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Vice Chancellor's Note

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) is bringing out the 43rd issue of BUP Newsletter. The motto of BUP is "Excellence through Knowledge". Our Newsletter is a comprehensive media for conveying objective coverage of events of the Alma mater.

This is the 43rd edition of BUP Newsletter of 2024, in which we strive to give you a glimpse into the heartbeat of our community.

On navigating the currents of information and stories, we love to share with you the diverse activities, voices and achievements that make up the fabric of our university life.

This edition showcases the remarkable achievements of our students and faculty members along with their efforts and new initiatives. It also provides detailed descriptions of bilateral collaboration of the institution and upcoming events that promise to inspire and engage us all.

I sincerely appreciate the noble efforts of the faculties and the officials in this connection. I also convey my heart-felt thanks and felicitations to the editorial board for their sincere and utmost efforts in publishing the 43rd issue. I wish for a successful journey of BUP Newsletter in the days ahead.



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The Anti-Discrimination Movement and Mir Mugdho

Bangladesh University of Professionals played a vital role in the anti-discrimination movement, with its students participating in the nationwide protests. BUP, known for its socio-cultural responsibility and role in fostering a spirit of leadership, became a stronghold for student activism during the movement. The students of BUP were instrumental in spreading the movement's positive and constructive messages. BUP's most disciplined, and organized approach to activism brought momentum to the movement, and its students, led by figures like Mir Mugdho, became the face of the call for equality.

Mir Mugdho: A Beacon of Sacrifice in the Movement

Mir Mugdho, the frontline fighter for freedom and liberty and a dedicated student at Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), became an iconic figure in Bangladesh's anti-discrimination student movement. His commitment to ensuring justice, along with his ultimate sacrifice, revealed the power of youth-led activism. As the movement gained momentum, BUP emerged as one of the centres of all activities for equality and distributive justice. Mir Mugdho's contribution and sacrifice as an iconic figure will forever be intertwined with the movement's success and as a reminder to ensure a fairer society.

The Ultimate Sacrifice: Mir Mugdho's Tragic Martyrdom

Despite the peaceful nature of the protests, tension continued to rise. In early August 2024, a violent clash between law enforcing agencies, and protesters resulted in the tragic death of Mir Mugdho. Initially he was badly injured during a confrontation. His death sent shock waves through the entire community.

Mugdho's martyrdom became a turning point in the movement. His sacrifice galvanized not only his fellow students at BUP but also people of all strata across the country, transforming the anti-discrimination protests into a national outcry for justice. In the aftermath of his death, students gathered in mass, chanting his name and vowing to continue the fight he had given his life for.





An Ever-Lasting Legacy: Remembering Mir Mugdho

Mir Mugdho's sacrifice remains a powerful reminder of the potential of student activism that brought about meaningful changes. He gave his life for the cause of justice, believing that a fairer, more equal and exploitation-free society was within reach if students could stand together in solidarity. His death became the rallying point for the movement's success, and his sacrifice would continue to inspire future generations of activists for the right cause. At BUP, Mugdho's legacy lives on. The university, which played such a vital role in the movement, remains committed to promoting the values of equality and merit that Mugdho so deeply believed in.

Today, Mir Mugdho is remembered not just as a student, but as a national hero whose sacrifice will eventually help reform the future of Bangladesh. His name is etched in the collective memory of a nation that continues to strive for the ideals of justice. To mark the noble sacrifice of Mugdho, the Tower of Business Faculty has been named as 'Mir Mugdho Tower'.

The Heroic Sacrifice of Shaheed Jobaer in the Anti-Discrimination Movement

The Struggle and Involvement of Jobaer

Besides the sacred sacrifice of Shaheed Mir Mahfuzur Rahman Mugdho, Shaheed Jobaer Omar Khan, another young and brilliant mind of BUP, will remain a part of national history due to his participation in the movement. Losing his mother in early childhood, Jobaer Omar Khan was brought up by his siblings with immense care. Following his father's and siblings' expectations, Jobaer chose to pursue his undergraduate degree in law and dreamt of becoming a lawyer. He was a first-year student at the Department of Law, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP).

