Dean of Arts Faculty, DU and Mr. Assaduzzaman Mia, Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), among others, spoke on the occasion as Special Guests.

The Chairman of UGC observed that today people are being killed in the name of Islam. Terrorism cannot solve any problem rather open discussion is key to solving the problem. He opined that the motto of Nursi was to solve problem through open discussion. At the instigation of Western World, disciples of Islamic State (IS), in spite of being Muslim, are killing Muslims. We have to come out of this macabre situation, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University stressed the need for proper application of lessons of Islam in practical life and added that there is no room for terrorism and extremism in the soil of Bangladesh.



Academicians, researchers, experts and human rights activists from home and abroad including India, Malaysia, Singapore, and United Kingdom participated in the Conference.

Memorial Lecture on Professor Dr. Shamsuzzoha at Rajshahi University



A Memorial Lecture on Professor Dr. Shamsuzzoha organized by Chemistry Department, Rajshahi University(RU) was held at Senate Bhanban of Rajshahi University on 26 February 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Beleyet Hossain Howlader, Chairman, Department of Chemistry presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Ananda Kumar Saha, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RU among others, addressed the programme.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, said that around 47 percent educated graduates in the country are unemployed due to lack of time-befitting and technical education. 'Analyzing the reality, it could be said that by keeping huge number of youths unemployed, our dream would not be fulfilled even after 2041. So, we should ensure time-befitting education system for the young generation for upgrading the country as developed one', he observed.

It may be mentioned here that Dr. Shamsuzzoha – a dedicated and respected professor of chemistry of Rajshahi university and the then Proctor of Rajshahi University and a teacher of Chemistry Department,

was shot dead by Pakistani army in front of the university main entrance on February 18, 1969, as he tried to convince the army not to open fire on the students who were protesting against the murder of Sergeant Zahurul Haque in Dhaka.

International seminar on Buddhism, Civilization and Culture at Dhaka University



The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies at Dhaka University organized a day-long international seminar on Buddhism, Civilization and Culture at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university on March 18, 2018. Mr. HT Imam, Political Affairs Adviser to Prime Minister graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC and Mr. Suddhananda Mahathero, President, Bangladesh Boudha Kristi Prachar Sangha Sanghanayaka addressed the inauguration function as Special Guests. Professor Dr Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University presided over the inaugural function.

Professor Minowa Kenryo, Tokyo University, Professor Dr Biman Chandra Barua and Professor Dr Dilip Kumar Barua, Pali and Buddhist Studies Department, Dhaka University among others, spoke on the occasion.

The Chief Guest, Mr. HT Imam said the people irrespective of cast and creed are enjoying religious freedom and there is complete communal harmony among people of different faiths. Mr. Imam told the audience that the constitution of Bangladesh was framed under the guidance of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and religious rights and freedom of all people have been safeguarded in the constitution.

Almost all the speakers strongly condemned the brutal killings and persecution of Rohingya community in Myanmar. The speakers also noted that atrocities have been carried out on minority people in Myanmar for a long period of time. They urged the international community to take stringent measures immediately to solve the crisis and put pressure on Myanmar government.

Chairman of Law Commission and former Chief Justice meets the Chairman of UGC



A five-member delegation from Law Commission led by its Chairman and former Chief Justice Mr. A.B.M. Khairul Haque made a courtesy call on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at UGC auditorium on 12 February 2018. Justice Mr. ATM Fazle Kabir, Member, Law Commission, among others, accompanied the delegation.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC were present.

Justice A.B.M. Khairul Haque expressed his dissatisfaction over the quality of legal education in the country, particularly in private universities. To improve the declining standard of legal education in the country, he stressed the need for modernizing and developing unified course-curriculum on legal education in the universities of the country.

He also said that teaching and learning methods both in public and private universities need to be updated. Besides having extensive knowledge about the Bangla Language, the law students also need to have mastery over English Language.

The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan, in his remarks, said that as monitoring agency, UGC has been relentlessly working to streamline country's tertiary education including legal education. He sought co-operation and assistance from Law Commission, Bar Council and Office of Attorney General in this regard.

Workshop on Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning at UGC

A discussion meeting on the activities of Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CoETL) established in six public universities of the country was held on 28 January 2018 at UGC auditorium. UGC in association with British Council, Bangladesh

organized the meeting to set the action plan, bring dynamism and formulate strategic plan for CoETL for enhancing the quality of tertiary education in Bangladesh. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC also spoke on the occasion. The six universities are Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Chittagong University, Jahangirnagar University and Khulna University.

Chief Consultant of British Council Mr. Hank Williams presented the key note paper at the programme. In his presentation, Mr. Hank Williams



said that British Council initiated the CoETL development programme in 2014 for enhancing the quality of tertiary education and ensure teaching-learning paradigms in all universities of Bangladesh. Mr. Hank Williams also mentioned that the British Government is willing to set up a residential pedagogical or teachers training centers and establish teaching learning centers in all universities of Bangladesh for ensuring quality education.

