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From the Desk of the Editor

We lost Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the fateful night of 15 August 44 years ago when a section of disgruntled Army officers killed him and most of his family. The great leader whom the contemporary history has recognised as the greatest Bengali of a thousand years was brutally killed in less than four years after he assumed office as the founding President following Bangladesh's victory against Pakistani occupation forces through a bloody nine-month war. Bangabandhu is no more physically present among us, but he is always among us as a guiding force of the nation and remains equally relevant these days too and will be as he was even since before the birth of Bangladesh.

The discrimination by the West Pakistani rulers against the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, in their 24 years' rule left Bangladesh far behind the western part in almost all fields, including economy, education and infrastructures. The discrimination was the main factor behind Bengalis standing against Pakistani rulers and waging struggles for self-determination. After the independence, Bangabandhu made all possible efforts to elevate Bangladesh economically and socially with the vision to turn it Sonar Bangla (Golden Bangla). He took many decisions for the expansion of education with the understanding that the nation cannot develop without proper education. It was Bangabandhu who founded University Grants of Bangladesh (UGC) of Bangladesh for the promotion of higher education. He constituted the Qudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission for bringing major changes in the education system suitable for the new nation.

Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the daughter of the Bangabandhu, has been working relentlessly to accomplish many unfinished works of the country's founding father. Anyone will credit her with the colossal expansion of higher education in Bangladesh through establishment of a large number of institutions both in public and private sectors.

Bangladesh is going to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from March 17 next year. It is very delightful that education sector will be given special attention during the year-long celebration of the birth centenary dubbed Mujib Borsho (Mujib Year).

Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum
Member, UGC

Memorial lecture on Bangabandhu at UGC



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh organized a Memorial Lecture on the life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman marking the 44th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation and the National Mourning Day. UGC Officers' Association and UGC Karmachari Union jointly arranged the programme.

Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam, former Professor of Department of English at the University of Dhaka, spoke as Memorial Speaker while Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, was present as the chief guest on the occasion.

Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC and President of UGC Officers' Association, presided over the programme while Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Members of UGC, spoke at the event, among others.

Speaking at the programme, Professor Manzoorul Islam said, "We have to work on Bangabandhu's education thoughts to build Bangladesh as a developed and prosperous country. Bangabandhu believed that the country's progress depends on the pursuit of new knowledge."

"And, universities are ideal institutions to create new knowledge and dissemination of it among the stakeholders" he said adding Bangabandhu gave autonomy to universities and respected the teacher community the most.

He said Bangabandhu formed the National Education Commission for building an educated, science-minded and merit-based society.

UGC Chairman Professor Kazi Shahidullah, in his speech, urged all to uphold the spirit of Liberation War and take lessons from the life and works of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

UGC observes National Mourning Day



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh led by its Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah paid tributes to Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 44th death anniversary.

The Commission placed a wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi Road 32 on August 15. UGC Members Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum were present. Presidents and general secretaries of UGC Officers' Association and Karmachari Union along with officers and employees at different levels of the Commission were also present.

Bangabandhu's mural unveiled at UGC

A mural of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been installed at University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, unveiled the mural on September 24.

The UGC Chairman along with its full time members paid rich tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at the mural. Later, they took part in a special prayer seeking eternal peace of the



departed souls of Bangabandhu and other martyrs of August 15, 1975 carnage.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC, divisional heads and employees of UGC were present at that time.

The 13 feet high and 10 feet wide mural of the Bangabandhu made of tiles has been set up at the entrance of UGC.

BUET remembers Father of the Nation



Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) organized a Doa Mahfil and discussion marking the 44th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 24. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

While delivering his speech, Professor Kazi Shahidullah spoke on different aspects of the life and works of Bangabandhu and his leadership role in building the foundation of Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Mahbubul Alam, Dean of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Professor Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Dean of Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Professor Dr. Pran Kanai Saha, Dean of Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Professor Dr. Ijaz Hossain, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, and Professor Dr. Md Mizanur Rahman, Director of Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW) at BUET, among others, spoke at the event.

APUB organizes discussion on National Mourning Day



The Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh (APUB) organized a discussion and Doa Mahfil to observe the National Mourning Day 2019 at Bangladesh National Museum on August 26.

Dr. AK Abdul Momen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was present on the occasion as the chief guest while Mr. AKM Enamul Hoque Shameem, Deputy Minister for Water Resources, and Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, were the special guests. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairman of Bangladesh Accreditation Council and National Professor Rafiqul Islam was present as the guests of honour. Sheikh Kabir Hossain, Chairman of APUB, presided over it.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen said Bangladesh could have been a developed nation 20 years ago had Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman not been assassinated. "The major characteristic of Bangabandhu was that he loved

people... The annual growth of Bangladesh is the highest among the all Asian nations and it has happened because we follow the path shown by him," he said.

UGC Chairman Professor Kazi Shahidullah said Bangabandhu first laid emphasis on economic emancipation of the country, but his contribution was mostly reproached after his assassination.

Chairmen, Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellors, Faculty Members, and students from different universities took part in the program.

UGC selects four renowned researchers as UGC Professor



Dr. Fakrul Alam



Dr. Khorshed Ahmed Kabir



Dr. ABM Abdullah



Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan Akanda

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh has selected four renowned researchers of the country as UGC Professors for the next two years. The decision was unanimously taken at a meeting held on August 6 with Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, in the chair.

The selected UGC Professors were Dr. Fakrul Alam, retired Professor of English Department at the University of Dhaka, Dr. Khorshed Ahmed Kabir, retired Professor of Nuclear Engineering at the University of Dhaka, Dr. ABM Abdullah, retired Professor of Medicine at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, and Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan Akanda, former Vice Chancellor and retired Professor of Plant Pathology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University.