Shaheed Jobaer actively participated in the student movement from its commencement. He organized his fellow protestors and directly took part in demonstrations. He sustained severe injury on July 18th, 2024, when a group of miscreants entered Mirpur DOHS and attacked the peaceful protestors, mostly students of BUP. Jobaer was quite brave and brilliant and did not stop taking part in the anti-discrimination protest even after sustaining severe injuries and in some cases, the death of his fellow mates. From Mirpur to Shahbag, Jobaer joined in a series of protests and processions across the city.

Departure of a Magnanimous Soul

On 05 August 2024, almost all the television channels were broadcasting the news of change in the regime in Bangladesh, the culmination of the anti-discrimination movement. Hearing the news, Shaheed Jobaer started for Shahbag on foot with thousands of people. Jobaer was at the forefront. When the procession arrived in front of Jatrabari Thana, they came under indiscriminate firing. Jobaer received several bullet shots and fell on the road. He was severely injured but was alive. He laid on the road for almost an hour. When the situation de-escalated, a rickshaw puller tried to take him to the nearest hospital.

Unfortunately, Jobaer left his last breath on the way to the hospital and we lost a brave boy, a brilliant mind, and a golden child of the nation. A young boy with numerous dreams, who sacrificed his life for the cause of equality and for the justice to the common people of the country.



Shaheed Jobaer lost his life on 05 August; however, he is still alive in the heart of the people of Bangladesh for his courage, fearlessness, patriotism and sacrifice. His contribution will always remind us to stand against any wrongdoings for the interest of the motherland. Rest in eternal peace, Shaheed Jobaer Omar Khan.

Orientation Programme of Foundation of Global Health Course



The Orientation Programme for the Foundation of Global Health I & II was held on 17 August 2024 at BUP. A total of 24 students of MPH Programme of BUP participated in the event. The event featured Asst. Professor Dr. Mohammed Nadiruzzaman from Maastricht University, Netherlands, as the chief guest. Maastricht University

offers the Foundation of Global Health programme to nine universities under the Global Health Consortium, and BUP's MPH programme is one of that prestigious post-graduate academic discourse.

Orientation Programme for 2024-2025A MPhil and PhD Researchers by CHSR



The Centre for Higher Studies and Research (CHSR) at Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) hosted the orientation programme for the MPhil and PhD researchers of the 2024-2025A session on 12 July 2024. This insightful event started at 4:00 pm at the CHSR Seminar Hall at BUP campus, welcoming new researchers to the academic community. Brigadier General Mohammad Shahiduzzaman Khan, the Dean of CHSR, inaugurated the event. The dean, in his speech, assured the researchers of CHSR's continuous support for their researches. Captain Mahbubur Rashid, BN, Director of CHSR, outlined the programme and urged researchers to engage fully in their fields, fully utilising CHSR's resources for meaningful contributions to their academic pursuits. Two distinguished speakers graced the orientation programme with their presence: Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, and Professor Dr. Mohammad Mozahidul Islam, Department of History at Jahangirnagar University. Dr. Niaz emphasised on the importance of academic rigour, ethical research, and application of appropriate scientific knowledge for societal benefit in today's complex global context. Dr. Mozahidul highlighted the value of understanding current issues and urged the researchers to stay curious, persistent, and resilient throughout their academic journey. A total of 50 researchers attended the programme, representing a diverse range of disciplines. The programme not only provided an opportunity for the researchers to familiarise themselves with CHSR's academic framework but also allowed them to network with peers and faculty members. The orientation marked the formal beginning of the MPhil and PhD researchers' academic journey at BUP.

Foreign Language Courses Opening Ceremony



The Centre for Modern Languages (CML) has been conducting foreign language courses for the professionals since 2011. Presently, CML is conducting three types of language courses for professionals i.e. Elementary Course, Level 1 Course and Diploma Course. In the current July-December 2024 semester, CML is conducting twelve foreign language courses including eight Elementary Language Courses (Arabic, French, English, Chinese, German and Japanese), Two Level 1 Language Courses (Arabic and French) and Two Diploma Language Courses (Arabic and French). Opening Ceremony of Language Courses for 2024 (B) Batch was held at Bijoy Auditorium on 14 Jul 2024. Dean, CML Brigadier General Md Rashed Iqbal, ndc, psc, G, MPhil was present as the Chief Guest. Some senior officers of BUP, adjunct faculty members and course mentors of the language courses were present in the ceremony.