In his presidential speech, The Chairman of UGC said that our biggest challenge is qualified teachers. Skills and professional training are highly needed to produce good teachers. CoETL will play a significant role to produce qualified teachers in the country.

Professor Mollah, in his remarks, said that the activities of CoETL will be more effective if UGC monitors its activities.

Professor Dr. Md. Ali Akbar, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University; Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Khulna University; Professor Dr. Sayed Saad Andaleeb, Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University; Professor Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Vice-Chancellor, Green University Bangladesh; Professor Dr. Ananda Kumar Saha, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University; Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, among others, were present.

Austria willing to invest in three public universities of Bangladesh



A three member delegation led by Her Highness, the Austrian Ambassador to Bangladesh Ms. Brigitte Oppinger-Walchshofer Austria called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh on 28 February 2018.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, among others, were present on the occasion. During the meeting, Mr. Reinhard Brazda, Communication Head of Division, Education and Training and Mr. Masood Mirza Akhtar, Economic Adviser and Consultant to Vace Systemtechnik, Austria, assisted the Austrian Ambassador.

The Hon'ble Ambassador informed the Chairman of UGC that Austrian Government is eager to assist Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University; Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj and Barisal University to improve their teaching-learning, governance and laboratory facilities. With this end in view, a project will be initiated from July 2018 and Austria will provide financial support to Bangladesh as soft loan.

The Chairman of UGC observed that UGC has been relentlessly working for expansion and internationalization of higher education as well as producing skilled manpower of the country. Terming the offer as excellent Professor Mannan thanked the Hon'ble Ambassador and noted that the assistance will play a vital role for enhancement of higher education and research of the country.

Workshop on Service Level Agreement (SLA) for BdREN Member Institution at UGC



The Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), a component of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), arranged a day-long workshop on Service Level Agreement (SLA) for BdREN Member Institution at UGC auditorium on 28 February 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, was present at the inaugural ceremony of the workshop as the Chief Guest with Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, in the Chair. Mr. Md. Mohiuddin Khan, Additional Secretary (Development), Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, and Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP, were present as Special Guests. Mr. AKM Habibur Rahman, CEO of BdREN, delivered the welcome address at the function. Representatives from 34 BdREN member institutions attended the daylong workshop.

Workshop on Procurement at UGC

A day-long workshop on issues related to procurement was held at the UGC auditorium on 31 January 2018. The AIF unit of HEQEP organized the workshop for the Accounts of Round-4 sub-projects currently under implementation in different public and private universities.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, was present at the workshop as the Chief Guest with Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC, in the Chair. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), and Mr. Sohel Ahmed, Deputy Project Director (Joint Secretary) of HEQEP were present as Special



Guests. Mr. Md. Ishrat Hossain Khan, AIF Coordinator (Deputy Secretary), delivered the welcome speech at the inaugural ceremony.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, in his speech urged the accountants to spend the project fund following government rules and regulations. Professor Mannan noted that the fund allocated to different universities come from tax payer and any misprocurement or misappropriation of the fund by any of the SPMTs will be unfortunate.

Professor Abdul Mannan also stressed on the preservation of project documents so that audit and monitoring team can verify whether the expenditures were incurred properly.

Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah in his speech gave emphasis on maintaining of book keeping properly.

Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta urged the accounts to work sincerely with SPMT members to complete the procurement activities within a very short time. He also gave emphasis on following the PPA 2006 PPR 2008 properly to avoid any misprocurement.

Mr. Ajit Kumar Debnath (Joint Secretary), Senior Procurement Officer of HEQEP, and Dr. Mohammaed Abu Bakar Siddique, Procurement Specialist of HEQEP conducted a session on PPR at the workshop. Another session on RFQ & IC Method was conducted by Mr. Saif Uddin Ahmed, Procurement Officer, and Ms. Hasina Momtaz, Procurement Specialist of HEQEP while Mr. Aminul Islam, Procurement Specialist of HEQEP conducted a session on OTM and ICB Method.

A total of 86 accounts from 24 public and private universities took part in the workshop.

Workshop on the Achievements of HEQEP in Higher Education of Bangladesh at UGC



The Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) organized a day-long workshop on the Achievements of HEQEP in Higher Education of Bangladesh at the UGC auditorium on 09 February 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony of the workshop. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director of HEQEP, delivered a brief presentation on the activities and achievements of HEQEP.

Mr. Jaime Saavedra, Senior Director, Education Global Practice of the World Bank also spoke on the occasion. Professor Yasmeen Haque, and Professor Dr. M Jahiruddin, presented outcomes of two university-industry collaborative research sub-projects being implemented at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) and Bangladesh Agricultural University respectively.

Officials and consultants from UGC, HEQEP and the World Bank were present at the workshop.