According to UGC Professorship Guideline, retired renowned researchers of Bangladesh are

given UGC professorship. The UGC Professor will receive a monthly honorarium, which shall be equivalent to the highest monthly salary of a Selection Grade Professor. The UGC Professor will be attached to a university or an approved research institution of his/her choice.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, Professor Dr. Harun-or-Rashid, Vice Chancellor of National University, Professor Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor of Jashore University of Science and Technology, and Mr. Md. Omar Faruque, Director (Current Charge), Research Support and Publication Division of UGC, among others, were present at the meeting.

Meeting on holding cluster admission test at Bangladesh Agricultural University



A meeting on holding cluster admission test for seven agricultural universities for 2019-2020 academic session was held at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on August 22. Chaired by Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of UGC, the meeting was attended, among others, by Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali and Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Members of UGC.

Besides, Vice Chancellors from Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Sylhet Agricultural University, Khulna Agricultural University, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and Patuakhali Science and Technology University and representatives from the Ministry of Education and UGC were present.

Professor Akhtar Hossain in his speech said all necessary preparations have already been completed for holding the cluster entry test and UGC seeks support and cooperation from all concerned to execute the system to reduce the sufferings of and financial burdens on the candidates and fulfil people's expectations.

Workshop on strategic planning for high-tech agricultural education and research



A two-day workshop on strategic planning for high-tech agricultural education and research in Bangladesh was held on July 1 and 2 at InterContinental Hotel in Dhaka. University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and ADB jointly organized the workshop.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, graced the opening ceremony as the chief guest and Mr. Manmohan Parkash, Country Director of ADB, as the special guest. Professor Dr. Lutful Hassan, Vice Chancellor of BAU, delivered the address of welcome while Dr. Monjurul Alam of BAU presented the keynote paper on challenges and opportunities in high-tech agriculture at the workshop.

UGC Members Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Vice Chancellors of agricultural universities, representatives from the Ministry of Education, UGC and ADB, among others, were present on the occasion.

In his speech, Professor Kazi Shahidullah said it is high time to revamp agricultural education and training. "Country's farmers need to switch to knowledge-intensive high-tech agriculture from traditional input-driven agriculture if they are to meet future demands. For this, ADB, in

association with UGC and agriculture universities, is preparing a strategic plan for development of our agricultural education”.

He also said universities should improve curriculums, and strengthen institutional capacity and their links with industry to support young, high-tech agripreneurs.

Manmohan Parkash said ADB is keen to help high-tech agricultural education for transforming Bangladesh's agricultural sector and human resources.

UGC signs deal with university teachers to publish textbooks in higher education



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh signed an agreement with three university teachers on July 24 to publish UGC-approved textbooks on higher education. As per the agreement, UGC will ensure the authors' copyrights of the books. The signing ceremony was held at UGC Bhaban where Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, was present as the chief guest. Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC, and the writers signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

The authors of books are Professor Dr. A.K.M. Moinul Haque Meaze of University of Chittagong, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad of World University of Bangladesh and Professor Dr. Ayesha Begum of the University of Dhaka. Their books are Kona Porichiti, Communication Engineering and Fundamentals, and Pabnar Oitihashik Imarat respectively.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Professor Dr. Sazzad Hossain said UGC's assistance to publish standard textbooks for tertiary education will continue. He urged university teachers to come forward to write quality textbooks.

Workshop on 'Status of the IQACs at Public Universities: Ways to Step Forward' at UGC



UGC arranged a day-long workshop titled "Status of the IQACs at Public Universities: Ways to Step Forward" at its auditorium on September 9. Professor Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, as the chief guest graced the event, presided over by Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, in-charge of the SPQA Division at UGC.

The UGC Chairman, in his speech, said the Commission is enhancing its monitoring activities to ensure the quality of tertiary education in the country. "Quality education depends on high-quality faculties. Faculty members need to improve their knowledge and skills continuously for the development of the students. Otherwise, they have to face difficulties as UGC is enhancing its monitoring activities," he said.

The UGC Chairman urged the university teachers not to give GPA 4 or highest GPA unnecessarily in the name of quality enhancement. "UGC wants to ensure the quality, first. Because, our graduates lack quality and skills. Employers become losers for hiring unskilled graduates," he said adding IQAC would play an important role in enhancing the quality of tertiary education.

Speaking at the programme, UGC Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir said the outcome of the workshop will provide very decisive lights to the IQAC of all public universities as well as UGC for the development of quality culture in higher education.

UGC Members Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Secretary Dr. Md. Khaled, Director (SPQA Division) Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan, divisional heads, officers of SPQA Division of UGC and IQAC Directors of different public universities of the country were present on the occasion.

156th Full Commission meeting of UGC



The 156th Full Commission meeting of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh was held at UGC Bhaban on September 24. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, presided over the meeting.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary (In-charge) of Planning Commission, Professor Dr. Shireen Akhter, Vice Chancellor (Current Charge) of Chittagong University, Professor Dr. Md. Giasuddin Mian, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Professor Dr. Md. Anowar Hossain, Vice Chancellor of Jashore University of Science and Technology, Professor Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Professor Dr. Md. Anowar Khasru Parvez, Treasurer of Pabna University of Science and Technology, Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC, and divisional heads of UGC were present at the meeting.

Bangladesh selected as guest country for Sardinia 2021



Bangladesh has been selected as the guest country for Sardinia 2021--the 18th International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium, which will be held in Italy on October 03-07 in 2021. The decision was taken at the opening session of Sardinia 2019 conference held in Cagliari, Italy from September 30 to October 03, 2019.

Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, attended the conference and presented a paper on 'Challenges to Combat Environmental Degradation due to the Rohingya Influx in Bangladesh'.

On the selection of Bangladesh as the guest country, Professor Alamgir said, "It is a big achievement for us. We will be able to showcase our beloved country in international arena through Sardinia Symposium." He said Bangladesh's waste management, culture and development activities can be presented before the international community. Professor Alamgir sought necessary support, assistance and cooperation from the government and relevant stakeholders.

Addressing the Sardinia 2019 closing ceremony, the UGC Member said unprecedented development is taking place in the country with the implementation of several mega projects, such as Bangabandhu Satellite, Padma Bridge, Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, Metro Rail, Elevated Express Way and Karnapuli Tunnel, under the outstanding, visionary and dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He chaired a technical session titled "Waste Management Sustainability in Developing Countries". He also spoke at a roundtable discussion on "Waste and Health" at the closing session as one of the invited speakers.

Workshop on 'Evaluation of DLE Application System' at UGC

A workshop on 'Evaluation of Digital Learning Environment (DLE) Application System' organized by Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) was held at UGC on August 28. The workshop was arranged to evaluate the activities performed under the "Facilitating Distance Learning Using Digital Conferencing Facility" project financed by Asi@Connect.



Representatives from Research and Education Networks of Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, and 10 faculties from different universities of Bangladesh participated in the event. A total of 120 participants from the four member countries took part in the cyber security courses as part of the distance learning for the first time after the establishment of BdREN. The participants and resource persons from home and abroad expressed their feelings and experiences through videoconferencing.

At the end of the workshop, UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah distributed digital certificates among the successful trainees as the chief guest. UGC Members Professor Dr. Md Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir delivered their speeches at the workshop. BdREN Chief Executive Officer Mr. Mohammad Tawrit delivered the introductory speech.

UGC holds meeting with WB for strengthening HEMIS



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh held a meeting with the World Bank (WB) on July 14 for establishing a comprehensive Higher Education Management Information System (HEMIS) under the proposed 'Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation' (HEAT) project.

Experts present at the meeting suggested the incorporation of data analytics, blockchain, artificial intelligence and other related issues for tackling the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution in HEMIS.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of UGC, presided over the meeting. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Members of UGC, Professor Dr. Mohammad Shahdat Hossain of University of Chittagong, Professor Dr. Roshidul Hasan of BSMRAU, Professor Syed Aktar Hossain of Daffodil International University and Professor Dr. Khondker Al Mamaun of United International University, Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer of the World Bank, officials from UGC, World Bank and ProInd were present at the meeting.

HEMIS was established to assist UGC to enhance ICT activities in higher education sector. On the other hand, HEAT project aims to upgrade tertiary education, promote graduate employability, enhance connectivity and create women leadership in a number of countries in South East Asia.

BIDA Executive Chairman calls on Professor Kazi Shahidullah



Mr. Kazi M Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), called on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, at the latter's office on August 7. At the meeting, Mr. Aminul Islam proposed introduction of entrepreneurship courses at universities for creating skilled entrepreneurs to make Bangladesh a developed country.

Professor Kazi Shahidullah welcomed BIDA's proposal and said UGC will pay special attention to the matter. The Commission will encourage universities to include entrepreneurship courses in their curriculums.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, were present.

Canadian High Commissioner calls on UGC Chairman



Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Benoit Préfontaine called on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, at the latter's office on September 29.

Mr. Quazi Gulam Farhad, Trade Commissioner of Canadian High Commission in Dhaka, accompanied Benoit Préfontaine. Mr. Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Director of UGC, was present at the meeting.

The UGC Chairman welcomed the Canadian High Commissioner at his office and briefed him about the role and functions of UGC as well as the overall scenario of higher education in Bangladesh. During the meeting, the two sides stressed the need for establishing academic and research collaboration among the higher educational institutions of Bangladesh and Canada.

Professor Shahidullah said University Grants Commission of Bangladesh always welcomes any assistance and cooperation from any foreign country for enhancement of quality of education and internationalization of higher education.

Meeting on ensuring good governance and citizens services at UGC



University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh organized a meeting on ensuring good governance and citizen services at workplaces on September 23. The main objective of the meeting was to take services to the doorsteps of people at easiest and innovative way. Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member of UGC, presided over the meeting.

The UGC Member, in his speech, said that innovation is an integrated part of National Integrity Strategy to provide services to the citizens. "Innovative idea in citizen services is highly needed for making activities of an organization transparent and dynamic," he said urging all concerned to discharge their duties with sincerity, skills and in an innovative way.

Punctuality, economic management and national integrity strategy are essential for taking citizen services to the people's doorsteps.

The UGC Secretary, divisional heads and other employees of the Commission were present at the meeting.

IEB delegation calls on UGC Chairman



A 10-member delegation from the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh made a courtesy call on Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, at UGC on September 18.

Engr. Md. Abdus Sabur, President of IEB, led the delegation. Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Members of UGC, were also present.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed setting up of IEB Engineering and Technology University in the country for the expansion and development of engineering education.

View-exchange meeting on BdREN held at UGC



A view-exchange meeting between representatives of different government medical colleges and research organizations was held at University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on September 29 to project the concept in detail about the apps and services of Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN). Professor Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, graced the event as the chief guest.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of UGC and Vice-Chairperson of BdREN Trust, presided over the ceremony while Mr. Md. Tawrit, Chief Executive Officer of BdREN, delivered the address of welcome.