(BISC) Students visit CML, BUP



On 22 August 2024 Bangladesh International School and College (BISC) visited CML, BUP to gather knowledge about the importance of learning foreign language for the future prospect of their career. During the interactive session, the students showed their keen interest in learning foreign languages.

Presentation on Language Courses for Children Club, Dhaka



On 27 August 2024 the dean of Centre for Modern Languages (CML) delivered a presentation on the conduct of English and French language courses for Children's Club and Sena Paribar Kalyan Sangstha (SPKS) members to the Respected Chief Patron of the SPKS and Children Club. The courses would play an important role in enhancing language skills and fostering educational opportunities for the young participants.

Supervisor-Researcher Meet



A Supervisor-Researcher Meet was organized by the Centre for Higher Studies and Research (CHSR), Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) on 28 September 2024. The aim of the meeting was to introduce the newly enrolled MPhil and PhD researchers to their supervisors and finalise their research topics. Major General Md Mahbub-ul Alam, BSP, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil, PhD, the Vice Chancellor of BUP, was present in the occasion. The Vice-Chancellor exchanged views with researchers and their supervisors where he also rendered valuable guidance. Amongst others, senior officials of BUP and all the researchers of session 2023-2024B, along with their supervisors and co-supervisors, were present in the occasion.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP

‘The Concept and Practice of Security in the 21st Century’



The Department of Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights at Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) organized an insightful lecture titled ‘The Concept and Practice of Security in the 21st Century’ at Bijoy Auditorium on 03 August 2024 for the students of the Faculty of Security and Strategic Studies. The event featured Dr. Gemma Collantes Celador from Cranfield University at the United Kingdom as the keynote speaker. Dr. Gemma introduced the concept of security and traced its evolution from the Cold War era to the present day, engaging students in a thought-provoking discussion. She outlined the core questions of security studies, highlighting the diverse scholarly perspectives that have shaped the field. Her lecture illustrated how security studies have expanded from traditional state-centric approaches to embrace the modern notion of human security. Dr. Gemma also emphasised how different geopolitical contexts shape national security priorities and addressed the influence of rapid technological advancements and globalization on global security. Following her lecture, students participated in an interactive question-and-answer session, deepening their understanding of the contemporary security landscape. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chairman of the Department of Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights, recognizing the contributions of all involved in making the session a success. The lecture provided a valuable opportunity for students to engage with cutting-edge ideas in security studies and broaden their academic horizons.

Workshop on ‘World University Ranking: Criteria, Challenges & Best Practices’



Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised a workshop titled ‘World University Ranking: Criteria, Challenges & Best Practices’ on 28 August 2024 at Bijoy Auditorium in BUP. The workshop aimed to provide faculty members and officers with a deep understanding of the ranking methodologies and criteria through hands-on training and progressive lectures and discussions on developing strategies to improve key areas that impact rankings.

The Chief of IQAC Brigadier General Mohammad Kamrul Hasan, SGP, SUP, ndc, hdmc, psc was present as Chief Discussant while workshop was moderated

by Additional Director of IQAC Lieutenant Colonel Salauddin Mohammad, psc, G. All officers and faculty members of BUP and representatives from 6 affiliated institutions were present in the workshop.

The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Syed Shahrier Rahman, Professor, Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Arts and Additional Director (QA), Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Dhaka. In the workshop, the Keynote Speaker addressed briefly about different university rankings, methodologies and criteria, ranking calculation methodology, developing essence of strategies to overcome challenges of university ranking etc.

Workshop on ‘A to Z on Research Methodology’



A workshop titled ‘A to Z on Research Methodology’ for the Master of Development Studies (Professional) 10th Batch was held on 31 August 2024. The session was comprehensive which was conducted by Wing Commander Md Mahamudul Hassan, psc, PhD, ADWC, BAF, Chairman of the Department of Development Studies as Keynote Speaker.

