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Editorial

John Keats, centuries ago, pointed out that autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. This autumn semester might not have much to do with mist but it has certainly been a time of fruitfulness for Aliah University. There has been smooth flow of day-to-day activities of the institution. The teachers and the students have been engaged in the teaching-learning-evaluation process with an admirable sincerity. The officials and other staff have invested all their time and energy for the betterment of this centre of higher learning. There have been visits of important apex bodies including UGC, AICTE and NCTE. The university has successfully faced all the visits and there have been well-orchestrated efforts from all the wings of the institution. Infrastructural development is in full swing and the co-operation from the Minority Affairs and Madrasha Education department has been commendable in guiding and funding the university.

This issue of Aliah University Newsletter would try to highlight all these flurry of activities that have been shaping up this institution - a perfect harmony between the modern and the traditional, one that would lead the journey of the marginalized and the minorities to the desired level of development and excellence. Like the last two issues of the Newsletter this one also contains no articles or essays. It has been divided into various sections, each foregrounding a particular aspect of the university. Other than the message from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, there are sections that would contain news and information on the achievements of the students and the teachers. There is a section dedicated to the events which are reflections of the efforts being made by the authority of the university in developing infrastructure and other facilities. This time, there is a separate segment on the activities of the placement cell as we cannot but agree with the cliché - "nothing succeeds like the success". There are also photographs which will enable the reader to visualize the vibrancy of this university.

Finally, we would like to express our gratefulness to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar for their sustained support and encouragement in helping Aliah University Newsletter possible. We hope that the Newsletter would truly act as a means of communicating to the wider world the mission, vision and activities of this university. Ralph Waldo Emerson in a poem once iterated that the assigned role of the little squirrel is no less important than the mighty mountain. We hope that Aliah University Newsletter does justice to its assigned role, however tiny it might be.



FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK

It is a matter of great pleasure that Aliah University Newsletter is coming out regularly and this issue, I believe, would be available to common people all the more easily as its publication would be during the Kolkata Book Fair, 2019. The Newsletter would certainly be a great way to communicate to the people, institutions and organizations, within and beyond the academia, about the direction to which the university is heading and also about the recent activities of this academic institution.

We, at Aliah University always aim to be a breeding ground for constructive and positive thoughts and ideas bringing together the best of the modern and the traditional ones. We strive to emerge as a symbol of cultural pluralism which inculcates openness of views and the great unity in the diversity of this land. Our effort is to touch and inflect the lives and views of every student by instilling prudence, competence, ingenuity and kindness to work for bringing about progress in the lives of the marginalized sections of society. The university makes endeavors to kindle their sense of— responsibility, sincerity, principles, and righteousness— and above all their commitment to the basic values which make human beings what they ought to be.

We believe that our students constitute the core of our existence as an institution, and we employ every possible means to give wings to their dreams. In the last few months the infrastructural improvements that have taken place in our university all bear witness to this aspiration of ours. The visit of the UGC expert committee for 12 B affiliation, the visit of AICTE and NCTE teams all gesture towards our commitment in making the institution an ideal place for the students and the researchers. We expect them to be enthusiastic about their dreams and make their family and society proud of their achievements. Here, I must add that it is important for the parents to keep reminding their wards

to remain focused on academic activities and not to indulge in behaviours and activities unsuitable for a student. Such advices from the parents would supplement the efforts made by the university and will provide the students vigor and inspiration to work hard for a greater cause in life.

For the teachers, officials, academic and other staff of the institution we try to create an ideal atmosphere where cordiality of relation and efficient discharging of duties go hand in hand. Rather than being impeded by various inflexible stumbling blocks of authoritarian mechanisms, the administration of this university views its role as an agency to facilitate the teaching-learning process to its utmost possible potential so as to make it smooth and hassle free in every sense of the expression. To realise our goals we are exerting ourselves to build an outstanding infrastructure and recruit dedicated faculty and other staff members for this institution of higher learning.

Through this Newsletter I take the opportunity to express our deep gratitude towards the present state government led by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the generosity with which we have been given funds and guidance to realize the dreams and desires of the minorities and the marginalised people of the state through this university. My sincere thanks also go to the officials of Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education department, government of West Bengal for their kind cooperation without which it would not have been possible for us to pursue our dreams. Finally, I must thank the members of the publication committee of the university for bringing out this informative issue of Aliah University Newsletter. I believe it will act successfully as a bridge between our university and the wider world.