Speaking at the event, the UGC Chairman observed that an effective academic network is absent in the field of medical education and research of the country. BdREN will play an effective role in enhancement of knowledge and skills of the professionals concerned with medical education and research, he added.

Professor Kazi Shahidullah said through BdREN, teachers and other professionals of medical colleges and universities will exchange their knowledge and skills virtually. Telemedicine,

online course, training, meeting, seminar etc will contribute to the development of the country's medical and research sectors through BdREN, he added.

The UGC Chairman, also the Chairperson of BdREN Trust, said a remarkable development has taken place in medical education of the country. He stressed the need for effective use of BdREN to take the medical profession ahead. He further said BdREN will accelerate the pace and momentum of the country's higher education and research.

Professor Akhtar Hossain, in his presidential speech, said that country's medical colleges and research organizations could contribute to enhancement of knowledge and skills of the professionals concerned by using the virtual technology and digital library facilities provided by BdREN.

He said BdREN will help professionals and researchers to have access to world pool of knowledge. Terming internet connectivity crucially important in today's globalized world, he laid emphasis on expansion of BdREN activities among the country's higher educational institutions.

BdREN has so far provided high-speed internet connectivity to 64 higher educational institutions, research organizations and medical colleges of the country. Representatives from six medical colleges and six research organizations of the country were present.

Meeting held between UGC and World Bank



A meeting between University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and the World Bank (WB) was held at UGC Bhaban on July 24. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, presided over the meeting, in which the two sides discussed

the preparation of the draft Development Project Proposal (DPP) and the procurement plan of the proposed 'Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation' (HEAT) project.

Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, and Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC, among others, were present at the meeting. Dr. Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Senior Operations Officer of the World Bank, led the delegation of the global lending agency.

Meeting between UGC and ERAB



A meeting between University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and the Education Reporters' Association Bangladesh (ERAB) was held at UGC on August 21. At the meeting, Professor Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, observed that the Commission cannot play its due role for lack of executive power. He demanded that the government give executive power to UGC.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain and Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Members of UGC, Mr. Mostak Ahammed (Senior Reporter of the Daily Jugantor), President of ERAB, and Mr. Nejamul Haque (Senior Reporter of Daily Ittefaq), General Secretary of ERAB, were present.

Dhaka University accords reception to UGC Chairman

The Dhaka University (DU) authorities accorded a reception to Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, History Department Professor of the university, for his appointment as the Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh.



The History Department arranged the reception programme at Professor Sirajul Islam Lecture Hall on the campus. Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, Mr. Abu Md. Delwar Hossain, Dean of Arts Faculty, Mr. Mohon Khan, President of DU History Department Alumni Association, and Professor Dr. Nurul Huda Abul Monsur also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal, Chairperson of History Department, chaired the event.

Professor Akhtaruzzaman, in his speech, congratulated the newly appointed UGC Chairman and said he would play an active role in spreading and modernizing tertiary education.

Land development of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh begins



Land development activities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh began in Chattogram on July 22. Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, inaugurated the work through videoconferencing. Rear Admiral M. Khaled Iqbal, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh, presided over the ceremony. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, among others, was present.

The chief guest, in his speech, hoped that the university will play an important role in devising necessary theory, modern technology and creation of skilled manpower for maritime research, and exploring and extracting them. The university will be set up on 106.6 acres of land at Hamid Char in the port city.

Workshop on conservation on nature towards achieving SDG at JU



The Bangladesh unit of Japan-based organization Nagoa Environmental Natural Foundation (NEF) organized a workshop titled 'Conservation on Nature towards Achieving SDG' at the seminar hall of Zahir Raihan Auditorium at Jahangirnagar University on August 27.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Lutful Hossain, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University, Professor Dr. Farzana Islam, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, and Professor Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, spoke at the workshop as the special guests.

In his speech, the UGC Chairman Professor Kazi Shahidullah said Bangladesh lags behind other countries in higher studies. "New departments should be introduced to compete with other countries... Mass awareness is a must for protecting environment. If humans save environment, it will save humans," he added.

Bangladesh Research and Education Network gets Tk. 11 crore



Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), a major component of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), has received Tk. 11 crore from the endowment fund of HEQEP.

Md. Sohorab Hossain, Senior Secretary of Secondary and Higher Secondary Division, Ministry of Education, handed over the check for the fund to Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, in July at the Cabinet Secretariat.

Mr. Mohammad Tawrit, Chief Executive Officer of BdREN, was present at the cheque handing over ceremony.

UGC delegation visits Malaysian universities



A seven-member delegation led by Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, visited three universities of Malaysia on July 28-31. During the visit, UGC signed separate Memorandums of

Understanding (MoU) with three Malaysian universities for academic and research collaboration. The universities are Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), UCSI University and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). Under MoU signed between UGC and UTM in 2018, twenty three officials from UGC and public universities of Bangladesh attended a four day long training program on government performance management.

As per the MoUs, the universities will provide scholarships in Masters and PhD programmes for the faculty members of Bangladeshi universities. UGC and the universities mutually agreed to extend cooperation in the field of academic and administrative visit, exchange of research materials and expertise. In addition, the universities will arrange short-term academic and administrative training programmes for UGC, university and ministry officials.

Dr. Md. Khaled, Secretary of UGC, and Professor Dr. Mohd Azraai Kassim, Vice Chancellor of UiTM, Professor Dato Dr. Khalid Yusoff, Vice Chancellor of UCSI University, and Professor Dr. Ahmed Badhawir Abdul Ghani, Vice Chancellor of UUM, signed the agreements on behalf of their respective organizations.

