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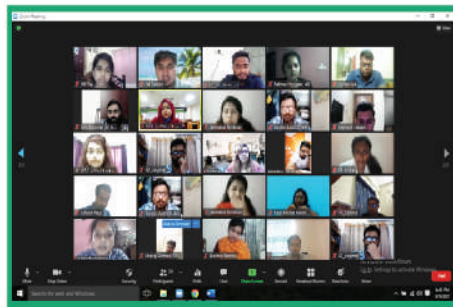


It is a matter of great pleasure that Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) is bringing out the 29th issue of BUP Newsletter. BUP started its journey in 2008 with the motto "Excellence Through Knowledge". Keeping this motto ahead, BUP Newsletter is acting as a comprehensive communication vehicle to provide BUP community with balanced and objective coverage of issues, a means of staying in touch with their alma mater as well as one another. BUP is continuing its overall activities amidst this global pandemic which is truly commendable.

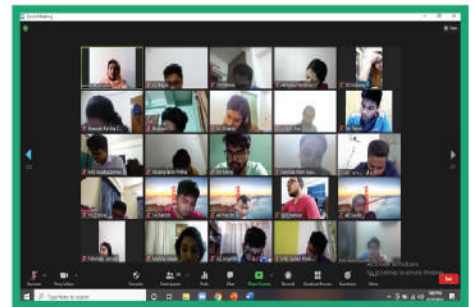
This newsletter recognizes the contributions of BUP family that they made in accelerating the progress of the University. The most significant events of the last quarter were-13th Annual Senate Meeting, Webinar titled 'Team BUP: Past, Present and Future' held on the occasion of 13th BUP Raising Day, Webinar on 'Bangladesh's Graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Category: Future Challenges and Development Strategies', Webinar titled 'Climate Change Vulnerability and Local Adaptation Strategies in Bangladesh' and so on.

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Editorial Board for their relentless effort in making this publication a success. I hope such endeavours would continue in future.

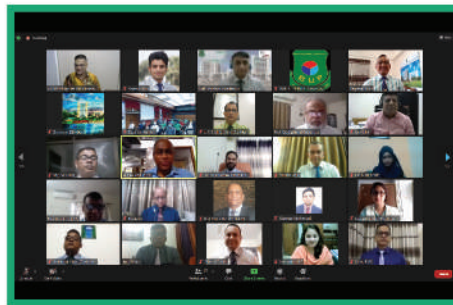
Photo Gallery



Faculty Member Conducting Online Class



Glimpse of Conducting Online Exam



First and Former VC Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud, psc, PhD speaking at 13th BUP Raising Day



Ongoing Development Activities of BUP



13th Annual Senate Meeting Held



The 13th Annual Senate Meeting of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was held on 27 June 2021 at Bijoy Auditorium of its campus. This year, senate members participated in the meeting both physically

and virtually maintaining social distance and appropriate health precautions. Senate Chairman and BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc presided over the meeting. At the outset, he presented a speech on various academic, administrative, and ongoing development activities of the university amidst the ongoing global pandemic. BUP Treasurer Air Cdre Muhammad Belal, BUP, NDU, ndc, psc, GD(P) presented a revised budget of Tk 107.90 crore for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and a budget of Tk 128.33 crore for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Air Commodore Md Readad Hossain, BUP, ndc, afwc, psc, ADWC, Chief of Public Relation, Information & Publications (PRI&P) presented the 13th Annual Report of BUP. Apart from approving the 2020-2021 revised budget, the senate members also approved the budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year amounting Tk. 128.33 crore and the 13th Annual Report of BUP. Registrar, BUP Brigadier General Abdullah Al Mamun, SPP, ndc, psc, G moderated the meeting as Member Secretary. At the beginning of his speech, Vice Chancellor paid homage to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the architect of our independence and the father of nation. He also wished peace and forgiveness to the souls of all the renowned academics, scientists, poets, writers, journalists, intellectuals, politicians, and those who lost their loved ones due to COVID-19. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor said that even though the classrooms are closed due to the global pandemic, the university has been arranging online classes since the beginning of this lockdown precisely. To maintain the highest quality of online class, BUP has provided various benefits to the students such as cash payment, free laptop, tuition fee waiver etc. He further mentioned that though BUP is young in age, but our students are reflecting the sign of talent continuously in various national and international arena and upholding the image of their university. The VC, in his speech, also emphasized on the purchase of books, journals and documents, provision of scholarships for students, review of curriculum, grants of computer items and books, research expenditure, publication of books and participation in academic exchange programmes with foreign universities etc. which got special priority in this budget. Among the senate members, notably Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, MP, Lt. Col. Muhammad Faruk Khan (Retd.), MP, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Major (Retd) Rafiqul Islam, Bir Uttam, MP, Secretaries from different ministries, high officials from Bangladesh Armed Forces, high officials of BUP and BUP Pro-VC Prof. M Abul Kashem Mozumder, PhD were present in the meeting. At the end, Senate Chairman thanked everyone for their gracious presence and active participation in the meeting and concluded that.

