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A view during placing the floral wreath

Prime University observed the Language Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day 2021 on a limited scale on 21st February 2021. The program began with hoisting the national flag and singing the national anthem at 9:00 am at the Prime University campus. Floral wreaths were placed at the altar of the Shaheed Minar of the University by Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, BoT, Prof. Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer and Deans of different faculties, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Heads and Faculty Members of different departments and officers of the University. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, presence of students was discarded in order to avoid mass gathering. The program ended with a short discussion program.

Observation of the Historic 7th March

In observance of the 50th year of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historical speech of 7th March Prime University organized a special discussion program on the 7th March 2021 in a small scale maintaining physical distance as a shield to COVID-19 viruses at the Board Room of the University.

Md. Arshaf Ali, Chairman, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman, Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer and Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General of Board of Trustees graced the discussion program with their kind presence. Prof. Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Deans of



A view of the program

different Faculties, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Heads of different departments, Faculty Members and Executives of the University participated in the program.

The discussants highlighted on the fiery speech of Bangabandhu on 7th March 1971 which inspired the Bangalees to prepare for the War of Liberation and on the history of the liberation war. The discussants also sought eternal peace of the departed soul of Bangabandhu and the martyrs of 1971 Liberation War as well as the other martyrs of the 15th August and the 3rd November, 1975.

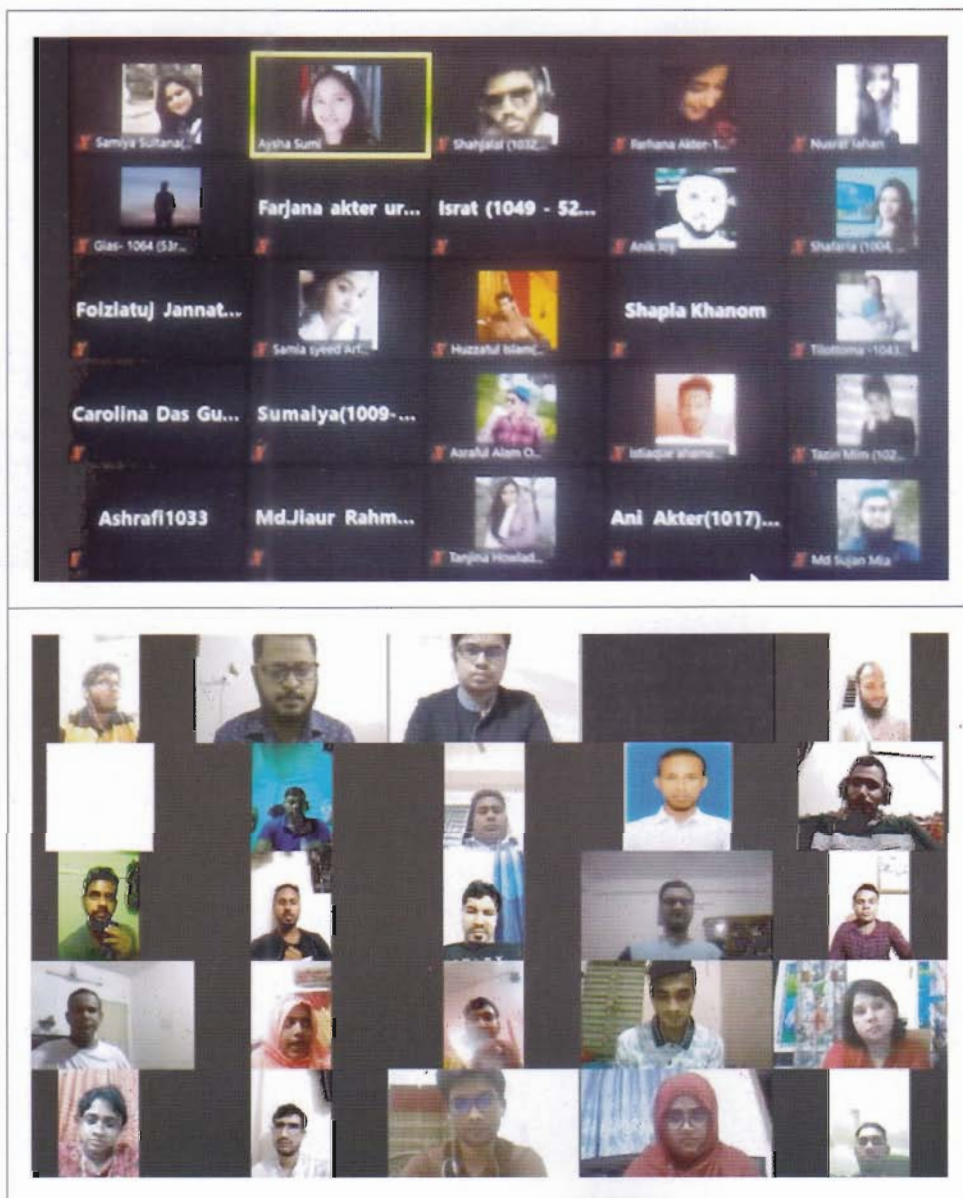
Md. Ashraf Ali Re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Respectful congratulation to Mr. Md. Ashraf Ali on the occasion of his being re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University in the Annual General Meeting of Board of Trustees, held on 18th January 2021. Md. Ashraf Ali is one of the Founder Members of the University. He was also a Trustee in its inception. The other elected office-bearers are: Al-haj Tofazzal Hossain, Senior Vice Chairman, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman, Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General and Md. Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer of the Trust. The members were cordially welcomed by the Prime University family.