Prof. Mahammad Ali

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

There have been several important developments in the university in this span of six months from July 2018 to December 2018. Attempts to make infrastructural developments have been made. There have been visits from apex bodies related to higher education as well. Here are some of the highlights as well some glimpses of the regular activities of the university during this period.

VISIT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR UGC 12 B RECOGNITION

A five member team, comprising of Dr. Anwar Ahmad Khan (Chairman), Prof. G. P. Pandey, Prof. Jagat Swargiary,

Prof. Rakesh Saxena, Prof. K. Lalitha, Mr. Vasdev Talreja from UGC came to Aliah University to make a two-day visit and assess the university infrastructure, academic and extra-academic activities of the institution on 7-8 September 2018. There has been elaborate and rigorous preparation on part of the university to make the visit a success. The team has visited all the three campuses and has seen the infrastructure and examined documents of the institution. They have also listened to the presentations given by the administration as well by the individual departments. The team has also interacted with students, teachers and other staff of the university.

Snapshots from the UGC 12 B Visit



WBCS COACHING PROGRAMME

The sixth batch (Session 2018-19) of WBCS Coaching Programme commenced on 7 October 2018 at Kaikhali Haj Tower. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Mohammad Ali, Hon'ble VC in presence of Mr. Shakil Ahmed WBCS (Exe.) Special Secretary to Gov. of WB, MA & ME Dept. Dr. Nurshad Ali, Registrar, Mr. Md. Ansar Alam, IAS (Retd). Mr. A. Gani, Special Secretary to Gov. of WB, Sundarban Affairs and Mr. Md. Irfan Ghani, In-Charge, WBCS Coaching. 30 students have been admitted in the current session which will end on 31 March 2019. On this occasion, the Hon'ble VC handed over a cash reward of Rs. 5000/- and certificate

of appreciation to each of the two students of Aliah WBCS Coaching from previous batches named Habibulla Laskar and Hasanul Islam who competed in WBCS (Exe.) 2017 and have been selected for Group 'A' Services under State Govt. Coaching arranged by the university has been very beneficial for the WBCS aspirants from the minority communities. Out of 41 students from 5th batch (Session 2017-18), 35 students qualified in WBCS (Exe.) 2018 Prelims with 85 % success rate. They have appeared in Mains Exam in the month of August 2018 whose results have not been declared by WBPSA as on 31 January 2019.



AICTE VISIT

A visit of the university by a committee of members from AICTE took place on 4 September 2018. The team has been satisfied with the developments at the university.

NCTE VISIT

National Council for Teacher Education conducted an official inspection in the Department of Education, Aliah University on 16-17 November 2018. Two senior most Professors, one from Karnataka and other from Tamil Nadu visited the department regarding the change of premises from 21 Haji Md. Mohsin Square, Kol-16 to 17 Gorachand Road, Kol- 14 and they also verified the overall quality of education such as infrastructural and instructional facilities available in the department. The visiting team submitted their reports to the NCTE Eastern Regional Committee. NCTE, ERC in its 264th meeting held on 5-6 December 2018 examined the documents of Department and visiting teams

report, thus shifting of the Department of Education at 17, Gorachand Road with 100 intake is permitted to continue.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The administration has taken several steps in improving the infrastructure and academic facility of the university.

- The University has applied for National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
- The University is building a Central Laboratory Facility that would be used by several Science and Engineering departments for research purpose. Purchase process is on for many state of the art equipments that would facilitate research works. They include the following, to name only a few:
 - ❖ Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope
 - ❖ Atomic Force Microscopy
 - ❖ RAMAN
 - ❖ Fourier-transform Infrared Spectroscopy
 - ❖ PECVD

Independence Day Celebration at the University



EVENTS AND OCCASIONS: ACADEMICS AND MORE

WORKSHOP ON DATA ANALYTICS, MACHINE LEARNING AND DEEP LEARNING

Department of Computer Science & Engineering organized a Technical Workshop on Data Analytics, Machine Learning and Deep Learning on 13 July 2018. The main speaker was Dr. R. Gupta, Senior Application Engineer, Math Works, Bangalore.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URDU

Department of Urdu organized departmental Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 25 July 2018. The students who stood 1st in the Final Semester were awarded by the department. In the same event Md. Aasher Alam Ansari was felicitated by the department for presenting his paper in Ghalib Academy.