Before the MoU signing, the delegation held a bilateral meeting with Professor Dr. Azlan Bin AB Rahman, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Development) of UiTM, for providing academic and administrative collaboration. Senior officials of UiTM were present at the meeting.

Dr. Md. Fakhrul Islam, Director, Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Hawlader, Director (Current Charge), and Ms. Jesmin Pervin, Additional Director of UGC, representatives from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance were also present.

UGC Member Professor Sazzad Hossain nominated BCSSL Independent Director



Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, has been nominated as an Independent Director of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Communication Satellite Company Ltd (BCSSL), a state-owned company,

which is operating the Bangabandhu Satellite-1. The Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology has issued a circular to this end on July 4. Before joining UGC, Professor Md. Sazzad was a Senior Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).

Space Innovation Summit at Independent University, Bangladesh



A conference titled Space Innovation Summit was held at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on July 20 to share the latest developments in aeronautical science and inspire the youth to acquire knowledge in field. Bangladesh Innovation Forum (BIF), in association with local chapter of NASA Scientific Problem Solver, organized the conference for the second time.

Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, State Minister for ICT Division, was the chief guest and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, the special guest at the inaugural ceremony, chaired by Mr. Khandker Iftekhar Haider, Treasurer of IUB. BIF

Founder Mr. Ariful Hasan Opu delivered the address of welcome.

Mr. Palak said Bangladeshi youths have proven excellence in space science at programming platform of NASA. The conference will certainly motivate the youth force to acquire knowledge on space and more works regarding space will be done in the future, he added.

Professor Sazzad Hossain, in his speech, said Bangladesh is moving towards a new horizon. "To keep pace with the development, space education needs to be spread at educational institutions. Bangladesh will play a key role in space education in the days ahead," he said.

2nd chapter of 'Student to Start-Up' competition held



The 2nd chapter of 'Student to Start-Up' competition was held in September to find out young entrepreneurs having innovative ideas so that they can contribute to the country's development.

Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, State Minister for ICT Division, attended the inaugural ceremony held on September 15 at ICT tower at Agargaon in the capital as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, was present as the special guest on the occasion.

Leading youth platform 'Young Bangla' and Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) project under the ICT Division

arranged the competition. Students of schools, colleges and universities participated in the competition along.

Professor Sazzad Hossain, in his speech said the visions set by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could be achieved through innovations. UGC is relentlessly working to fulfil Bangabandhu's dream to build 'Sonar Bangla', he added.

Conference on higher education at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh



A two-day conference titled "In Pursuit of Quality in Higher Education: Challenges Ahead" was held at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) on August 22-23. Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning of ULAB hosted the programme.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, attended the programme as the chief guest. Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, was present as the keynote speaker. Professor HM Jahirul Haque, Vice Chancellor of ULAB, delivered the address of welcome on the occasion.

Laying emphasis on quality education, the UGC Chairman said lack of quality is a major crisis in higher education both in public and private universities in Bangladesh. "We have no quantitative problems," he added.

Around 50 scholars from home and abroad participated in the conference.

International Seminar on Mechatronics and Industry at Dhaka University



A daylong International Seminar on "Mechatronics and Industry 4.0: Practice-oriented Education and Training for Employment" was held on August 4 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on the Dhaka University (DU) campus.

Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering of DU, in association with Festo Didactic SE, University of Bremen, Germany and Sincos Engineers Ltd, organized the seminar.

Architect Mr. Yeafesh Osman, Minister for Science and Technology, graced the occasion as the chief guest while Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, inaugurated the seminar.

Professor Dr. Lafifa Jamal, Chairperson of the Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering of DU, presided over the inaugural function. Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, and Professor Dr. Bibhuti Roy of the University of Bremen, Germany, also addressed the inaugural session. Dr. Shamim Ahmed Deowan, Assistant Professor of DU Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering Department, presented the keynote paper.

The Minister, in his speech, noted the government of Bangladesh is relentlessly working to produce skilled human resources in the country. He urged

the scientists and professionals to come forward with their knowledge, suggestions and advices in this regard.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Akhtaruzzaman stressed the need for strengthening relationship between academic institutions and industries to attain sustainable technological advancement in the country.

Prof. Alamgir attends Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's centenary celebration



Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, attended the celebrations of the 100th founding anniversary of Bauhaus-Universität

Weimar, Germany. He along with representatives from different countries of the world delivered the keynote speech in International Dialogue titled 'Climate Talks - A Global Waste Affairs: Challenges, Needs, Answers' in the university. Bauhaus centenary celebrations and the seminar were arranged to discuss various topics regarding scientific and research collaborations, especially in the field of waste management during July 10-19.

The UGC Member exchanged views with his counterparts and other academicians on new multilateral scientific projects. Besides, Professor Alamgir attended the Erasmus+Programme at University of Padova in Italy as teaching staff mobility to conduct research during July 05-10.

It may be mentioned here that his research interest areas cover solid waste management, geo-environmental engineering problems and climate change issues.

Coastal Water Convention held at KU



A two-day Coastal Water Convention was held at Khulna University (KU) on August 1-2. The convention discussed water crisis and its causes in the southwest region of the country. Mr. Md. Tazul Islam, MP, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives, inaugurated it while Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member of UGC, presented the keynote paper on the issue.

Mr. Talukder Abdul Khaleque, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation, chaired the programme. Mr. Swapan Bhattacharjee, MP, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives, Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Vice Chancellor of KU, Mr. Md. Saifur Rahman, Chief Engineer of Department of Public Health Engineering, Mr. Fred Witteveen, National Director of World Vision Bangladesh, and Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah, Divisional Commissioner of Khulna, spoke at the event, among others.