The Chairman, BoT being greeted by the other members of the Board with flower bouquet

Prime University Academic Affairs during COVID-19 Pandemic



Online classes during COVID-19 pandemic: Department of English (above) and Department of EEE (below)

Since closing down of all educational institutions from 18 March 2020, all the departments of Prime University managed to get well accustomed with the online teaching-learning system. Later on with the assistance of Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), an initiative of UGC, all faculty members of the University continued to conduct their virtual classes using Zoom video conferencing platform. All the academic affairs, like course offer, course distribution, online classes, student counseling, course assessments, result submission, project presentation of final year students, weekly and monthly academic meetings so on and so forth kept running smoothly due to the dedication and sincerity of faculty members amid COVID-19 pandemic. Mentoring system was strengthened and dedicated teachers were assigned for each batch to provide academic and non-academic counseling. Mentor-teachers created individual mentoring groups in Facebook messenger. Class attendance of Fall 2019 and Spring 2021 was exemplary because of rigorous efforts of mentors.

Additionally, popular social

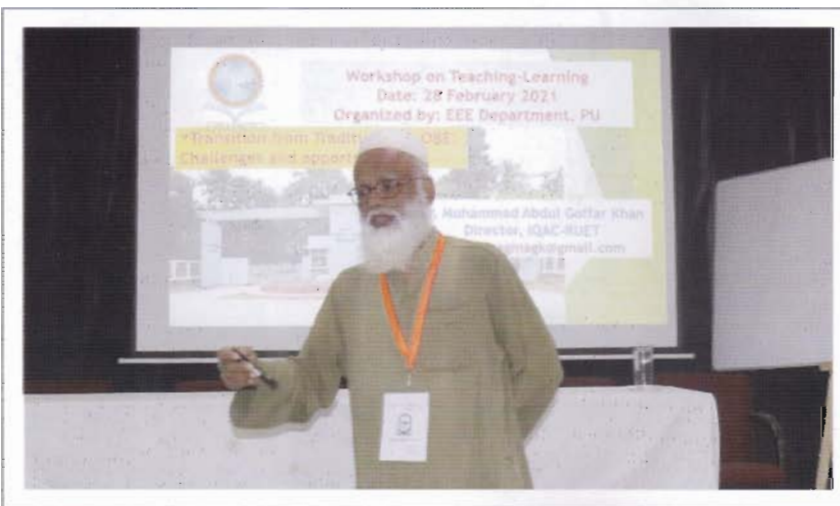
networking site, Facebook has been utilized to provide class and exam routine, pertinent notification, online class links. The faculty members of the University have been providing class lectures, lecture materials, reference books, and assessment questions through Google Classroom also. With the aid of modern applications like Google Docs, Drive and Forms, engineering students have been spontaneously participating in class assessments and getting assessment feedback instantly. A good number of teachers have been creating YouTube lecture videos for the convenience and proper acquisition of knowledge by the students. After the instruction of UGC - Bangladesh on 28th October 2020, teachers of Engineering Faculty conducted in-person laboratory-based practical classes maintaining health guidelines and UGC instructions. Only simulation-based laboratory courses took place in Spring 2021 semester owing to the worsening situation of Covid 19 pandemic. Moreover, as an initiative of obtaining BAETE (Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education) Accreditation, the departments of the University started the OBE (Outcome-Based Education) teaching-learning process and started presenting the question papers, answer scripts, Google forms for future reference. The University authority provided proper administrative support to the faculty members for smooth completion of the academic affairs.