The Chairman of UGC visits Tripura



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC visited the State of Tripura, India on 6 March 2018 and paid rich tributes and thanked the people of Tripura for their supports during the Liberation War of

Bangladesh. He was speaking as a Guest of Honour at a function organized by the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Agartala. Professor Mannan shared the experience of Bangladesh in its journey from a war devastated country to the status of a developing country.

He emphasized the role of present government in leading the country in developing in all spheres of socio economic development. The Chief Minister of Tripura Mr. Biplob Kumar Dev was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Professor Mannan pays rich tribute at Bangabandhu's cemetery in Tungipara



Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC paid rich tribute at the graveyard of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj on 01 January 2018. Mr. Shahid Mahmud, Freedom Fighter, residing in USA, his wife Mrs. Gitasree Mahmud and Professor Dr. Khondoker Nasiruddin, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University (BSMRSTU), Gopalganj were present during the ceremony. Officials from UGC and BSMRSTU were also present.

A Munajat was offered seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members, who were brutally killed in 1975.

The Chairman of UGC meets foreign students at Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University



A group of foreign students studying at Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU), Dinajpur met Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC during his visit to the University on 02 January 2018. The delegation was led by Mr. Abu Bakkar Halilu from Nigeria. About 250 students from Nepal, India, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Somalia currently are studying at this University.

The foreign student delegates expressed their satisfaction about the academic environment and facilities of the University. However, they requested the Chairman of UGC to allocate funds for building an international hostel for foreign students at HSTU. Professor Mannan appraised the delegation that a plan is already under consideration for such a hostel. During the view exchange session, the Vice-Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. M. Abul Kashem and other teachers were also present.

Orientation at Khulna University

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was the Chief Guest at the orientation of the newly admitted students at Khulna University on 04 January 2018. Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Vice-Chancellor, Khulna University presided over the function. Professor A K Fazlul Haque, President of the organizing committee delivered the welcome address on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, observed that university is the storehouse of knowledge. It cannot be confined by only certificate. In the ever-changing world, one cannot proceed with the limited



knowledge, he added. He urged the newly enrolled students to acquire updated knowledge and skills side by side with curriculum-based studies. He called upon the newly enrolled students to develop themselves as patriotic and worthy citizens of the country and learn the real history of Liberation War of Bangladesh.

The Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University thanked the Chairman of UGC and said that University Grants Commission of Bangladesh has been relentlessly working for enhancement of higher education and Khulna University is working to materialize that goal.

Deans of different faculties, teachers and officials of Khulna University, among others, were present on the occasion.

Workshop on Research Gateway and Distance Education at UGC



Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), a component of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) of UGC will develop two software packages for research and distance learning for the universities. BdREN organized a day-long workshop on Awareness on Research Gateway and Distance Education for a threadbare discussion on the concept, technical issues and implementation strategy of the software packages. BdREN in association with university and industry will develop the software packages. The workshop

was held on 16 January 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC, presided over it. Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC and Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP spoke on the occasion as Special Guests. Mr. A K M Habibur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, BdREN delivered the address of welcome.

Addressing the event, Professor Abdul Mannan observed that the software packages to be developed by BdREN will immensely benefit the learners and researchers of the universities in conducting their research activities and it will help to educate a large community in a cost-effective and efficient way. He urged the students, teachers and researchers to adopt latest technology for enhancement and attaining excellence in higher education and research.

Professor Dil Afroza Begum said that such kinds of software will help in expanding connectivity among the researchers in local and international arena. It will also play a critical role to stop plagiarism in research activities.

Professor Akhtar Hossain, in his presidential speech, stressed the need for making the teaching materials including ICT cost-effective. He also laid emphasis on keeping provision for updating the software packages if needed.

Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC and high officials from UGC and BdREN, among others, were present on the occasion. Heads of Computer Science and Engineering Departments and Directors of Institute of Information Technology from 30 public universities of the country attended the day-long workshop.

ADB to initiate IT project in Bangladesh

A-five member delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by Mr. Sungsup Ra, Director, Human and Social Development Division, ADB called on Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at the latter's office on 23 January 2018. The ADB team expressed interest to initiate IT project in country's tertiary education for capacity building of the IT engineers. The other members of the delegation were Mr. Eisuke Tajima, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, South Asia Department; Mr. Seong-Ryong Lee, Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Division, South Asia Department; Dr.



Zhigang Li, Social Sector Economist, Bangladesh Resident Mission and Mr. SM Ebadur Rahman, Senior Social Sector officer, ADB.

Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC and senior officials of UGC, among others, were present. During the meeting, Mr. Sungsup Ra said ADB is interested to initiate IT project in higher educational institutions of Bangladesh in 2019 for capacity building of IT professionals. Collaborations and connectivity among ADB, UGC and universities are highly needed to expedite the proposed projects, Mr. Sungsup Ra added.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, said that the proposed project will play a significant role for country's human resource development in IT sector and it will help to accelerate the Digital Bangladesh initiative undertaken by the government. He also said Bangladesh made substantial progress in IT sector in recent years and action plans are needed to implement the proposed projects.