Webinar on 'Bangladesh's Graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Category: Future Challenges and Development Strategies' Held



A Webinar on 'Bangladesh's Graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Category: Future Challenges and Development Strategies' was held on 01 April 2021 on ZOOM platform with the presence of Chief Guest Dr. Mashiur Rahman, the Honorable Economic Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, Palli Karma Sahayak

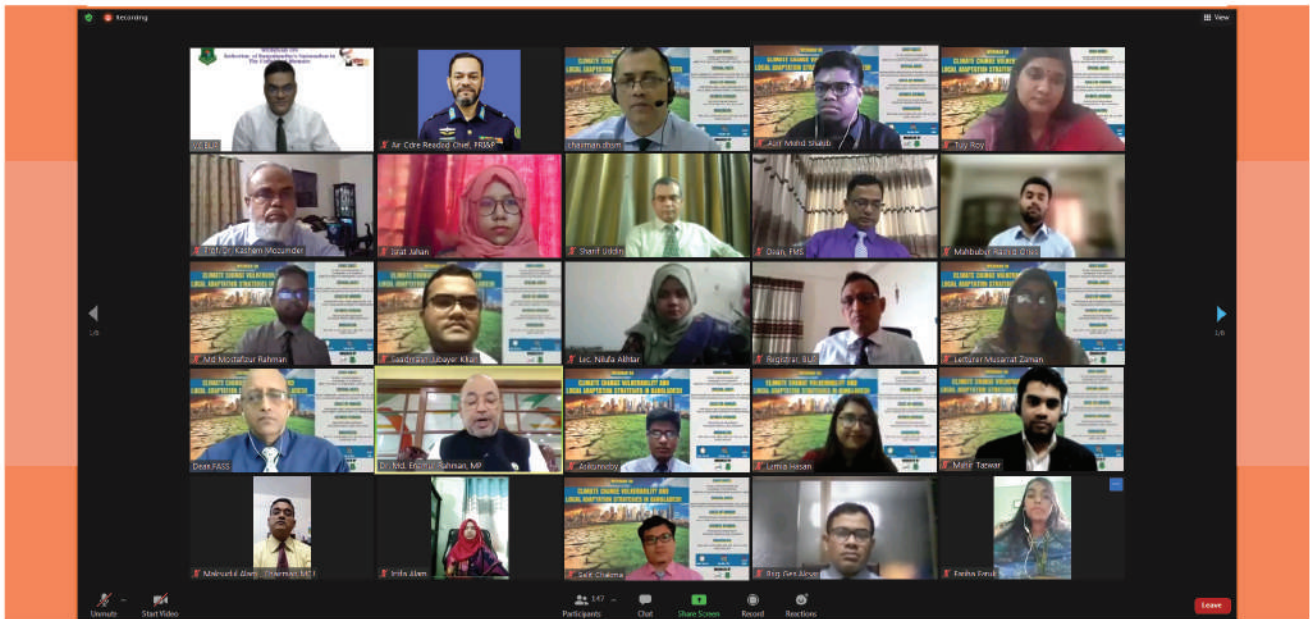
Foundation (PKSF) was the Keynote Speaker and Dr. Zahid Hussain, Former Lead Economist, The World Bank Bangladesh was the Guest Speaker of the online seminar. Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc, Vice Chancellor, BUP and Professor M Abul Kashem Mozumder, Ph.D Pro-Vice Chancellor, BUP were present as Special Guests. Speakers pointed out that Bangladesh's graduation from the LDC category is a clear sign of progress and a token of global recognition. Besides the reputational benefits, the main idea is to develop the country and transform the economy structurally towards high productivity economic activities. They also provided directions for devising a smooth strategy to overcome the challenges and to realize the potentials from this key milestone in the country's marvelous journey towards development. Brigadier General A.K.M. Iqbal Azim, ndc, psc, G+, PhD, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, chairmen, faculty members, students of Department of Development Studies including MDS (Professional) and other departments of BUP and several invited guests attended the webinar.