Professor Alamgir, in his keynote paper, cited that around 42 percent of drinkable water contain microbial contaminations while 36 percent children under the age of five suffer from chronic malnutrition due to lack of clean water and sanitation.

The coastal population faces increasing risks from rising sea levels, saline intrusion and arsenic contamination in groundwater, he said adding that 81 percent of community water sources are inactive.

Professor Alamgir said 90 percent of community clinics do not have safe drinking water in the coastal areas of Khulna.

Over 3,000 participants, including researchers, academics, policymakers, inhabitants of the

coastal region, and students, took part in the convention. Twelve papers were presented at the convention.

UGC Member Professor Alamgir attends Symposium at JUST



The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST) organized a symposium on 'sustainable power and energy transition in Bangladesh' on July 31. The objectives of the symposium were to expose the recent advancement and innovations in the vast area of energy and power transition in Bangladesh. Professor Muhammed Alamgir, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, graced the symposium as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor of Jashore University of Science and Technology, presided over the ceremony.

Professor Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Sheikh, Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. A.S.M. Mojahidul Hoque, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Technology, JUST and Mohammad Samsher Ali, Member (Joint Secretary) of Bangladesh Energy and Power Research Council, were the special guests.

Professor Dr. M. Shamsul Alam, Dean of Faculty of Engineering at Daffodil International University, and Professor Dr. Mohammad Ariful Islam, Dean of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET), presented the keynote papers. Professor Dr. Md. Amzad Hossain, Chairperson of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of Jashore University of Science and Technology, delivered the address of welcome.

Speaking at the programme, Professor Alamgir said the symposium will help build an intellectual

platform to share ideas and present the latest findings and experiences within the scope of energy and power. He stressed the need for generating power from the renewable energy resources for environmental sustainability and sustainable development. He urged the university teachers to carry out more research activities on renewable energy so that the government can attain its goal of generating electricity from renewable sources.

Annual research review workshop at CVASU



A day-long 'Annual Research Review Workshop' of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was held at the university auditorium on July 13. Dr. M. Afsarul Amin, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Education, was present on the occasion as the chief guest while Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, was the special guest.

Professor Dr. Gautam Buddha Das, Vice Chancellor of CVASU was present as the chief patron. Professor Dr. M. Alamgir Hossain, Director of Research and Expansion, presided over the ceremony while Professor Dr. M. Kabirul Islam Khan, Director of Quality Assurance Cell, presented CVASU research activities. Professor Dr. Sharmin Chowdhury, Director of One Health Institute at CVASU, delivered the address of welcome at the inauguration programme.

UGC submits probe report against BSMRSTU VC

A probe committee of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh constituted to investigate the alleged corruption, irregularities and moral degradation of Professor Dr. Khondoker Nasiruddin, Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science



and Technology University (BSMRSTU), submitted its report to UGC Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah on September 29.

Members of the committee were UGC Members Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Director of UGC Public University Management Division Mr. Md Kamal Hossain and Deputy Director Ms. Mauli Azad were present during the handing over of the report. Later, the report was forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

On September 24, the UGC formed the five-member committee led by UGC Member Dr. Muhammed Alamgir following the instruction of the Ministry of Education. The committee members visited to the BSMRSTU campus on September 25 and 26 and talked to teachers, students and others concerned.

CUET celebrates 17th University Day



Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) celebrated its 17th University Day on its campus on September 1. Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, was present on the occasion as the chief guest and inaugurated the day-long programme by releasing pigeons and colourful balloons.

Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, and Professor Dr. M Rafiqul Alam, Vice Chancellor of CUET, were present as the special guests while Professor Dr. M. Saiful Islam, Chairman of the 17th University Day Celebration Committee and Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, presided over it.

The Deputy Minister for Education said Bangladesh has been upgraded to an industrial economy from an agriculture one. He said universities of engineering, science and technology could play a pivotal role in the country's attainment of Sustainable Development Goals.

UGC delegation visits CVASU 2nd campus



A four-member delegation from University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh visited the Research and Farm-Based Campus of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) on July 18.

The delegation led by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member of UGC, visited CVASU's 2nd campus located in Hathazari. Other members of the delegation included Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain, Director, Ms. Mauli Azad, Deputy Director, and Ms. Hasina Parvin, Assistant Director of Public University Management Division of UGC.

The delegation expressed satisfaction over the introduction of two faculties -- Faculty of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering and Faculty of Environmental Science-- on the second campus and other related facilities, including physical infrastructure for student admission. After the inspection, the delegation met the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Dr. Gautam Buddha Das.

Orientation of DU Criminology Department



The orientation programme of the 6th batch students of Criminology Department of Dhaka University was held on September 6 at the Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium of the university.

Sheikh Kabir Hossain, President of Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh, graced the programme as the chief guest while Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali, Member of UGC, was the special guest on the occasion.

Dr. Sadeka Halim, Professor of Dhaka University, also spoke at the orientation programme, presided over by Professor Dr. Zia Rahman, Chairman of Department of Criminology.

2nd convocation of Premier University held



The 2nd Convocation of Premier University was held at Navy Convocation Centre on July 21. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, presided over the convocation and

distributed certificates among the graduating students on behalf of President M. Abdul Hamid, Chancellor of the university.

Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, was present as the special guest. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founding Vice Chancellor of East West University, was present as the convocation speaker while Professor Dr. Anupam Sen, Vice Chancellor of Premier University, delivered the address of welcome on the occasion.

In his speech, Professor Kazi Sahidullah urged the students to develop themselves as entrepreneurs for providing opportunity of service to others. He said students in Bangladesh should focus on technical education, instead of traditional one. He opined that skilled manpower could eliminate unemployment problem from the country.