Installation ceremony of Executive Committee of UGC Officers' Association

The installation ceremony of the newly elected Executive Committee (EC) of UGC Officers' Association was held at UGC auditorium on 28 February 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC administered the oath to the members of EC as the Chief Guest. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC were the Special Guests on the occasion. Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, outgoing President, UGC Officers' Association and Additional Director, UGC, presided over the meeting.

It may be mentioned here that Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC and Mr. Md. Mohibul Ahsan, Senior Assistant Director, UGC have been elected as President and General Secretary of the Association respectively.

The other office bearers of the EC are Mr. Md. Omar Faruque and Engr. Mohammad Monir Ullah as Vice-Presidents, Mr. Golam Dostogir as Joint-Secretary, Mr. Rabiul Islam as Sports and



Cultural Secretary, Mr. Md. Morshed Ahammed as Treasurer, Mr. Md. Harun Mia as Organizing and Publicity Secretary, Mr. Mohammad Nur Islam Chowdhury, Mr. Mamun Patwary and Mr. A K M Mahmudur Rahman Miah as Members.

The committee will discharge its duties for the next two years. The 8th general election to 11-Member EC of UGC Officers' Association was held on 08 February 2018.

Meeting between UGC and four universities on proposed ADB project



A meeting between UGC and Vice-Chancellors from four universities of the country was held on 12 March 2018 at UGC auditorium. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC presided over the meeting. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC, Professor Dr. Saiful Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology; Professor Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, Jessore University of Science and Technology; Professor Dr. M. M. Shahidul Hassan, Vice-Chancellor, East West University; Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC and representative of University of Dhaka, among others were present. At the meeting, they discussed various issues involved with the proposed ADB project on IT.

The Chairman of UGC Professor Abdul Mannan, in his remarks, said that the proposed project will play a significant role for country's human resource development in IT sector. He also said ADB wants Vice-Chancellors' commitment to initiate the project

and urged the university top management to start civil works as early as possible.

Under this project, the four universities would be able to produce quality graduates and contribute a lot to develop Bangladesh as a mid level income generating country by 2021.

Freshers' reception at Chittagong University



Social Science Faculty of the Chittagong University accorded a reception on 04 February 2018 to the students enrolled in the Academic Session 2017-18. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong University inaugurated the programme. Professor Farid Uddin, Dean, Social Science Faculty, Chittagong University presided over the programme. Professor Shirin Akhter, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University was the Special Guest on the occasion.

The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, stressed the need for holding the Students' Union election in all public universities. "As the Chancellor [President Abdul Hamid] of all universities wants the Students' Union Elections, we too want the same and an environment for holding peaceful polls should be created on campus," he said. Deans, teachers, students and officials of the university, among others, were present on the occasion.

IBS Alumni Conference-2018 at Rajshahi University

IBS(Institute of Bangladesh Studies) Alumni Conference-2018 was held at its seminar room on 10 March 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. Professor M Zainul Abdbedin, founder President and President of Alumni Association presided over it. Professor M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University and Professor Sorochis Sarkar, Director of IBS were Special Guests.



The Chairman of UGC, in his speech, said that the identity of a university depends on the published journals and research papers not on students or its area. The main objectives of universities are creation of new knowledge, storage of knowledge and dissemination of it.

International Business Conference at Rajshahi University



A two-day long International Conference on Business and Sustainable Development (ICBSD) 2018 was held at Shaheed Sukhoranajan Samaddar Chhatra Shikkhok Sangskritik Kendro of Rajshahi University on 08-09 March 2018. Business Studies Faculty of the University arranged the Conference with the theme Integrating business through innovation, diversity, and sustainability in the Asian region. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony of the Conference. Professor M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University inaugurated the Conference.

More than hundred researchers, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, entrepreneurs, and students from eight countries including Australia, India, Russia, and China participated in the two-day Conference. A total of sixty seven research papers including three keynote papers were presented in the conference.

World Bank delegation holds meeting with the UGC Chairman



A World Bank delegation led by its Senior Operations Officer Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, held a meeting with the UGC and HEQEP officials and consultants to know the progress of project activities at UGC auditorium on 23 January 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, presided over the meeting. Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC were also present on the occasion.

UGC Chairman expresses shock at death of Mr. Obaidul Quader's mother

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC expressed profound shock at the death of Begum Fazilatunnesa, mother of Obaidul Quader, General Secretary, Bangladesh Awami League and also Minister for Road Transport and Bridges. She was 92 years old. She left behind four sons, six daughters, a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death. The Chairman of UGC prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Attack on Professor Dr. Muhammad Jafar Iqbal condemned

Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC strongly condemned the barbaric attack on popular writer and educationist Dr. Muhammad Jafar Iqbal a Professor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet. Protesting the incident, the Chairman of UGC said the entire nation has been deeply shocked at the heinous attack on Professor Jafar Iqbal. He demanded that the perpetrators must be brought to justice and an exemplary punishment must be imposed to the attackers and anyone involved behind this attack. He also wished early recovery of Dr. Jafar Iqbal.