Webinar on "Administrative Philosophy of Bangabandhu"

To commemorate the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation as well as the golden jubilee of the nation itself, the Department of Public Administration of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) arranged a webinar titled 'Administrative Philosophy of Bangabandhu'on 06 April 2021. The aim of the webinar was to understand the administrative philosophies of Bangabandhu along with his unique personality both as a political and an administrative leader in order to explore how he struggled for the freedom of the Bengali nation and a nation-state. Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Public Administration, Farhad Hossain, MP joined the webinar as the chief guest while BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc joined as the special guest. BUP Pro-VC Professor M Abul Kashem Mozumder, Ph.D joined the webinar as the guest of honor. Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Bangabandhu Chair Professor, BUP presented the keynote paper. Brigadier General A.K.M. Iqbal Azim, ndc, psc, G+, PhD., Dean, FASS moderated the webinar. Among others, BUP high officials, faculty members and students also attended the webinar.



Webinar titled 'Climate Change Vulnerability and Local Adaptation Strategies in Bangladesh' Held



The Department of Disaster & Human Security Management (DHSM) of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) arranged a webinar titled 'Climate Change Vulnerability and Local Adaptation Strategies in Bangladesh' on 02 May 2021. Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP joined the webinar as the chief guest while BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc joined as the special guest. BUP Pro-VC Professor M Abul KashemMozumder, Ph.D joined the webinar as the guest of honor and Professor Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University presented the keynote paper. Brigadier General A.K.M. Iqbal Azim, ndc, psc, G+, PhD., Dean, FASS moderated the webinar. The speaker stated in the webinar that South Asia is the most vulnerable region of the world in terms of climate change impacts. Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries in this high-risk list. Melting Himalayas to the north, sending ever more unpredictable river-flow through the country, squeezed against the real potential of rising Bay of Bengal to the south, causing the rise of the sea level, weather and climate pattern change, extreme heat, drought, flood, and cyclonic events which have a significant impact on human health. The speakers mentioned that local adaptation strategies should be given priority to improve the present condition. The initiative includes community-based disaster preparedness, disaster-resilient habitat in cyclone-prone areas, floating garden approach, risk reduction training, research, and awareness program. Among others, BUP high officials, faculty members and students also attended the webinar.

Webinar titled 'Ecosystem Restoration as Environmental Conservation Strategy: Bangladesh Perspective' Held at BUP