Seminars on Implementation of OBE Curriculum in the University



Prof. Dr. Munshi Mahbubur Rahman conducting seminar

Faculty of Engineering with the co-operation of Center for Research, HRD and Publications (CRHP) and IQAC of Prime University organized a seminar titled “How to Implement OBE in the Teaching Learning Process” on 10th and 11th October, 2020 at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. The keynote speaker of the seminar was Prof. Dr. Munshi Mahbubur Rahman, Professor of the Department of EEE and Director, IQAC of Prime University. He made a presentation on the journey towards implementing the OBE (Outcome Based Education) and also described the different aspects of getting the output from its implementation. He also explained the Bloom’s Taxonomy Rubrics as an assessment tool. He said that implementing OBE is the *sine qua non* of providing quality engineering education as well as raising up the status of the University. Then there was a very interactive question answer session chaired by the Heads of Civil Engineering, EEE and CSE Departments, Prof. Dr. Engr Md. Zahid Husain Khan, Md. Mostak Ahmed and Md. Abu Zaman respectively. All the faculty members of CSE, EEE and Civil Engineering departments were present in the seminar and they expressed their gratitude to the keynote speaker for his knowledgeable speech.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Goffar Khan conducting seminar

Faculty of Engineering (FE) with the co-operation of Center for Research, HRD and Publications (CRHP) and IQAC of Prime University organized another seminar titled “How to Implement OBE in the Teaching Learning Process-II” on 28th February, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. The keynote speaker of the seminar was Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Goffar Khan, Professor, Dept. of EEE and Director, IQAC of Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET). The highlights of his presentation include, how to develop laboratory for Engineering Faculty, how to write CO-PO mapping (Course Outcome-Program Outcome mapping) for individual courses and difference between traditional education and outcome-based education. Around 40 faculty members of CSE, EEE and Civil Engineering Departments attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Engr. Md. Zahid Hussain Khan, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Head of Civil Engineering Department of Prime University graced the session as the Chief Guest. Head of EEE Department, Prof. Dr. M. Mahbubur Rahman chaired the session.

Workshop Organized by the Department of Education

The Department of Education of Prime University arranged a workshop on ‘Online Evaluation at Primary and Secondary Level: Possibilities and Challenges’ on May 21, 2021, virtually via Google meet platform. All the faculty members and current students of all batches of the department were present in the workshop. Teachers from Primary and Secondary schools have shared the current scenario of the evaluation system online.