Convocation of Central Women's University



The 2nd Convocation of Central Women's University was held at the Krishibid Institute, Bangladesh in Dhaka on 11 March 2018. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Minister for Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, presided over the Convocation Ceremony as the representative of Hon'ble President and distributed certificates among the graduating students. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC; Professor Parvin Hasan, Vice-Chancellor and Kazi Zahedul Hasan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Central Women's University, among others, addressed the Convocation. Rawnak Jahan, distinguished Fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue was the Convocation Speaker.

The Education Minister said the government will take legal actions against private universities which fail to fulfill the conditions of conducting their activities under the Private University Act-2010.

He said that the government had given importance to improving quality of education as well as ensuring universal access of all to education to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid urged the authorities concerned to ensure congenial and conducive academic atmospheres at all educational institutions to make those free from all sorts of terrorist activities.

'Both public and private universities should be centre of excellence for practicing knowledge. Without ensuring a good academic atmosphere, it is impossible to improve the quality of tertiary education,' he said.

The government has been trying to create the opportunities of higher education across the country and the students are getting increased access to higher education up to the upazila level- the Hon'ble Minister observed.

Full Commission Meeting of UGC



The 149th meeting of the Full Commission of UGC was held on 28 March 2018. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC, presided over the meeting.

Mr. S.M. Golam Ali, Chief, Socio-Economic Infrastructure Division, Planning Commission; Professors Dr. Mohammed Yousuf Ali Mollah, Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Members, UGC; Professor Dr. Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, University of Chittagong; Professor Dr. Md. Giashuddin Miah, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University; Professor Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor, Jessore University of Science and Technology; Professor Dr. Md. Forhad Hossain, Department of Statistics, Jahangirnagar University; Professor Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahamed, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University; Professor Dr. Md. Anowar Khasru Parvez, Treasurer, Pabna Science and Technology University and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC, among others, were present in the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, a condolence motion was unanimously passed. A Doa was also offered for the salvation of the departed soul of Mr. Md. Mizanoor Rahman FCMA, Director, Finance and Accounts Division, UGC and victims of the Nepal Airplane tragedy.

A resolution was unanimously adopted to thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her dynamic and far-sighted leadership in transforming Bangladesh into the status of Developing Country from Least Developed Country.

In the meeting, Dr. Ferdous Zaman, has become Director of Research Support and Publication Division; Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, Director, Strategic Planning, Quality Assurance & Right to Information Division; Mr. Md. Abdul Wahab,

Additional Director, Research Support and Publication Division; Mr. Muhammad Jaminur Rahman, Additional Director, Information Management, Communication and Training Division; Mr. Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director, Information Management, Communication and Training Division; Dr. Durga Rani Sarker, Additional Director, Planning and Development Division; Mr. Md. Shah Alam, Additional Director, Private University Division and Mr. Muhammad Nazmul Islam, Deputy Director, Public University Management Division and Mr. Dwijendra Chandra Das, Programmer, Information Management, Communication and Training Division, UGC. Apart from this, selection of five Class I officers were also approved in the meeting.

Sharing Experiences of Quality Education: Asian Perspective



The IQAC of Daffodil International University (DIU) organized an event to maximize the benefits from interaction with internationally accredited QA experts from the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), University Chief Executives from higher education institutions in the Asia Pacific.

Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC was the Chief Guest at the concluding session of Sharing the Experiences of Quality Education: Asian Perspective meet organized by Daffodil International University organized on 10 February, 2018. An International QA Working Team consisting of a 7-members high profile and globally acclaimed quality assurance experts from AUAP visited DIU during 9-12 February 2018. The international QA team comprised of QA experts from USA, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Quality Assurance Specialist, QAU, UGC and Professor Dr. Mahbub Ahsan Khan, Quality Assurance Specialist,

QAU, UGC also attended the meeting as Guest of Honors. Professor. Dr. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Vice Chancellor, DIU chaired the event and the Professor Dr. A. K. M. Fazlul Haque, Director, IQAC, DIU conducted the workshop.

The meeting discussed various aspects of international best practices of QA domain like developing accreditation instruments, funding options for both public and private universities, pitfalls of QA in AUAP member countries, international collaboration to work together with universities in the area of QA activities. AUAP representatives have also put emphasis on multicultural quality assurance development and accreditation mechanism. Besides, focusing these areas, the seminar also addressed other issues relating to IQAC in Bangladesh and the National Accreditation Council Framework.

Several Directors and Additional Directors of IQAC of different universities were present and took active part in open discussion.

International Workshop at Dhaka University



The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of Dhaka University organized a day-long workshop on Artificial Intelligence(AI) and its applications on 18th December 2017. The workshop was organized on the eve of inaugurating the FabLab (Fabrication Laboratory) in the department. The FabLab project was awarded to the department by HEQEP. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member of UGC was the Chief Guest at the meeting. Dr. Mollah highlighted the importance of FabLab as well as AI in inspiring the young minds toward innovation and popularizing science education in Bangladesh. A number of expatriate Bangladeshi scientists attended the workshop.