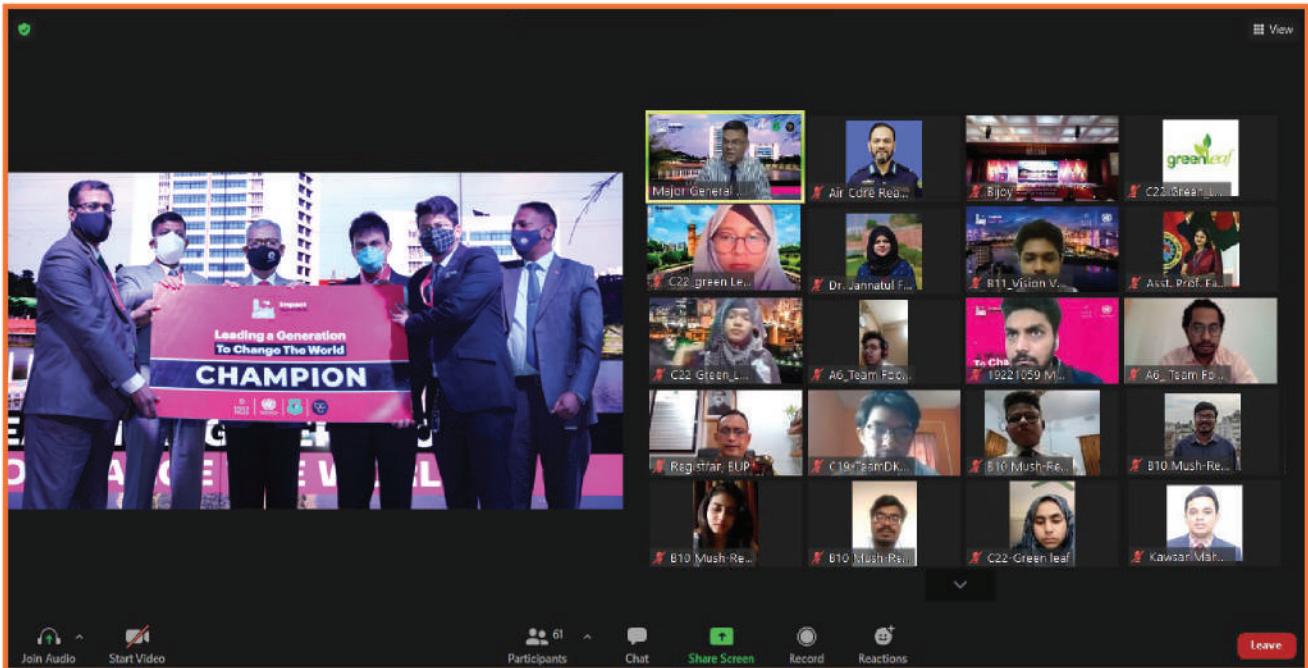


The Environmental Club (EnCBUP) supervised by the Department of Environmental Science under Faculty of Science and Technology of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) arranged a webinar titled 'Ecosystem Restoration as Environmental Conservation Strategy: Bangladesh Perspective' on 06 June 2021. Honorable Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Habibun Nahar M.P. joined the webinar as the chief guest while BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc joined as the special guest. BUP Pro-VC Professor M Abul Kashem Mozumder, Ph.D joined the webinar as the guest of honor and Professor Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University presented the keynote paper. Brigadier General Golam Faruque, psc, Dean, FST moderated the webinar. Moreover, Mr. Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmed, forest and nature expert; Former Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh; Ex – CCF, Bangladesh Forest Department, Mr. Muqeed Majumdar Babu, Chairman, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation and Malik Fida A Khan, Executive Director (in Charge, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services, CEGIS) and Member of National River Conservation Commission also spoke on the webinar. The speakers mentioned in their speeches that from forests to wetlands to coasts, we all depend on healthy ecosystems for our survival. Despite the inevitable necessity of ecosystem services, over 4.7 million hectares of forests are lost every year. Over half of the world's wetlands have disappeared in the last century. Ecosystem loss is depriving the world of carbon sinks, like forests and peatlands. Global greenhouse gas emissions have grown for three consecutive years and the planet is one pace ahead of having a potential catastrophic climate change. The emergence of COVID-19 has also shown how disastrous the consequences of ecosystem loss can be. By shrinking the area of natural habitat for animals, we have created ideal conditions for pathogens to spread. Considering all the losses occurred in last few decades, ecosystem restoration is a global undertaking at massive scale. It means bringing back plants and animals from the edge of extinction. This initiative emphasized on repairing billions of hectares of land so that people can have the access to healthy food, clean water and jobs. Among others, BUP high officials, faculty members and students also attended the webinar.