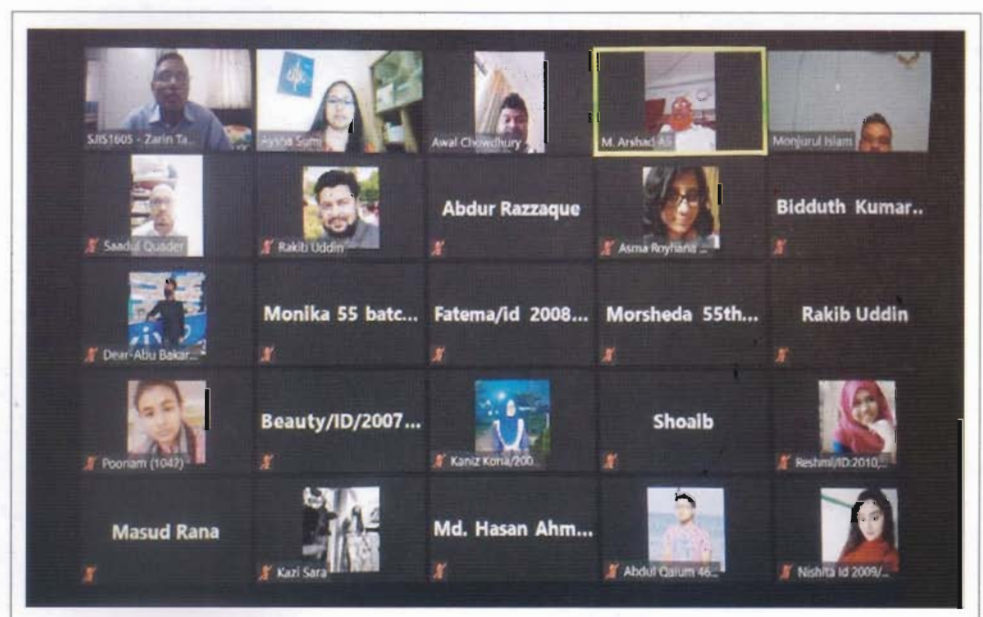


Workshop at the Dept. of Education on Online Evaluation at Primary and Secondary Level: Possibilities and Challenges'

Farhana Akhter, Lecturer; Sujit Roy, Adjunct Lecturer; Sanjida Akter Tanni, Adjunct Lecturer; and Mabilia Momen, Adjunct Lecturer were present in the session and discussed on the agenda in brief. Md. Ahmedul Azam, Lecturer and Program Coordinator concluded the workshop with the vote of thanks to all the participants.

Training Program on Research Methodology in the Department of English

Department of English, Prime University organized an Online Training Program on ‘Research Methodology: Selection of Research Topic’ on 3rd April 2021, Saturday at 11:00 am using Zoom Meeting application for the students of Research Course of BA (Hon’s) and M. A. Dr. Kazi Enamul Hoque, Associate Professor, University of Malaya (UM), was the resource person of the training program. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer of the University and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science was present as the Chief Guest.



Some of the participants at the virtual training program

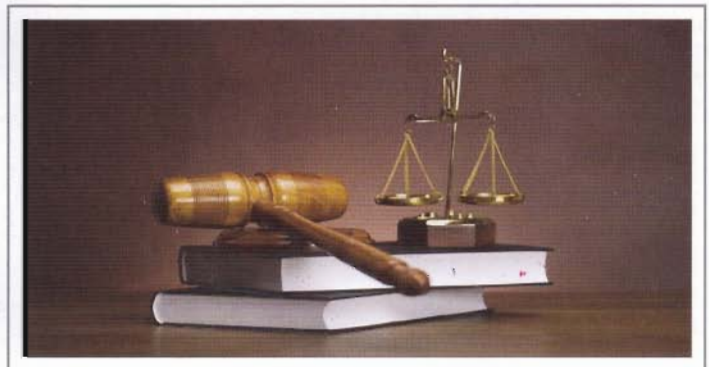
Faculty Members Participated in International Webinars