Seminar at Patuakhali Science and Technology University



A one-day seminar on, Horticultural Interventions at PSTU and Challenges Ahead was organized by the department of Horticulture of Patuakhali Science and Technology University on 3rd March 2018. Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Alin Mollah, Member UGC was present as Chief Guest, while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain , Member UGC was the Guest of Honor. Professor Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, VC of PSTU was the Chief Patron. The Seminar was presided over by Professor Dr. Mohammad Ali, Pro-VC of PSTU. The Dean of all Faculties, Chairmen of different departments and Graduate and Post-graduate students were present in the seminar. The keynote paper was presented by Professor Dr. Mahbub Robbani, SPM of HEQEP CP No- 466. The topic of his presentation was, Research Strengths and Achievements of Plant Biotech Lab. And Germplasm Centre. Professor Dr. Md. Fakhruл Hasan DSPM of CP No- 466 spoke on Research Strengths and Achievements of Postharvest Lab. Professor Akhter Hossain stressed the need for innovative research by agricultural scientists for sustainable growth in this vital sector.

Professor Mollah emphasized the importance of research along with teaching-learning in the university. He underlined the fundamental principle that the mission of a university is never fulfilled unless its research and teaching go hand-in-hand.

Professors Dr. MYA Mollah and Dr. Akhter Hossain visited the Germplasm Center and other research laboratories established at PSTU with financial assistance from HEQEP, and lauded the achievements by the SPM and his team.

ADB for human resource development in Bangladesh

A-two member delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by Mr. Erik A. Bloom, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development



Division, South Asia Department, ADB held a meeting with University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh at UGC Auditorium on 07 February 2018. At the meeting, ADB expressed interest to initiate IT project in few universities in Bangladesh for infrastructure development and producing IT graduates. This was a follow-up visit by the ADB team.

The delegation had a threadbare discussion with Professors Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah and Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Members, UGC. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary, UGC was also present. Mr. Mohiuddin Alamgir, Consultant, ADB assisted Mr. Erik A. Bloom during the meeting.

During the meeting, Mr. Erik A. Bloom also expressed interest to modernize education and research in Agricultural Universities of Bangladesh.

Professor Yousuf Ali Mollah represented the Chairman of UGC and expressed the hope that the proposed project will play a significant role for country's human resource development in IT sector, as well as in agriculture.

Launching of Soil Testing Kit at Bangladesh Agriculture University

The launching ceremony of a simple, inexpensive and easily operational Soil Testing Kit invented by a group of BAU scientists was held at Bangladesh Agriculture University campus on 6th March 2008. Professor Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member of UGC was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta, PD of HEQEP, was present as Special Guest. The soil testing kit is an outcome of an innovative project on, Development and Commercialization of Municipal Solid Waste Compost and Soil Testing Kit supported under W-4 project selected by HEQEP. The innovation will help the farmers to easily test soil for nutrients in their respective agricultural fields and apply fertilizer accordingly. The ACI pharmaceutical company was the industry partner for commercialization of the kit. Mr. Bashir Ahmed, Business Manager ACI Ltd was present on the occasion.



Professor Md. Ali Akbar, Vice-Chancellor of BAU was the Chief Patron. Professor M. Jahir Uddin, DISM presented the keynote paper while Professor M. Mazibur Rahman, ISM presided over the meeting. Professors Dr. Lutful Hasan, Co-ordinator, CASR, BAU and Dr. Monoranjan Das, Director planning of BAU, among others were present in the meeting.

Orientation ceremony at Northern University of Business and Technology Khulna



Orientation of the students enrolled in the Spring Semester, 2018 of Northern University of Business and Technology Khulna was held at its auditorium on 29 January 2018. Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh graced the function as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Abu Yousuf Md. Abdullah, Vice-Chancellor, Northern University of Business and Technology Khulna presided over it. Professor. Dr. A.T.M. Zahiruddin, Adviser, Professor Dr. Nurunnabi Mollah, Professor Dr. M. M. A Hashem, Dr. Md. Shahjan and Dr. Md. Md. Harun or Rashid were Special Guests on the occasion.

Addressing the event, the Chief Guest said that the government is relentlessly working to enhance the quality of education at the private universities. She expressed her optimism that Northern University of Business and Technology Khulna will be elevated as world-class university in near future.

Vice-Chancellor, Northern University of Business and Technology Khulna, in his speech, urged the newly enrolled students to develop themselves as the worthy citizens of the country.