SEMINAR CUM CELEBRATION OF WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Department of Nursing, in collaboration with TNAI, West Bengal State Branch, organized one day celebration of Breast Feeding Week in the university Auditorium, Park Circus Campus on 8 August 2018. All faculty members and students of the department of Nursing participated in this academic exercise and awareness programme.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON RETHINKING MODERNITY

Department of English in Collaboration with Byanjanbarna Foundation organized an International Seminar on "Rethinking Modernity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives"

on 11-12 August. Key speakers included Prof. Basab Chowdhury Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, WBSU, Prof. Nandini Bhattacharya, Burdwan University, Prof. Aparajita Hazra, SKBU, Dr. Manojit Mondal, Jadavpur University, and foreign delegates from USA and Japan.



INDUSTRY INTERACTION ON MARKETING PLANNING AND CAREER ADVISE

Department of Management and Business Administration invited Dr. Dev Narayan Sarkar, Associate Director of Pepsico, (East India, Nepal and Bhutan) on 30 August 2018 to deliver a lecture on Marketing Planning and Career Advise. The session was interactive and different practical problems of business were explained with possible solutions.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON DIABETES

Department of Nursing organized a special lecture on "Current Status of Diabetes in Global Perspective" by Dr. Muddasarul Hoda of department of Biological Science, Aliah University on 31 August.

ALUMNI MEET

Department of History has organized an Alumni Meet in the premises of the Department on 2 September. On the occasion Prof. Sulaiman Khurshid Memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. Md. Shamim Firdous (Assistant Professor), department of History

INDUSTRY INTERACTION ON UX, ANALYTICS & PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

Anirban Ghatak, founder of MieRobot, a Bengaluru based EdTech start-up, delivered a lecture on Artificial Intelligence and its employability opportunity at the department of

Management & Business Administration on 13 September 2018. In another session, he also spoke on Winning Careers in Machine Learning at the CSE department.

WORKSHOP ON AUTISM

Department of Nursing organized a one day workshop on the theme "Towards Autonomy & Self Determination" on 23 September 2018, keeping in mind special child and their special education for parents of Autistic children. Mr. Sandeep Goon, Special Educator, Eklabya Special Child School, Ms. Archana Sharma, Clinical Psychologist, Delhi and Ms. Ishita Mandal, Asst. Prof. A.U. were the key speakers in the event.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTING, COMMUNICATION AND SENSOR NETWORK

Aliah University acted as the Technical Sponsor for the 7th International conference on Computing, Communication and Sensor Network (CCSN, 2018) held at Biswa Banga Convention Centre, Newtown, Kolkata on 27-28 October 2018. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahammad Ali was the Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session along with other dignitaries from IITs, NITs and Jadavpur University.



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

Department of Education in collaboration with Byanjanbarna Foundation organized a 7 Day International Workshop on "Research in Social Science: Methodological Issues and Emerging Trends", from 30 October to 05 November 2018. The workshop foregrounded recent trends of Research Methodology and focused on different aspects of Research in Social Sciences.

SEMINAR ON GOOGLE INDIC WEB AND GOOGLE CROWDSOURCE

Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a seminar on "Overview of Google Indic Web and Google Crowdsourcing: A Use Case and Technical Perspective" on 20 November 2018. The main speaker was Mr. Praveen Das, Program Manager (Indic), Google Bangalore.



COMPUTER SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The UG and PG Students of the department of Computer Science and Engineering along with Faculty Members celebrated the Computer Science Day on 27 September 2018 in memory of Sir Alan Turing, Father of Modern Computers. Programming and other Technical Festival and intra departmental competitions were also organized for 2 days.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON FOLK CULTURE

Department of Bengali organised a two day International Seminar entitled "Samannayer Sadhana: Prekshit Loksanskriti" on 3 and 4 October 2018.

INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERACTION

Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) hosted Executives of Google Bangalore office at Park Circus and Newtown Campuses of Aliah University, Kolkata for localization efforts and ensuring an Industry-Academia interaction on 19 and 20 November 2018 in association with Department of Bengali and Department of English.

SEMINAR ON 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROF SATYENDRA NATH BOSE

Department of Physics organized a one day seminar on the work of Prof Satyendra Nath Bose, an eminent personality of Indian Science Community on 25 November 2018. Among the speakers were Dr. S. Gangopadhyay, SNBNCBS Kolkata, Prof. B. Deb, IACS Kolkata and Prof. A. Kundu, University of Calcutta.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD

Department of Education organized a 2 Day National Seminar on "Life and Educational Policy of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: Contribution and Relevance in the Society" from 17 December to 18 December 2018. Different speakers talked about the relevance of Maulana Abul Kalam in contemporary India and his contribution towards national harmony as reflected in his educational policy. Siddiqullah Chowdhuri, Honourable Minister, Government of West Bengal was the chief guest and Honourable Vice Chancellor, Registrar of Aliah University and other dignitaries also attended the Seminar.

WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION

In celebrating World Aids Day, department of Nursing organized a one day Quiz Contest & Poster Competition on the theme of "Know your Status" on 6 December 2018. The nursing students of school and college of nursing, CNMC&H and dept. of nursing, Aliah university, participated in the competition. Ms. Krishna Pramanik, Nursing Superintendent, CNMC&H and Dy. Registrar and Prof. Mir Rezaul Karim, Bengali Dept. A.U. were the special guests of the program as well as judges for the poster competition. The nursing students of dept. of Nursing A.U. got 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th prize in poster completion as well as the 3rd prize in quiz competition. The students of school of nursing, CNMC&H received the 5th prize in poster competition and 1st prize in quiz competition whereas the students from college of nursing, CNMC&H won the 2nd prize in quiz competition.



ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

One day workshop on choice Based Credit System (CBCS) was organized by the department of Management & Business Administration on 18 December. The workshop focused on sharing the quality parameters and detailed structure of CBCS. For that programme Prof. Soroshimohon Dan, former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Burdwan was the resource person.

WORKSHOP ON SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR SPECIALLY-ABLED CHILDREN

Department of Nursing organized a Workshop on "Significance of Special Education in Behavioral Approach and Communicating Skill of Specially-abled Child" on 28 December. Mr. Sandeep Goon, Special Educator Eklabya Special Child School, Jalpaiguri, Ms. Sudeshna Basu, Principal of Asha School, Kolkata and Arunima Active and Ms. Ishita Mandal, Assistant Professor, Aliah University were the key speakers of the event.



7TH MECHANICAL DAY

Like every year, the Mechanical Department organized the Seventh Mechanical Day on 20th December 2018 in the memory of Late Prof. P.K. Nag. On that auspicious day, P.K. Nag memorial lecture has delivered by Prof. Abdus Samad, IIT, Madras and A technical talk in the field of Advance Manufacturing has given by Prof. Goutam Paul, UEM, Kolkata.

OATH TAKING CEREMONY

New batch of students of the Nursing department took the pledge for nursing profession at Park Circus campus.



ROAD TO SUCCESS: THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLACEMENT CELL

In the present world of competition and commercialization, employability of the students is often considered to be the touchstone in judging the success of an educational institution. Aliah University in the last few years have taken giant steps in getting their students placed in Industry and other spaces of employment. Here are some of the highlights.

CAMPUS DRIVE

Total number of On-Campus, Pool-Campus and Off-Campus drives is 25. Major recruiters include TCS, Cognizant, Amazon, Wipro, Zensar Technologies, TEKSystems Global Services, Hitachi Consulting, Zycus, Ramky Enviro Engineers Limited, Berger Paints India Limited, VVDN Technologies, Karvy Stock Broking Limited, Lumino Industries Limited, M/s. Think & Learn Pvt. Ltd, Times Internet, ADP, RDC Concrete India Pvt. Ltd, Taurus Powertronics Pvt. Ltd, Videocon, ITC, Kreeti Technology, Reliance HR Solution, Tantia Construction, OGeneral and many more.