One of the faculty members of Department of Law, Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Professor, participated in the International Webinar on “COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on South Asian Society, Economy & Polity”, organized by the Department of Political Science in association with IQAC, Mahatma Gandhi College (MGC), Purulia, West Bengal, India on 7th & 8th September 2020. He received a certificate of recognition for presenting a paper titled “Human Rights and COVID- 19 Pandemic: Bangladesh Perspective” to the conference. More than one hundred teachers, researchers and discussants from different countries attended in the webinar. The scholars like Sasi Kanta Murmu, Dr. Santi Kundu Principal, Ankana Banerjee, Mozahid Ansary, Thakurdas Mahato, Mahadeb Ruidas, Pranab Acharya, Souvik Mahato, Siddhartha Mahato from Mahatma Gandhi College; Dr. Eyasin Khan, Asst. from Vidyasagar University, Midnapore; Dr. Gouri Shankar Nag, Prof. of Pol. Sc., S. K. B University & Co-ordinator of Atish Dipankar Srij’nan Centre for South Asian Studies; W. B. Budh Bahadur Lama from School of Social Sciences of Sikkim Central University, Dr. Sabed Ahmed Chowdhury, Associate Prof., Dept. of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh were also present. The main purpose of the study of Mostafijur Rahman was to investigate the human rights situation during Covid-19 period in Bangladesh. In his paper, he illuminated that Bangladesh has been seriously affected and many people have been restricted from their fundamental human rights even though the per capita incidence and mortality is lower due to demographic characteristics.

On 7th December 2020 Md. Ahmedul Azam, Lecturer and Program Coordinator, Department of Education participated in an International Webinar titled “Education Disrupted, Education Reimagined: Higher Education Post-COVID 19” organized by University Technology Malaysia. At the program, speakers from all around the world presented their research articles on education in the post-Covid era. How higher education institutions are combating the situation and what innovation and learning are taking place were the focus of the conference.

Advocateship Training Program in the Department of Law

The Department of Law started an advocateship training program from Spring Semester, 2021 for law graduates to prepare them to sit for the Bangladesh Bar Council examination. This is an intensive four-month advanced course designed specifically for the law graduates of Prime University. The course is a combination of compliance and competence training in legal skills. The faculty members of the Department of Law, Prime University; adjunct faculties from public universities who have excellent academic careers, a few professionals



from Bangladesh Judicial Service, and reputed law chambers are the resource persons of the program. Well-known legal expert Justice Dr. Abu Tariq, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh is the supervisor, advisor and one of the trainers of the program.

Court Visit by the Students of the Department of Law

The students of the 44th batch of the Department of Law visited the Dhaka Judges’ Court on January 6, 2021 as part of the curriculum requirement of the Clinical Legal Education Course. Golam Sarowar, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of Law directed the students and showed them different court activities like live trial, oral argument etc.

Moreover, they visited the GR section, record room, and legal aid office of the Court from where the students became acquainted with many court-related matters. The participating students were highly impressed with the experience they gathered during the visit and they expressed that it would be of great use in their future career.



Students of the 44th batch visiting the Dhaka Judges' Court

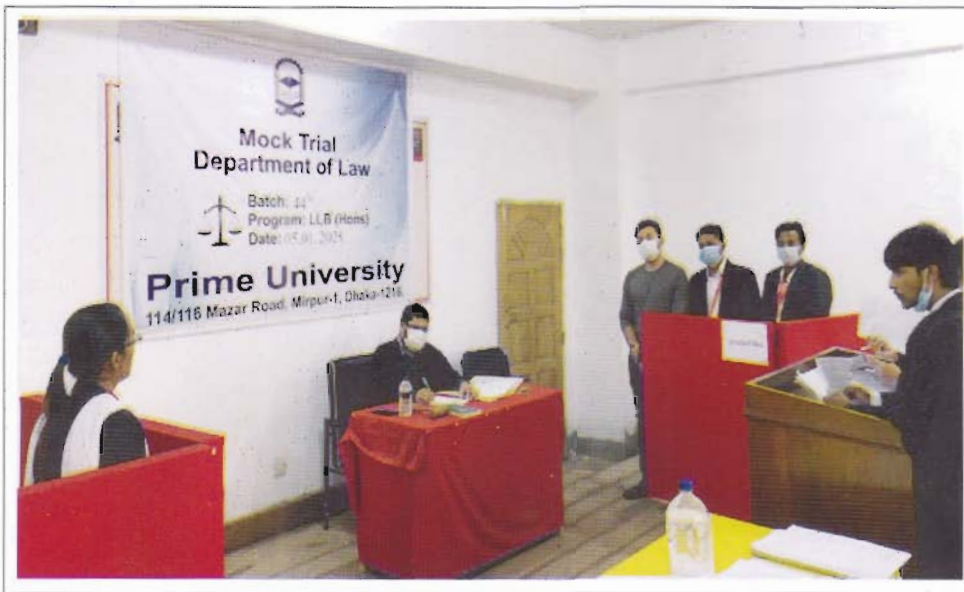
Students of the Department of Law Participated in the Virtual Moot Court Competition