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum attends South Asian University meeting



Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC, Dhaka, Bangladesh represented the Chairman of UGC at the meeting of the Committee to discuss the academic planning for Phase-II of South Asian University. The meeting was held on Feb 7, 2018 at President's Committee room in New Delhi. A complete report on Phase I was presented to the members of the Governing Board. A copy of the Academic Structure prepared in 2010 and approved by the Steering Committee was also given to the members. It contained a blueprint of academic expansion as visualized in 2010. It was reported in the meeting that due to certain difficulties the plan could not be entirely implemented. A proposal was submitted to start undergraduate programme at SAU. All members agreed that if SAU opens an undergraduate program, it should be integrated with the individual Departments. However, academic and budgetary considerations led the members to decide unanimously that undergraduate programmes should be started in Phase III instead of Phase II. The Committee also decided that new Faculties/Departments as detailed in the proposal be implemented but these departments will offer only Masters and PhD degrees. Other issues related to infrastructure, shifting the campus to the permanent site, financial matters, and as a matter of fact the whole gambit of operation and function of an International University like SAU came up for discussion.

Awareness Seminar on BdREN Facilities and Services at Bangladesh Agricultural University

The Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), a component of HEQEP, organized an awareness seminar on BdREN facilities and services at Syed Nazrul Islam auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on 11 March 2018. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC was present at the seminar as the Chief Guest with Professor Dr. Md. Ali Akbar, Vice-chancellor of BAU, in the Chair.



Professor Dr. Md. Jasimuddin Khan, Pro Vice-chancellor of BAU and Dr Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary) of HEQEP, were present at the seminar as Special Guests. Mr. AKM Habibur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of BdREN delivered introductory remarks about the activities of BdREN at the seminar while Mr. Syedur Rahman, TST Consultant (Management), gave a presentation on the services and facilities of BdREN and Professor Dr. Md. Mamun-Or-Rashid, DLE Consultant, spoke on bridging resource gap through virtual classrooms.

The BdREN team also answered queries raised by the participants at the open discussion session of the seminar. Faculty members of different Departments of Bangladesh Agricultural University took part in the seminar. Officials and consultants of HEQEP were present at the seminar.

Awareness workshop on services of UGC Digital Library at Prime University



The UGC Digital Library (UDL), established under HEQEP, organized an awareness program on its services at the seminar room of Prime University on 15 February 2018. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC was present at the program as the Chief Guest with Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Prime University, in the Chair. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP attended the function as Special Guest. Mr. MA Jabbar, Registrar of Prime University, delivered the welcome address at the event.

Dr. Anwarul Islam, Librarian of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, delivered a presentation on the e-resources at the program.

Ms. Nushrat Sharita, Program Officer, UDL, highlighted the services of UDL at the event. Faculty Members and students of Prime University, officials and consultants from HEQEP and UGC were present on the occasion.

Awareness workshop on services of UGC Digital Library at Green University of Bangladesh



The UGC Digital Library (UDL), established under HEQEP, organized an awareness programme on its services at the seminar room of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) on 24 January 2018. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) was present at the program as the Chief Guest with Professor Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Vice-chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh, in the Chair. Dr Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director (Additional Secretary), HEQEP attended the event as Special Guest. Professor Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Khan, Pro-vice Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh, delivered welcome address while Shah Abdul Kabej, Deputy Librarian, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), delivered a presentation on the on e-resources.

Mr. Muhammad Jaminur Rahman, Senior Program Officer of UDL spoke on the services of UDL at the event. Faculty Members and students of GUB, and officials and consultants from HEQEP and UGC were present on the occasion.

Awareness workshop on services of UGC Digital Library at American International University-Bangladesh

The UGC Digital Library (UDL) organized an awareness programme at the seminar room of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) on 22 January 2018. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC was present at the



program as the Chief Guest with Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, Vice Chancellor, AIUB, in the Chair. Dr. Gauranga Chandra Mohanta ndc, Project Director, HEQEP attended the function as Special Guest. Professor Dr. ABM Siddique Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, AIUB, delivered welcome address while Farheen Hasan, Additional Director of the IQAC, AIUB, gave a brief presentation on the digital resources of AIUB library.

Dr. Md. Nazim Uddin, Senior Manager, Library and Information Services Section (LISS) of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDRDB), delivered a presentation on the e-resources.

Ms. Nushrat Sharita, Program Officer, UDL, gave a presentation on the services of UDL. Faculty Members of ULAB, and officials and consultants from HEQEP and UGC were present on the occasion.

Activities of Private University Division During January-March 2018

- A-two member Committee headed by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC visited The Millennium University on 07 January, 2018 to follow up the compliance of the recommendations made in its surprise visit report.
- A-two member Committee led by Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC visited University of Development Alternative on 16 January, 2018 to follow up the compliance of its surprise visit report's recommendations.
- A-five member Committee consisting of three subject experts and headed by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited University of Creative Technology, Chittagong on 24 January, 2018 to assess the progress of execution of the conditions given during its academic permission.
- A-four member Committee consisting of two subject experts and headed by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited laboratory facilities of the engineering programs of Northern University of Business and Technology, Khulna on 29 January, 2018.

- A-six member Committee consisting of four subject experts and headed by Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC visited Central University of Science and Technology on 29 January, 2018 to consider its worthiness for academic permission.