MOMENT OF GLORY

A student of Mechanical Engineering Department has got a placement offer of CTC 10 lakhs/annum at M/s. Think & Learn Pvt. Ltd. (BYJU'S - The Learning App).

SOFT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND APTITUDE TEST

In order to improve the placement activities the T&P Cell invited many functional experts from industry like Microsoft, Kreeti Technologies and grooming experts from various training institutes for up-skilling of the students. Constellation Training and Placement Services have also been engaged for skill development including expertise in Aptitude Test of the students from 3rd year onwards.



OUR PROMINENT RECRUITERS

The Cell continuously coordinates with various industries and organizations for placement of the students. It has already successfully placed a percentage of students in industry. It actively obtains feedback from organizations and conveys it to respective departments which, in turn, train students accordingly, thereby increasing their employability.



...and many more.



AWARENESS ABOUT PLACEMENT IN DEFENCE

The T&P Cell organized a session with experts from the Indian Army to make the students aware about the Career Guidance in view of Indian Navy, Army & Air force recruitment process. This was to ensure a career for self and service to the nation.

ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS – STUDENTS

Md. Ekramul Hoque and Kabirul Haque Khan, research scholars of the department of History participated in a 7day International inter-disciplinary Workshop on “Migration for Better Life: Challenge and Response in Globalized World” organized by Kalyani University held on 3-9 July 2018.

Md. Kamrul Hasan, research scholar of the department of History presented a paper titled “Women Participation in the Quit Indian Movement in Bengal” in an International Seminar, organized by the Amar Kutir Society for Rural Development, Birbhum in collaboration with: Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata held on 4-5 August 2018.

Md. Golam Murshid, research scholar of the department of History presented a paper entitled “Muslims Participation in the Quit Indian Movement in Bengal with Special reference to Birbhum District” in an International Seminar, organized by the Amar Kutir Society for Rural Development, Birbhum in collaboration with: Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata held on 4-5 August 2018.

Rejaul Karim, published an article titled “*Bilupto Pri Katha Hasthosilpo: Akti Artha Samajik Samikkha*” in *Rarh Bhabona, Research Patrika* in August 2018,

Md. Kamrul Hasan research scholar of the department of History presented a Paper titled “Understanding the Development of Muslim Women through Education in Birbhum District during Colonial Period” in an International Seminar, organized by the Department of Education, Diamond Harbour Women’s University, held on 3-4 September, 2018.

Md. Abu Nasim research scholar of the department of History has published a paper in online *International Journal of Multidisciplinary* on the topic “Realities of Women’s Position in Sports in Contemporary Bengal” on 7 September 2018.

Md. Golam Murshid, research scholar of the department of History, published a paper entitled “Non-Cooperation Movement and the Response of Birbhum District” in UGC listed Online International Journal *Research Guru* on 10 September 2018.

Kabirul Haque Khan research scholar of the department of History published an article titled “Response of People of Burdwan District in the Swadeshi Movement and the Role of the periodical *The Mussalman: A Study*” in UGC listed Online International Journal *Research Guru* on 10 September 2018.

Kabirul Haque Khan, Md. Golam Murshid, Rejaul Karim, and Totan Shaikh research scholars of the department of History presented papers in the International Seminar, organized by the Department of Bengali, Aliah University, on the Topic “Sammanyer Sadhona Ajo Lokosankriti” held on 3-4 October.

Md Junaid Siddique, Asif Irfanullah, and Md Hamza, B.Tech students of Computer Science and Engineering have secured the first prize in the Techfest, IIT Bombay TechnoRion Kolkata zonals Meshmerize Competition and were selected for the finals in September 2018.

Sadia Zareen, research scholar of the department of History has published a paper entitled “Al-Hilal: A Reflection of the Politics of Bengal Muslims (1912-1915)” in *Online International Journal of Multidisciplinary* in October 2018.

Md. Abu Nasim, research scholar of the department of History, published a paper titled “Invisible to Visibility of Contemporary Bengal’s Women in Sports” in UGC listed online International Journal *Research Guru* on 10 December 2018.



A moment from the Teachers’ Day Celebration.



Students celebrating after a cricket match.