The courtesy visit of the participants with the Vice Chancellor

The Moot Court team of the Department of Law qualified to the preliminary rounds of '2nd Professor Shah Alam Constitutional Law Virtual Moot Court Competition 2021' held on 26 June 2021. On this occasion the participating team consisting of the students of LLB Hon's of the department visited Prof. Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice Chancellor of the University on 17 June 2021. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the team for being qualified for the preliminary round. Dr. Abdullah-Al-Monzur Hussain, the Head of the department and the trainer Md. Ariful Islam, Sr. Lecturer of the department were also present in the courtesy visit.

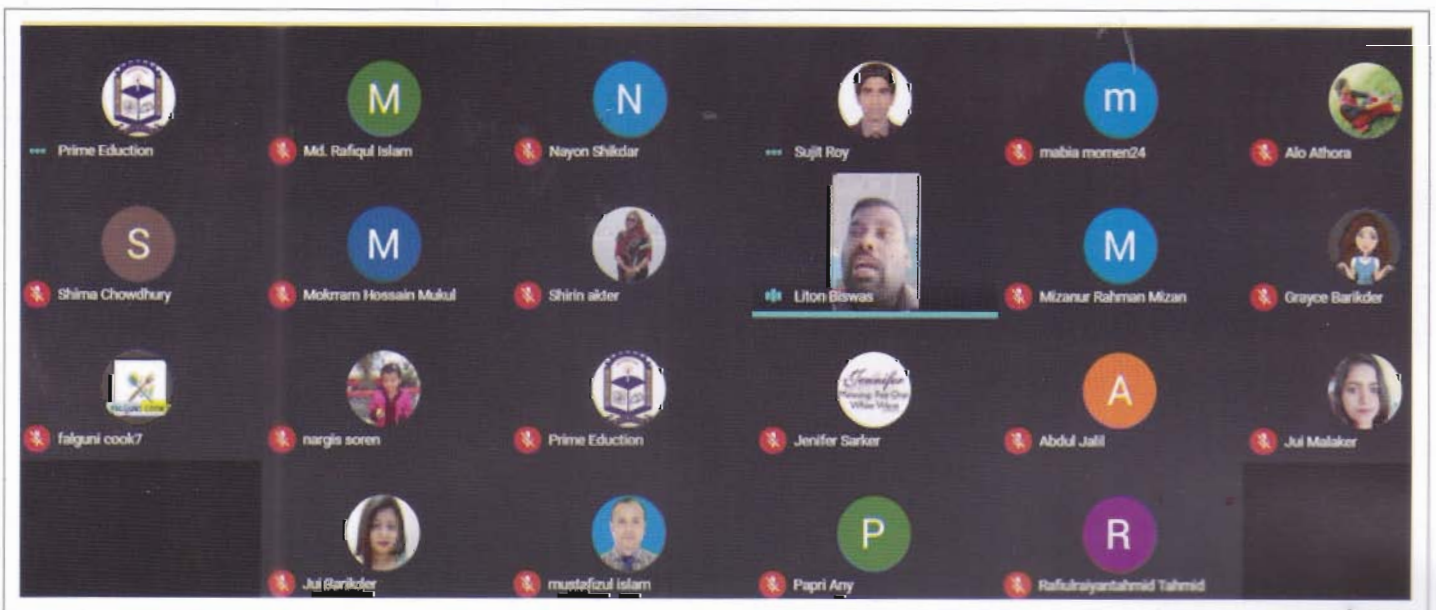
Mock Trial by the Students of the Department of Law



The students of the 46th batch of the LLB (Hons) program playing their role as solicitors in a mock trial

On 19th January 2021 the department of law organized a mock trial (a simulation of real trial) for the students of the 46th batch for the partial completion of their Clinical Legal Education Course. Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of Law carried out the role of the Judge in the trial. All faculty members of the Dept. of law were present in the trial and enjoyed the legal skills demonstrated credibly by the students as the solicitors of the trial. The students were admired immensely for their impressive role in the trial.