- A-three member Committee including a subject expert and headed by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited CCN University of Science And Technology, on 31 January, 2018 to consider the approval of the proposed B. Sc in CE program.

- A-three member Committee led by Professor Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC visited laboratory facilities of the proposed B.Pharm program of Independent University, Bangladesh on 27 February, 2018 to consider its approval.

- A-three member Committee headed by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC visited the Canadian University of Bangladesh on 06 March 2018 to consider the approval of its changing address.

- A-three member Committee including a subject expert and headed by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited infrastructure of permanent campus and laboratory facilities of the proposed B. Sc in Industrial & Production Engineering program of European University of Bangladesh on 07 March, 2018.

- A-two member Committee led by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited permanent campus of American International University-Bangladesh on 08 March, 2018 to observe the shifting advancement of its all activities from temporary campus.

- A-three member Committee headed by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC made a surprise visit at Notre Dame University Bangladesh on 14 March, 2018. Another three-member Committee led by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC made a formal visit at Bangladesh Army University of Science and Technology, Saidpur on 15 March, 2018.

- A-two member Committee led by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member, UGC visited North Bengal International University on 15 March, 2018 to follow up the compliance of its surprise visit report's recommendations.

- A-two member Committee led by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member, UGC visited permanent campus of Bangladesh Islami University on 20 March, 2018 to verify the shifting advancement of its all activities from temporary campus.

Bangladesh delegation receives Best Performance Award in India



A-32 member Bangladeshi delegation led by Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam, Joint-Secretary, UGC attended the 11th South Asian Festival (SAUFEST)-2018 and received the Best Performance Award. The festival was held at Ganpat University, Gujarat, India during 02-06 March 2018. Mr. Md. Shahin Siraj, Deputy Secretary, UGC, Ms. Mauli Azad, Senior Assistant Secretary, UGC and Mr. Md. Mamun, Assistant Secretary, UGC among others participated in the festival. Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam spoke as the Guest of Honor on the occasion of the award giving ceremony of the festival.

A total of 26 students from Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Jatiya Kabi Nazrul Islam University, Bangladesh University of Textiles, Bangbandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, BRAC University, Varendra University, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology and Southeast University took part in the festival. The Bangladeshi students participated in a number of events including light vocal, solo song, group song, classical dance, elocution, poster making, photography, debate and clay modeling and adjudged the best performing team and was awarded the Best Performance Award. About 650 students from 8 countries participated in the SAUFEST.

The SAUFEST is annually arranged to establish mutual cooperation and exchange of ideas among the students of the universities of South Asian Countries.

Mauli Azad honoured with 'Special Bangabandhu Award' in India



Ms. Mauli Azad, Senior Assistant Secretary of UGC received Special Bangabandhu Award at West Bengal Bangla Acaemy, Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata, India for her creative writing. The literary magazine Chok and the organization Uvoy Bangla jointly awarded her the honor. Eminent poet of India poet Mr. Subodh Sarker was the Chief Guest and the Special guest was Mia Md. Mainul Kabir, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Kalkata.

Ms. Mauli Azad received Crest, Uttorio and Testimonial in the occasion. She was awarded this honor for writing the story book *Roktojabader Keu Valobasheni* which is based on the life style of transgender people. Previously Ms. Mauli Azad was honored with Nattoshova Sahittyo Podok from BD in 2011 for her book *Humayun Azad Amar Baba*.

It may be mentioned here that Special Bangabandhu Award has been awarded to the writers and eminent personalities of both Bengals since its introduction for about two decades.



Prize distribution ceremony of friendly cricket match marking the Independence Day, 2018.



UGC Chairman, Its Members along with UGC officials pays tributes to the Language Movement Martyrs at the Central Shaheed Minar.



UGC places wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32 on the occasion of his birth anniversary.



UGC Officers' Association and Karmachari Union place floral wreath at National Mausoleum at Savar to mark the Independence Day, 2018.

Message of condolence from UGC family



The UGC family was deeply saddened at the sudden demise of Mr. Md. Mizanoor Rahman, FCMA, Director of Finance & Accounts Division of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. Late Mr. Rahman left this mortal world (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un) on 07 January 2018 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka due to multiple health related complications. He left his wife, a daughter and a minor son to mourn his death. Late Mr. Rahman started his career at UGC on 31 January 2005. He was a dedicated and honest officer who used to discharge his duties sincerely with commitment and devotion. He was a gentle, polite and amicable officer who never failed to perform his duties with due sense of responsibility and help the UGC and university community when it was needed most. Late Mr. Rahman will be missed by his colleagues at UGC. We will cherish all the happy memories we had with him. Late Mr. Mizanoor Rahman will be best remembered for his untiring effort for signing Annual Performance Agreements between UGC and the public universities for establishing good governance and excellence in the universities. The UGC family pray for the salvation of the departed soul of Late Mr. Mizanoor Rahman.

May The Almighty rest him in peace.



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