Webinar titled 'Team BUP: Past, Present and Future' held on the occasion of 13th Raising Day

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) celebrated its 13th Raising Day on 05 June 2021 with due dignity. This University has completed its 12 years of successful journey and stepped into the 13th year on this raising day. Due to pandemic situation, the day was celebrated in a smaller scale in this year. To mark the day, BUP arranged a webinar titled 'Team BUP: Past, Present and Future'. BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc joined in the webinar as the chief guest. Lt Col Md Mehedi Hasan Chowdhury, psc, Inf, Additional Registrar, Academic Section moderated the programme. BUP first and former VC Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud, ndu, psc, PhD (Retd) gave a welcome speech at the beginning of the ceremony and provided various directional information on the past, present and future of BUP. Moreover, BUP VC, Pro-VC, Registrar, high officials, teachers, employees, former and current students spoke on the webinar highlighting the significance of BUP Day. The chief guest in his speech stated that we need to move forward with the spirit of freedom. He also mentioned that BUP one day will be ranked among the best universities in the world by dint of cooperation, expansion of basic research and improvement of quality education. Among others, BUP high officials, faculty members, staffs, former and present students also joined the webinar.

Closing Ceremony of Hult Prize Dhaka Regional Summit 2021 Held



The closing ceremony of two-day long Hult Prize Dhaka Regional Summit 2021 organized by BUP Business and Communication Club (BCC) run by the Department of Business Administration in Marketing, Faculty of Business Studies (FBS) of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) was held on 04 April 2021 at Bijoy Auditorium of its campus. The aim of the Hult Prize is to provide an opportunity for the university students around the world to create an impact on humanity, society and the world through a sustainable business, a business that can change the world. The 2021 challenge is aiming at creating jobs, stimulating economies, reimagining supply chains, and improving outcomes for 10,000,000 people by 2030. BUP VC Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc joined the programme as the chief guest. This year Bangladesh University of Professionals is one of the campuses to hold the Impact Summit with 63 Teams from different countries. The countries are- Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, China, Japan and South Korea. In the competition, six teams- 05 from Bangladesh and 01 from Nepal were qualified for the final round. In the grand finale, 'Mush Reign' from Bangladesh Agricultural University won the champion trophy, Team DKCK from Army IBA runner-up and, Green Leaf from Dr. M A Wazed Miah Textile Engineering College secured second runner-up trophy. Among others, BUP high officials, faculty members, students and invited guests also participated in the programme both physically and virtually.

BUP Team Wins Business Case Competition



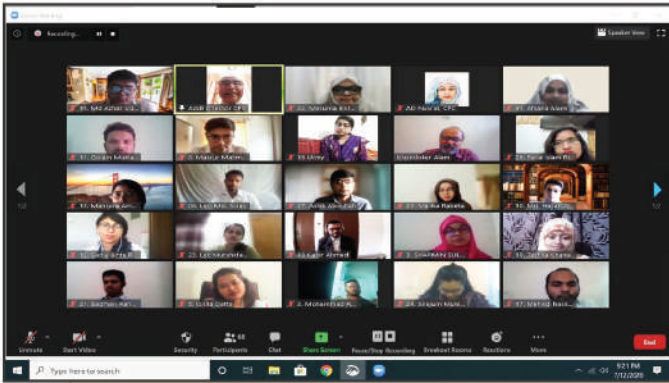
Hatti ma tim Team from Bangladesh University of Professionals became the gold winner of HSBC-BB Business Case Competition 2021, a business strategy competition which was jointly organized by HSBC Bangladesh and BRAC Business School. The team first qualified in the intra-BUP round, and then represented BUP in the national rounds. For the