Online Orientation Programs for the Freshers Held



Some of the participants of the Department of Education during online orientation program

Online orientation programs for the newly admitted students of different Departments of the University were held separately in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters by the respective departments. The objective of the orientation programs was to introduce the students with their respective departments, curricula and teaching methods. Heads of the respective departments presided over the orientation programs. They gave guidelines about the classes and other academic affairs. The rules and regulations of the University were also introduced to the students in brief. In short, the students were in high spirits in attending the orientation programs and were delighted to receive warm welcome from their respective departments.

Completion Ceremony Celebrated by the Outgoing Students of Law

To mark the end of the academic life the students of 55th batch of the LLM program of the Department of Law, Prime University celebrated their completion ceremony in the Dream Holiday Park of Norshingdi on 01 January, 2021 amid much merriment. It was a highly cheerful day for the students to commemorate their 2 years student life in the University. Throughout the day the whole batch participated in various funs and activities, and the faculty took on a festive look.



Students at the program

Then the evening began with discussion and cultural program. The Head of the Department of Law Golam Sarowar was present as the Chairperson of the program and delivered his speech to stimulate the students to achieve a better future. The students also shared their feelings of their university student life with a great affection in their speeches. The day came to an end with a cultural function where students performed songs, dances, drama, etc. on the stage.

Success of Prime University Cricket Team in the 1st J'adoubé 100 Balls Cup Inter University Cricket Tournament-2020



The cricket team of Prime University

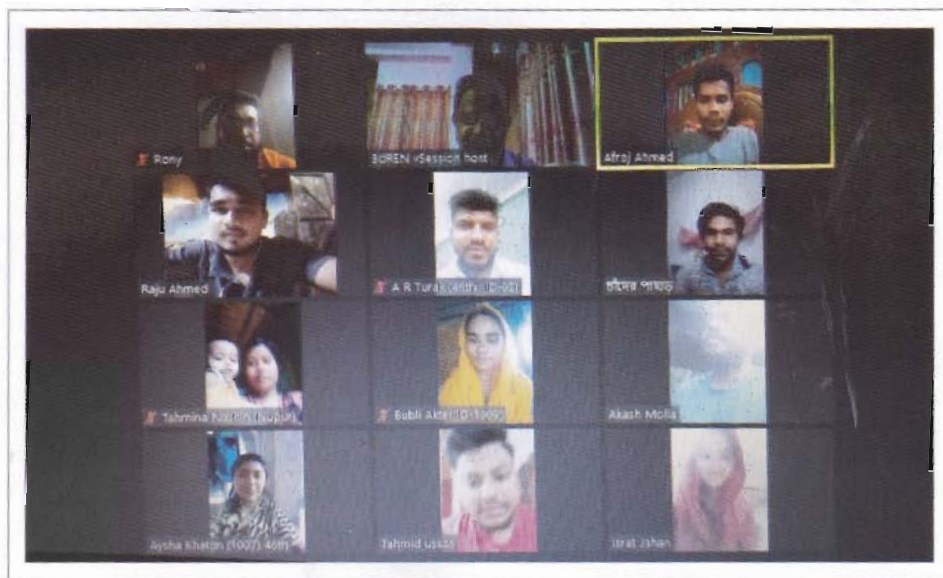
The Prime University Cricket Team participated in the 1st J'adoubé 100 Balls Cup Inter University Cricket Tournament-2020. Eight teams from different Universities of the country participated in the tournament held in City Club Ground, Mirpur, Dhaka from October 27, 2020 to November 3, 2020. Prime University Cricket Team played against BRAC University, Independent University, Bangladesh and Daffodil International University in the Group-A

stage and showed their cricket talents and won against BRAC University by 125 runs and Independent University, Bangladesh by 3 wickets and unfortunately lost to Daffodil International University at a very poor margin.