During the workshop, Dr. Md Mahamudul Hassan provided in-depth guidance on various critical aspects of research, including the importance of research, identifying a good research topic, and writing the key components such as the title, abstract, problem statement, research questions, and objectives. He

also explained the development of theoretical and conceptual frameworks and how to contribute through research to the body of knowledge. Asst Prof Md Zahidur Rahman also contributed to the session. The interactive workshop was highly appreciated by the MDS students, as the event enriched them with valuable insights for their academic and professional research endeavours. Furthermore, Dr. Md Mahamudul Hassan and Asst Prof Md Zahidur Rahman discussed the three main research methods qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods—highlighting their differences and applications. They concluded the session by emphasising the importance of adhering to the research methodology.

‘Compliance & Documentation of BAC Accreditation Standards & Criteria’



Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of BUP organised a two-day workshop titled ‘Compliance and Documentation of BAC Accreditation Standards & Criteria’ for civil officers of BUP on 05 & 08 September 2024. The Chief of IQAC Brigadier General Mohammad Kamrul Hasan, SGP, SUP, ndc, hdmc, psc was present as the Chief Discussant while the session was conducted by Additional Director of IQAC Lieutenant Colonel Salauddin Mohammad, psc, G. In the workshop, the Chief Discussant addressed briefly about quality assurance, accreditation and its importance, along with duties and responsibilities of the officers for accreditation, guidelines and directives for the next phase of the workshop etc. On the other hand, the Additional Director of IQAC discussed in detail compliance of 10 Accreditation Standards and 63 Criteria. All officers of BUP attended the workshop.

VISITS

DMR Field Visit

On 14 July 2024, the Department of Disaster Management & Resilience organised a pivotal field trip for the DMR-2023 batch to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) in Agargoan, Dhaka. Led by Lt Col Md Iqbal Hossain, psc, and guided by Lecturer Md Rakibul Islam, this one-day excursion provided students with valuable insights into weather forecasting and climate monitoring. Through practical demonstrations and discussions about BMD’s operations, students learned about the role of the World Meteorological Organization in global data sharing and Bangladesh's participation in the "Early Warning for All" initiative. The students of the trip also assessed the country's vulnerability to tropical storms and the significance of effective disaster management strategies and policies. Overall, this experience enriched the students' empirical and practical knowledge, including critical thinking capability and problem-solving skills. The visit inspired the students for opting their future careers in meteorology, and strengthening societal resilience against weather-related challenges.



Faculties of Maastricht University, Netherlands Visited BUP



On 04 August 2024, Asst. Professor Dr. Mohammed Nadiruzzaman and Annik Blom from Maastricht University, Netherlands, visited Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). The visit focused on discussions about BUP's Master of Public Health (MPH) program. Annik Blom shared insights from her time at Thammasat University, Thailand offering valuable perspectives on global academic collaboration. The knowledge

exchange opened opportunities for future partnership, emphasising the importance of cross-institutional cooperation to enhance educational programs and foster innovative research. This visit marks a step towards strengthening international academic connections of BUP.

Faculty Development Programme of Global Health Course

A faculty development programme was held on 08 August 2024, with the presence of Dean, Faculty of Medical Studies (FMS), Brigadier General Mizanur Rahman Khan, MPH faculty members, Asst. Professor Mohammed Nadiruzzaman, and Annik Blom of Maastricht University, Netherlands.



During the event, Asst. Professor Nadiruzzaman, resource person, shared his thoughts on the Global Health Foundation course, highlighting the role of tutor, their responsibilities and the structure of tutorial sessions.

BUP's Contribution to Flood Relief



In the wake of the recent devastating flood hazard, vulnerability and havoc across 11 districts, including Feni, Chittagong, Cumilla, and Sylhet, the students of the Public Administration department of BUP, stepped up to support the victims of affected communities. The students were at the forefront of fundraising and relief distribution efforts, demonstrating their compassion and

commitment to their communities. The department's support and guidance were instrumental in mobilizing these students. They ensured effective fund collection and efficient delivery of aid. The students raised an amount of Tk. 6,53,486 (Six Lakhs Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-Six) from public fund collection programmes and other sources.