national rounds, they had to compete with top teams from universities across the country in three arduous rounds. In the first round, they had to outline strategies to meet the assigned target of the HSBC International Education Program. As for the second round, the team had to comprehend the effect of pandemic on the RMG industry of Bangladesh and had to strategize expansion of a particular RMG company. The final round addressed a very alarming issue which the world is currently facing: carbon emission. The team was required to come up with a solution to efficiently reduce carbon footprint in the advertising industry through 'Ad Net Zero' initiative by UK Ad Industry. The team comprising Fabiliha Anbar, SharhaShahneela Huda, and Adib Ahmed Arnob from Department of Business Administration- General, and Rayan Rahman from Department of Accounting and Information Systems, came up with an AI-based solution and a Net Zero application which will help support the net zero ambition. Defeating more than 80 top teams from Bangladesh, Hatti ma tim Team emerged victorious in the national rounds and represented Bangladesh in the international rounds in Hong Kong in June 2021. In addition to earning the glory of representing the country in a global platform, the team was also awarded with BDT 200,000 of seed money.

Hatti ma tim Team



Web Sessions Conducted by CPC During this Covid-19 Pandemic for All the Students of BUP

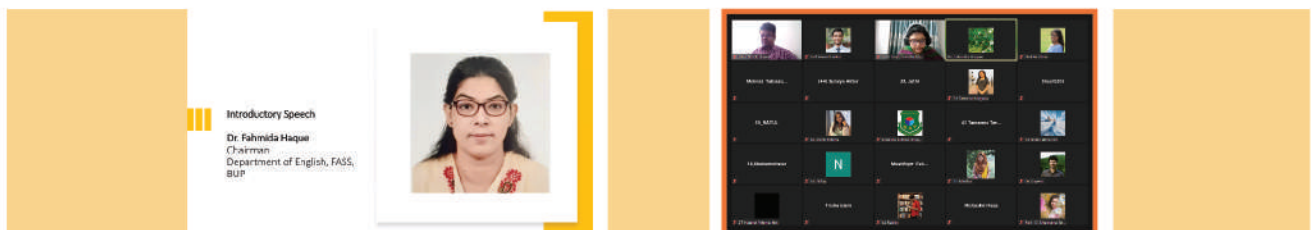


With the prudent directives of respected BUP Vice Chancellor Major General Md Moshfequr Rahman, SGP, SUP, ndc, psc, Counselling and Placement Center (CPC) of BUP conducted web sessions regularly since the beginning of the pandemic. At present time, students are facing different kinds of stresses

like career stress, academic stress, socio-emotional stress, and anxiety etc. To help them overcome those, the CPC of BUP arranged the web sessions. CPC conducted total 23 specialized webinars besides numerous individual counselling sessions from 21 March 2021 which concluded ended on 12 April 2021 for all students of 16 departments from all faculties of BUP. There were students from all the 63 batches who participated spontaneously in this web sessions where the attendance was highly remarkable (around 95%). Considering the present situation, these web sessions were conducted in three different aspects- career guidance, strategies to study smart & how to maximise online study and emotional intelligence & tantrum management for academic success. These sessions benefitted the students immensely in continuing their stress free and smooth studies. Interested faculties and Chairmen were also present in those sessions. Students were encouraged to a greater level in continuing education amidst uncertainty and anxiety of this pandemic time. CPC received huge positive responses and feedback from the students. Career guidance sessions were conducted by Mahmuda Akter, Assistant Director and web sessions on strategies to study smart & how to maximise online study were conducted by Lamia Rahman, Academic Counsellor. Emotional intelligence & tantrum management for academic success web sessions were conducted by Md. Rakibul Hasan. During these sessions, students discussed various problems they are facing and got their solutions. These web sessions were overseen by Additional Director of CPC, Lt Col Abu Ayub Md Hassan, psc. Besides, he also conducted the training session for newly recruited Faculty members and newly joined officers of BUP where he made a presentation on the activities of CPC.