PHOTO GALLERY



Abhishek Das being felicitated



Nilofer Firdaus at a seminar



UGC Team visiting the campus



Drakshan Zarrin speaking at a seminar



The campus beautiful



Amzed Hossein speaking during 12 B visit



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurating a conference



Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week

PHOTO GALLERY



Judging the poster competition



During NCTE visit



Seminar at Physics department.



M. Reyaz speaking at STC at CU



Seminar organized by Education department



Dramatic performance at Park Circus Auditorium



Students receiving prizes from the Registrar



Students during the Teachers' Day Celebration

ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS – FACULTY MEMBERS

Sharmistha Chatterjee Sriwastav of department of English delivered an invited lecture entitled “Listening to Unknown Voices from the Past: Women and their Engagement with Partition” on 23 June 2018 at Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata as a part of “Partition Lecture Series” under collaborative research project on Partition and the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Md. A. Khan of department of Physics participated in the conference on Theoretical Physics and Nonlinear Phenomena CTPNP-2018 held in Hasanuddin University, Indonesia on 2-3 July as a member of the International Advisory Board as well as Plenary Speaker.

Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication attended a 6 day collaborative Workshop for Administrative Leadership Training and Capacity Building by Senior Academics and Administrators from University Grants Commission, New Delhi, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi and UGC-HRDC, MANUU, Hyderabad from 2 to 6 July 2018.

Mohammad Reyaz of department of Journalism and Mass Communication participated in the week long 5th International ILEM Summer School at Istanbul, Turkey during 9-14 July, 2018. He also presented a paper titled “Rethinking Cultural Heritage: Memories of Muslim Minorities, Living in Secular Democracy” during the summer school.



Rukshana presented a paper entitled “Modelling of Potential Sites for Residential Area at South East Peri-Urban of Kolkata” in 1st International Conference on Geography and Geoinformatics for Sustainable Development held from 19-20 July 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication presented a paper on “Nationhood as a Disjunct to Personal Identity: Situating the notion of Cultural Nationalism in Bombay Cinema” at an International Seminar on “Rethinking Modernity: Interdisciplinary Per-

spectives” organized by the department of English Aliah University in Collaboration with Byanjanbarna Foundation held on 11-12 August 2018.

Drakhshan Zarrin of department of Urdu presented a paper entitled “Jameel Manzar: Bahaiyyat Sahafi” in an event organized at Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad on 18 August 2018.

Sharmistha Chatterjee Sriwastav of department of English made a Field trip Visit to Khulna University Bangladesh on 29 September 2018 under the collaborative project on “Locating Post- Partition Amnesia in Memory and Literature: An Indo- Bangladesh Perspective” between NSOU, Kolkata and Khulna University, Bangladesh.



Aqlima Khatoon of department of Urdu presented a paper entitled “Talaashe Maya Ek Mutala” in a Seminar organized by Urdu Academy on 30th September, 2018.

Bishwanath Chakraborty from department of Biological Sciences delivered lecture on “early detection of fungal pathogens and strategies for their management” during a national symposium on “Extension Plant Pathology : Technological Backstopping to the farmers/other stakeholders” organized by Indira Gandhi Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Raipur, Chattisgarh in collaboration with Indian Phytopathological Society, IARI, New Delhi during September 25-26, 2018.

Mohammad Reyaz of department of Journalism and Mass Communication was invited as Resource Person for 2 sessions in a Short Term Course on “Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution” organized by UGC-HRDC, University of Calcutta from 14 to 20 November 2018. Reyaz delivered two lectures on 17 October on “Clash of Narratives: Situating Muslims amidst Chaos in Media Space” and “Media in Conflict Situations: Conflict Reporting or Peace Journalism?”

Abhishek Das of department of Computer Science and Engineering delivered an invited talk on “BioMedical Image Processing” at 7th International conference on Computing,

Communication and Sensor Network (CCSN, 2018) held at Biswa Banga Convention Centre, Newtown, Kolkata on 27-28 October 2018.

Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication attended a three day International Workshop on *Re-connecting Deleuze and Guattari* from 5 to 7 October 2018 organized by the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia. She also presented a paper on “The Philosophy of the Now: Countering Incommunicado, Invisibility, and Crisis”.