9th convocation of University of Asia Pacific held



University of Asia Pacific (UAP) held its 9th Convocation on July 31 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, presided over the convocation ceremony and distributed certificates among the graduates and post-graduates on behalf of President and Chancellor of the universities.

Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Founder of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Mr. Monzoor Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairperson of Board of Trustees of UAP, Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of UAP, and Professor MR Kabir, Pro-Vice Chancellor of UAP, were present at the convocation, among others.

The Deputy Minister for Education congratulated graduates and advised them to utilize their education for the betterment of the country. He urged the students to engage themselves in extra-curricular activities besides studies to achieve the required qualities needed to become world leaders.

Professor Kazi Shahidullah noted that private universities are an integral part of higher education of Bangladesh and they are making substantial contributions to imparting knowledge and skills to the graduating students who, in turn, are advancing the social and economic development of the country.

Degrees were conferred upon 1,151 graduates and post-graduates at the convocation. Two students were awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal and 80 the Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal.

Seminar on Role of Media in Promoting Quality Education in Private Sector at Southeast University



Southeast University (SEU) organized a seminar on 'Role of Media in Promoting Quality Education in the Private Sector' on July 31 at the Seminar Hall of the university. Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister for Education, was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, and Mr. M. Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Representative Member of Board of Trustees of SEU, attended the program as the guests of honour. Mr. Saiful Alam, Editor of Daily Jugantor, Mr. Anisul Hoque, Associate Editor of Daily Prothom Alo, Mr. Zahirul Islam Mamun, Head of News at ATN Bangla, and Mr. Rahul Raha, Head of News at NEWS 24, were present as special guests.

Professor Dr. ANM Meshquat Uddin, Vice Chancellor of SEU, chaired the seminar while

Syed Ishtiaque Reza, Editor-in-Chief of GTV, presented the keynote paper. Fourteen journalists from different print and electronic media outlets were given award for their remarkable contribution to the improvement of country's educational sector.

UGC visits American International University- Bangladesh



The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh recently visited American International University-Bangladesh campus in Dhaka to evaluate a proposed new programme -- BSc in Industrial and Production Engineering -- of the University for approval.

The evaluation of the programme was conducted by Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Member of UGC, and Dr. Ahsan Akhtar Hasin, Professor of IPE Department of BUET, and Mr. Md Nazrul Islam, Senior Assistant Director of UGC.

The evaluation covered the essential areas on curriculum and instructions, faculty, laboratories, library and facilities. The team reviewed university documents and procedures related to operating the proposed programme under AIUB Faculty of Engineering.

Retired UGC Officials' Welfare Association meets UGC Chairman

A delegation from Retired UGC Officials' Welfare Association made a courtesy call on the newly appointed Chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, on September 3.

The delegation congratulated the UGC Chairman and greeted him with a flower bouquet. The



delegation members expressed hope that UGC will play a courageous role under the leadership of Professor Kazi Shahidullah to create examples in country's tertiary education. The delegation members advised the UGC Chairman to publish a souvenir and booklet as part of celebrating the golden jubilee of the UGC.

Association President Mr. Muhammed Mofakker, Advisor Quazi Rafiqul Alam and General Secretary Mr. Jiban Chakrabarti, among others, were present, at the meeting.

Installation ceremony of new ERAB Executive Committee held



The installation ceremony of the new executive committee of Education Reporters' Association, Bangladesh (ERAB) was held at the auditorium of International Mother Language Institute in the capital on September 7.

Dr. Dipu Moni, Minister of Education, was present on the occasion as the chief guest. Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education, Mr. Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, Deputy Minister for Education, Mr. Md. Sohorab Hossain, Senior Secretary to Secondary and Higher Education Division under the Ministry of

Education, Professor Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of UGC, and Mr. Nejamul Haque, General Secretary of ERAB, also spoke at the programme, chaired by Mr. Mostak Ahmed, President of ERAB.

The Education Minister, in her speech, said any corruption in education sector will not be tolerated for the sake of the country's sustainable development.

Urging journalists to pursue objective journalism, the UGC Chairman said, "The country has achieved great improvement in education sector. We have been working relentlessly to ensure quality education and our education system is in progress."

Foundation training for university officers of GTI



The closing ceremony of the 16th and 17th foundation training courses for university officers was held at Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh on September 17.

Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir, Member of UGC, graced the function as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Lutful Hasan, Vice Chancellor of BAU, and Professor Dr. Mozahar Ali, among others, were present at the ceremony.

The UGC Member called upon the GTI authorities to continue its training activities. UGC has been providing financial support to GTI for the training of teachers and officers of the public universities.

Study visit of participants of training programme to UGC



The participants of the month-long 16th and 17th foundation training courses organised by Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the entry-level officers of 20 public universities made a study visit to University Grants Commission of Bangladesh on September 5.

Professor Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain, Member of UGC, attended the event organised on the occasion of the visit as the chief guest while Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member of UGC, was the special guest.

The chief guest, in his speech, said proper training is needed for ensuring quality education at the tertiary level in the country. "There is a scarcity of quality education at our educational institutions. Effective training programme is urgently needed to get rid of this situation," he said.

Professor Akhtar Hossain also said the country has witnessed a huge expansion of tertiary education over the years. At present, the enrolment at tertiary level stands at almost 40 lakh, but the educational institutions are not being run properly due to the lack of necessary knowledge and skills of the officials concerned, he said and urged the university officials to ensure good governance at their institutions and offer services to citizen smoothly.

Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali and Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Members of UGC, and Professor M. Mozammel, Director of GTI, also spoke at the event, chaired by Dr. Mozahar Ali, Professor of BAU.

A total of 60 participants from different universities took part in the training courses.

UGC Senior Assistant Director Mr. Md. Mohibul Ahsan awarded Ph.D degree



According to the decision of the 134th Academic Council and Syndicate meeting of Jahangirnagar University, Mr. Md. Mohibul Ahsan, Senior Assistant Director of University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh has been

awarded Ph.D degree. The topics of his research was "Role of SAARC in Human Resource Development: The Case of Bangladesh". His supervisor for this research was Professor Dr. Md. Abdul Latif Masum, Department of Government and Politics, Jahangirnagar University and joined supervisor was Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka. Md.

Activities of different divisions of UGC

Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance Division

A meeting on the implementation and progress of 'Strategic Plan for Higher Education in Bangladesh: 2018-2030' (SPHE) was held at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital on September 8.

Minister of Education Dr. Dipu Moni presided over the meeting while Deputy Minister for Education Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, high officials of the Ministry of Education, Chairmen and Members of University Grants Commission (UGC) and Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), and UGC officials were present at the meeting.

A set of prioritised action plans on SPHE such as establishment of Residential Pedagogical Academy and institutionalisation of National Research Council was finalised in the meeting.

Directors of IQAC provided a draft of recommendations based on the outcome of the workshop.

- The final draft of Outcome Based Education (OBE) Curriculum Template was presented in the 156th Full Commission meeting of UGC on September 24 for its approval. As per decisions of the meeting, the draft was sent to country's all public universities and uploaded on the UGC website seeking opinions from relevant stakeholders before finalising the template.

Public University Management Division

- The Ministry of Education asked University Grants Commission of Bangladesh to form a probe committee to investigate the allegations brought against former Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj Professor Dr. Khondoker Md. Nasiruddin on September 23. After receiving the directives of MoE, UGC formed an investigation committee headed by its Member Professor Dr. Muhammed Alamgir to look into the matter. Other Members of the Committee were UGC Members Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum and Professor Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Director of UGC Public University Management Division Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain and Deputy Director Ms. Mauli Azad. The team visited the university on September 25 and 26 and talked to the Vice Chancellor, agitating students, teachers and officials of the university. UGC submitted the investigation report to the Ministry of Education.

- A three-member delegation from UGC, led by its Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, visited Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University on July 22 to see whether physical and other facilities are appropriate to launch academic activities of the proposed Electrical And Electronic Engineering, and English Departments.

- A four-member UGC delegation, led by its Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, visited Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, Bangladesh on July 21 to see whether physical and other facilities are available at the institution to launch academic activities of proposed faculties and departments. The delegation members met the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor, at his office on the university campus in Gazipur.

- A UGC delegation led by its Chairman Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah met Minister of Education Dr. Dipu Moni, MP at International Mother Language Institute on September 30. At the meeting, UGC Member Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum presented the uniform guidelines of Teachers' Recruitment and Upgradation before the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers and Vice Chancellors of different public universities for discussion.

- UGC formed a committee on 09 November 2017 for holding CAT in agricultural sciences for the first time in Bangladesh. The committee consists of thirteen members. They were UGC Members Professor Dr. Md Akhter Hossain (Convenor), Professor Dr. M. Shah Nawaz Ali and Professor Dr. Dil Afroza Begum, Bangladesh Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Lutful Hasan, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md Giasuddin, Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Kamal Uddin, Chittagong Veterinary Animal Sciences University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Gautom Budhu Das, Sylhet Agriculture University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Motiar Rahman Hawlader, Khulna Agriculture University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Khan, Education Ministry Additional Secretary Mr. Abdullah Al Hasan Chowdhury, UGC Public University Management Division Director Mr. Md.

Kamal Hossain. Three meetings of the APEX committee were held during that time. The committee started the activities in 2019.

Planning and Development Division

• Bangladesh Agricultural University

A four-member delegation from Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh led by its Deputy Librarian Md. Emdadul Haque, made a Power Point presentation of a development project proposal on “বাংলাদেশ কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কেন্দ্রীয় গ্রন্থাগার এর ডিজিটাইজেশন” at an appraisal meeting held on July 16 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of Tk. 1500.00 lac for approval.

• Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Science & Technology University



A three-member delegation from Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Science & Technology University, Jamalpur led by its Registrar Khandakar Hamidur Rahman made a Power Point Presentation of a development project proposal on “বঙ্গমাতা শেখ ফজিলাতুন্নেছা মুজিব বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় স্থাপন” at an appraisal meeting held on July 18 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of Tk. 994390.50 lac for revision.

• Dhaka University

A two-member delegation from Dhaka University led by its Planning Director (In-charge) Mr. Md. Amir Hossain Bhuiyan made a Power Point presentation of a development project proposal on



“ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের বিজ্ঞানভিত্তিক বিভাগীয় গবেষণাগারসমূহ আধুনিক ও যুগোপযোগী করণের লক্ষ্যে যন্ত্রপাতি সংগ্রহ” at an appraisal meeting held on July 18 at UGC Bhaban. The committee recommended the project proposal of Tk. 50947.00 lac for approval.

The meeting was presided over by UGC Member Professor Dr. M. Shah Nowaz Ali. UGC Secretary Dr. Md. Khaled, Director (Planning & Development Division) Dr. Ferdous Zaman, Director In-charge (Finance & Accounts) Rezaul Karim Howlader, Additional Director Dr. Durga Rani Sarker and other relevant officers of Planning & Development Division were present in the meeting.



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