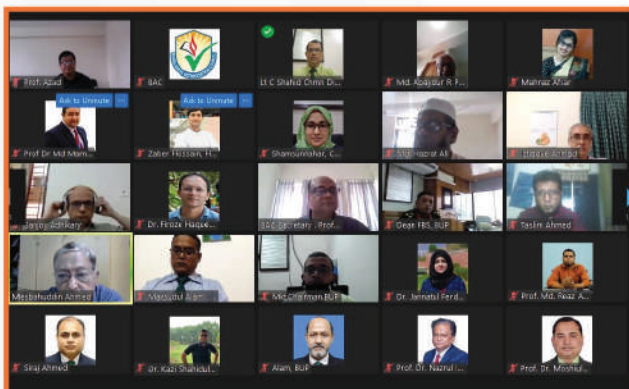
Webinar titled “English Novels and Social Theory: A Critical Survey from Marxism to Ecocriticism” Held

A webinar titled “English Novels and Social Theory: A Critical Survey from Marxism to Ecocriticism” was held on 22 May 2021, organized by English Department, BUP under the guidance of Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), BUP. The purpose of this seminar was to share ideas how English novels are interlinked with the rise of social theories, and how our research students of interdisciplinary interest can think and work on this area for academic as well as for knowledge. The speaker of this session was Muhammad Nurul Islam, Assistant Professor, Department of English, BUP. The participants were faculties from all departments of FASS and students from English department mostly. The seminar continued for about 1.30 hours in two segments: the Talk and the Question- Answer session. Overall, it has been very exciting, active, and engaging talk for the audience.



2 Days long Virtual Workshop On “Bangladesh National Qualifications Framework (BNQF)” and “Accreditation Standards & Criteria”

Workshop on “Bangladesh National Qualifications Framework (BNQF)” & “Accreditation Standards & Criteria” held on 9th & 10th June 2021 at 1030 hrs respectively on Virtual Platform by Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC). A three-hour long workshop there were participants of Deans, Directors of IQACs & Head of the Departments from 10 universities. Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairman, BAC was the chair of the event while the honorable members of BAC Mr. Istiaque Ahmad, Professor Dr. Md. Golam Shahi Alam, Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumer Adhikary, Professor Dr. S. M. Kabir were present as resource persons. The workshop was anchored by Secretary of the Council Professor A.K.M. Monirul Islam. There were 24 participants of Dean OEFCD & Director of IQAC, Dean FBS, all Departments Chairman, Associate & Assistant Professor of OEFCD and Additional Director of IQAC from Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) were attended in the 2 days long workshop and took part in the discussion session to express in their views.



Joining

Brigadier General
Mohammad Tawhid-UI-Islam,
BSP, ndu, psc, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Chief Finance Officer,
Chief Finance Office on 11 June 2021.



Brigadier General
Md Sohrab Hossain Bhuiyan,
PBG, ndc, psc, G+ has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Inspector of Colleges,
Inspector of Colleges on 29 May 2021.



Brigadier General
Najm-Us-Sakib,
afwc, psc, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Chief ICT Officer,
ICT Centre on 01 June 2021.



Colonel
Md Mahbubur Rahaman,
has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals,
(BMA) as the Director,
Admin Wing,
Faculty of Business and Social Science (BMA)
on 4 June 2021.



Lieutenant Colonel
Md Maksudul Alam,
PBG, Arty, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Chairman,
Department of Mass Communication
and Journalism, FSSS on 5 April 2021.



Lieutenant Colonel
Mahammad Khalid Ahmed,
PBG, psc, Arty, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Chairman,
Department of Economics, FASS
on 18 May 2021.



Lieutenant Colonel
Md Mehedi Hasan Chowdhury,
psc, Inf, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Additional Registrar,
Academic Section on 02 April 2021.



Major
Arif Nashad Anam,
Arty, has joined
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
as the Coord to Dean,
Faculty of Business and Social Science (BMA)
on 24 April 2021.



Farewell

Brigadier General
Md Israt Hossain,
ndc, psc, has completed
his last working day
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
on 17 May 2021.



Colonel
Md Zahid Hossain
has completed his last working day
at Bangladesh University of Professionals,
BMA on 15 June 2021.



Lieutenant Colonel
S M Towhidul Islam,
SPP, Inf, has completed
his last working day
at Bangladesh University of Professionals
on 13 April 2021.



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