In the first phase, a team of eight students from the Department of Public Administration at BUP went to Chauddagam, Cumilla District on 26 August 2024, to distribute relief supplies among flood victims. Through their tireless efforts, the students distributed essential dry foods, fresh water, medicine, and supplies (rice, pulses, oil, food salt, milk powder, sanitary napkins, mosquito coils, and lighters) to approximately 300 (Three Hundred) affected families.

In a continued effort to support those impacted by the recent floods, the Department of Public Administration at BUP sent the second relief team of 11 students and 1 teacher to Sonagazi in Feni district on 29 August 2024.

Unfortunately, the relief vehicle team encountered a tragic road accident at Chauddagam, Cumilla, injuring several members. Amongst the injured team members, Md.Ehsanul Haque Shahrukh (Batch 2021), a student of the Public Administration Department, passed away on 06 September 2024 at 12:30 PM, while receiving treatment at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka (inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un).



Public Health Campaign in Chhagalnaiya, Feni

A successful public health campaign was organized for the flood-affected people of Chhagalnaiya, Feni on 16 September 2024. The event was led by Prof. Dr. Iqbal Kabir and supported by a dedicated medical team comprising students of Master of Public Health (MPH) from Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). The involvement of Physicians Dr. Faria Sharmin, Dr. Sowmik Barua, Nutritionist Md. Niamul Wakil, Nutritionist Trisha Sarkar and Microbiologists Nowshin Subah from BUP played vital role in providing health care to 400 (Four Hundred) flood victims. In addition, each family received a Public Health Package containing essential necessities, entirely free of cost.



MoU Agreement

MoU between BdREN and BUP



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was Signed between the Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) and Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), The MoU is an agreement of 'Digital Certificate Verification Portal' Which was signed on 23 September 2024.

Incoming Officials



Brigadier General Md Rabbi Ahsan, ndc, psc joined BUP as Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) on 18 July 2024.



Brigadier General Abu Syed Mohammad Bakir, SGP, ndc, psc joined BUP as Controller of Examination, Office of the Controller of Examination on 20 July 2024.



Brigadier General Mohammad Kamrul Hasan, SGP, SUP, ndc, hdmc, psc joined BUP as Dean, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell on 18 August 2024.



Air Commodore Md Reza Emdad Khan, BUP, ndc, psc, GD(P) joined BUP as Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer on 11 September 2024.



Commodore Mohammad Golam Hossain, (S), psc, BN
joined BUP as
Dean, Office of the Evaluation, Faculty and Curriculum Development (OEFCD)
on 19 September 2024.



Group Captain Md Safiul Islam, afwc, psc, ADWC
joined BUP as
Director, BA/BSS Program
on 22 August 2024.



Lieutenant Colonel Md Atique Chowdhury, BSP, Inf
joined BUP as
Chairman, Department of Finance & Banking (FBS)
on 02 July 2024.



Outgoing Officials



Brigadier General Mohammad Shamsul Arefin, ndc, psc completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 04 July 2024.



Brigadier General Iqbal Ahmed, ndc, afwc, psc completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 25 July 2024.



Brigadier General Md Mahbubur Rahman Siddiqui, ndc, afwc, psc, MPhil completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 29 August 2024.



Commodore S. M. Zamil Hossain, (S), NUP, ndc, afwc, psc, BN completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 01 September 2024.



Air Commodore Md Shafiqul Islam, ndc, fawc, psc, GD(P) completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 11 September 2024.



Brigadier General Muhammad Jahed Kamal, ndc, afwc, psc completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 27 September 2024.



Brigadier General Md Mustafa Kamal, SGP

completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 30 September 2024.



Group Captain Shaikh Abdullah Alamgir, afwc, psc, ATC

completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 20 August 2024.



Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Khaled Bin Yusuf, Inf

completed his tenure successfully at Bangladesh University of Professionals on 27 August 2024.

Photo Gallery



BUP Students Lead the Way in Flood Relief Efforts

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