Drakshian Zarrin of department of Urdu presented a paper entitled “*Harchand Dilawar Muztar Hai*” in a seminar organized by West Bengal Urdu Academy on 24 November 2018.

Bishwanath Chakraborty of department of Biological Sciences received the Y. L. Nene Outstanding Plant Pathology Teacher Award on 16 November 2018 from Indian society of Mycology and Plant Pathology (ISMPP), Udaipur, Rajasthan at ICAR - Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur



Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication was selected as a resource person for recording an online Teaching Learning Material (TLM) lecture Video using MOOCS through the SWAYAM platform, on “Women and Media” as part of the Annual Refresher course in Gender Studies by the UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication attended an International Workshop organized by Google News Initiative-India Training Network, in collaboration with Internews, Boom Live and Data Leads International held at Kolkata from 13 to 16 December 2018. The workshop was aimed at training the media educators on Debunking Fake News, fact-checking and Verification.

Ghazala Yasmin of department of Journalism and Mass Communication presented a paper titled “The Cusp of Feminism and #Metoo Movement: The Role of Media in Mainstreaming Marginalized Voices” at the South Asia Communication Conference on Media and the Marginalized Communities at KIIT, Bhubaneswar on 21-22 December 2018.

Ayatullah Faruk Mollah of department of Computer Science and Engineering was awarded iCell Postdoctoral Fellowship from University of Warsaw, Poland for 6 months.

Sumanta Ray of department of Computer Science and Engineering was awarded ERCIM (European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics) Alain Bensoussan Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for 12 months.

Rukshana of department of Geography submitted a Major Research Project entitled *Nature and Dimension of Crop Diversification at smallholders in West Bengal* funded (Rs. 10, 00,000/-) by ICCSR, Ministry of Human Resources Development.

Abhishek Das of department of Computer Science and Engineering served as a Member of Technical Program Committee of the IEEE International Conference on Information Technology & e-Services held in Sousse, Tunisia on 31 December 2018.

Shaheen Sultana of department of Urdu presented a paper entitled “Comparative Study of Mirza Ghalib & Willam Wordsworth” in 6th International Conference of Modern Approach in Humanities in Paris, France held on 2-4 November 2018.



PUBLICATIONS OF THE TEACHERS

Abdur Rahim Gazi of the department of Bengali has published an edited volume entitled *Soharab Hossain : Jiban O Sahitya* .

Abhishek Das of the department of Computer Science and Engineering has published, along with his co-authors, a book entitled *Secret Variant Session Key Based Symmetric Cryptography* by Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany, 2018 .

Arup Kumar Baksi of the department of Management and Business Administration has published several papers and book chapters including "Branding Destinations with Dultisensory Brand Associations and Evaluating its Impact on Behavioural Pattern under the Intervention of Multiplex Phenomenon of Relationship-branding" in *Management Science Letters*, Vol.8, "Redefining Brand-consumer Relationship through Anthropomorphisation: Moderating Impacts of Self-brand Integration and Brand Attitude: Personal Care Brands" in *SCMS Journal of Indian Management*, Vol. 15, "Examining Role of Leading Edge Status on Diffusion of Innovation in Indian Rural Markets" in *Frontiers in Management Research* and has edited a volume entitled *Frontiers in Management Research*.

Bishwanath Chakraborty from the department of Biological sciences has published several review articles and research papers including "Molecular recognition of fungal pathogens and activation of plant immune response" in *Indian Phytopathology*, "Edible mushroom: Boon to human health and nutrition" in *Journal of Mycopathological Research*, "Bacillus safeensis from wheat rhizosphere promotes growth and ameliorates salinity stress in wheat" in *Indian Journal of Biotechnology*, "evaluation of antioxidant and antidiabetic activity of Pleurotusdjamor cultivated in North Bengal" in *Journal of Mycology and Plant Pathology*.

Furquan Uddin of the department of Management and Business Administration has published a paper entitled "An Empirical Study on Product Objectives of LIC of India" in *Pacific Business Review International*, 10 (11).

Ghazala Yasmin of the department of Journalism and Mass communication has published a chapter entitled "Mediating with the Mammoth: Media's Role in Covering the Great Indian Elections" in an Edited Volume on *Media, Governance and Cultural Issues*.

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