Prime University confirmed the final of the tournament by beating European University by a massive win of 7 wickets. In the final match of the tournament, Prime University Cricket Team was unexpectedly defeated to Daffodil International University. As one of the finalist teams of the tournament, Prime University qualified to participate in the upcoming Inter University Cricket Tournament 2021 to be held in Malaysia.

Prime University authority, management and the stakeholders congratulate the Prime University Cricket Team on its grand performance.

Virtual Eid Reunions Organized in the Departments



Virtual Eid Re-union, 2021 in the department of law

Eid Re-union programs give students the platform for sharing their views, opinions and pleasures vibrantly which highly assist the departments to up-hold the tie firmly. Due to the Covid -19 pandemic the Eid Re-union programs were organized virtually on Zoom Cloud Meeting after the Eid vacations.

On 18th May 2021 the students as well as the faculty members of the Department of English shared their Eid enjoyments and experiences on the consequences of the Covid-19 in the program. Again, after the vacation of Eid-ul Adha, the Department organized another reunion on 26th July 2021 where students of all batches were present with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, and Head of the department, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Arshad Ali and the faculty members of the department.

The Department of Law organized a virtual Eid reunion on 22nd May and 23rd May 2021. A large number of students from different batches (LLB Hons and LLM) attended the session. The Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Dr. Mohammad Arshad Ali attended the virtual gathering as the chief guest while Dr. Abdullah-Al- Monzur Hussain, the Head of the Department of Law presided over the program. The chief guest of the occasion expressed his hope that Covid-19 will be eradicated from the earth and we might be able to celebrate the Eid in the traditional manner. The teachers urged the students to abide by the rules, regulations, and restrictions set by the government to drive the pandemic away.

OBITUARY



Prof. Dr. M. A. Mottalib

Prime University mourns the death of Prof. Dr. M. A. Mottalib, one of the Members of the Prime University Academic Council. He passed away on 1st April 2021 from Coronavirus disease. He was a Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science in the University of Dhaka from 1995 to 1998. He had also served as the same capacity in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (earlier CIT) in the Islamic University of Technology till 2017. Before his departure he had been appointed Vice Chancellor at the University of Skill Enrichment and Technology in Narayanganj.

On the other hand, Mohammad Bashir Mia and Majeda Begum, cleaners of the University died on 24 January 2021 and 12 April 2021 respectively. Mohammad Bashir Mia died due to a heart attack while Majeda Begum with COVID-19 symptoms. She was also suffering from kidney complexities.

All members of the Prime University family were deeply shocked by the demise of Prof. Mottalib as well as Mohammad Bashir Mia and Majeda Begum and prayed for the salvation of their departed souls.

New Joining and Promotions

In the Fall 2020 and the Spring 2021 Semesters, ten Faculty Members were appointed in different posts in different departments of the University. Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain Shaikh and Professor Dr. Munshi Mahbubur Rahman joined in the Department of Education and EEE respectively. Dr. Abdullah Al Monzur Hussain joined as Associate Professors in the Department of Law. Dr. Bikash Barua also joined as Associate Professor in the Department of Business Administration. In the post of Lecturers, Md. Ahmedul Azam joined in the Department of Education, Md. Al-Amin in the Department of Bangla, Asma Royhana Sarkar in the Department of English along with Afroja Sultana, Farzana Nazneen and Chotan Chowdhury in the Department of Civil Engineering.

On the other hand, Dr. Faisal Ahmed, Assistant Professor and Dr. Mariya Ferdousi, Lecturer in the Department of EEE were promoted to the post of Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer respectively.

Among Executives, Md. Nazmul Hoque was promoted to the post of Section Officer from that of Computer Operator.



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