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Prime University celebrated the national mourning day and the 46th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the greatest man in Bengali history with due respect and solemnity. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib was assassinated along with all but two of his family members on August 15, 1975 at his Dhanmandi residence in Dhaka by a group perverted of army personnel. This day of grief is being celebrated every year as the National Day of mourning in the country and abroad in a solemn atmosphere. Like every year, Prime University has observed this day with solemnity to pay homage to the departed souls of the martyrs on 15th August, 1975. But due to the Covid-19 pandemic Prime University has organized a virtual discussion program followed by a Doa Mahfil.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of Prime University the valiant freedom fighter Md. Ashraf Ali inaugurated the discussion program as the Chairman. BOT member Mir Shahabuddin another distinguished freedom fighter was the Chief Guest of the program. Among others, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Senior Vice Chairman of BOT Alhaj Tofazzal Hossain, Vice Chairman Nrepen Maitra, Treasurer Md. Mamun Sobhan, Secretary General Firoz Mahmud Hossain, and Member Ashfaq-U-Chowdhury,



Engineer Towhidur Rahman, Asia Zaman and Advocate Abul Kalam Azad were present in the program as special guests. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. M. Jahangir Alam, Mir Shahabuddin, Member of the BOT, Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General of the BOT of PU, Treasurer of the University Prof. Dr. M. Arshad Ali, Syndicate Members Professor. ABM Farooq, and Professor. Abdul Jabbar Hawladar, Deans of different faculties, Controller of Examinations, Heads of Departments, Teachers, Officers-Staff and representatives from students discussed and exchanged their views about the life and contribution of Bangabandhu paying glowing tribute to him. They humbly pay their respect also to all of those who lost their lives on that day to the ruthless bullets of the assassins, including the family members of the family of the Father of the Nation.

The Chairman of BOT, Md. Ashraf Ali said that on this day in 1975, the nation lost the greatest friend of the oppressed people of the country- without whose birth this country would not have been independent. While, the Vice Chancellor of the University said that after nine months of bloody struggle, the nation achieved the great victory on December 16 with the sacrifice of a sea of blood. On January 10, 1972, Bangabandhu returned to the country after being released from the prison in Pakistan and focused on rebuilding the war-torn country. The program was moderated by Captain Md. Abdul Jabber, Registrar of the University. At the end of the discussion, a Doa Mahfil was conducted to pray for all martyrs of the 15th August and of the liberation war as well as for the welfare of the country.

## Webinar Organized in the Department of Business Administration

The Department of Business Administration organized a webinar entitled "Ideal Human Resource Management Practices in the New Normal Situation Caused by the COVID-19" on 25 September 2021 at 7:30 pm over the Zoom platform. Md. Jahangir Alam, Senior Assistant Vice President of Meghna Bank Ltd. was the speaker of the session. The webinar was graced by Md. Ashraf Ali, Chairman, BOT, Prime University, and Prof. Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice-Chancellor of the University as the Chief Guest and the Special Guest respectively. Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman, Head, Department of Business Administration, presided over the session.

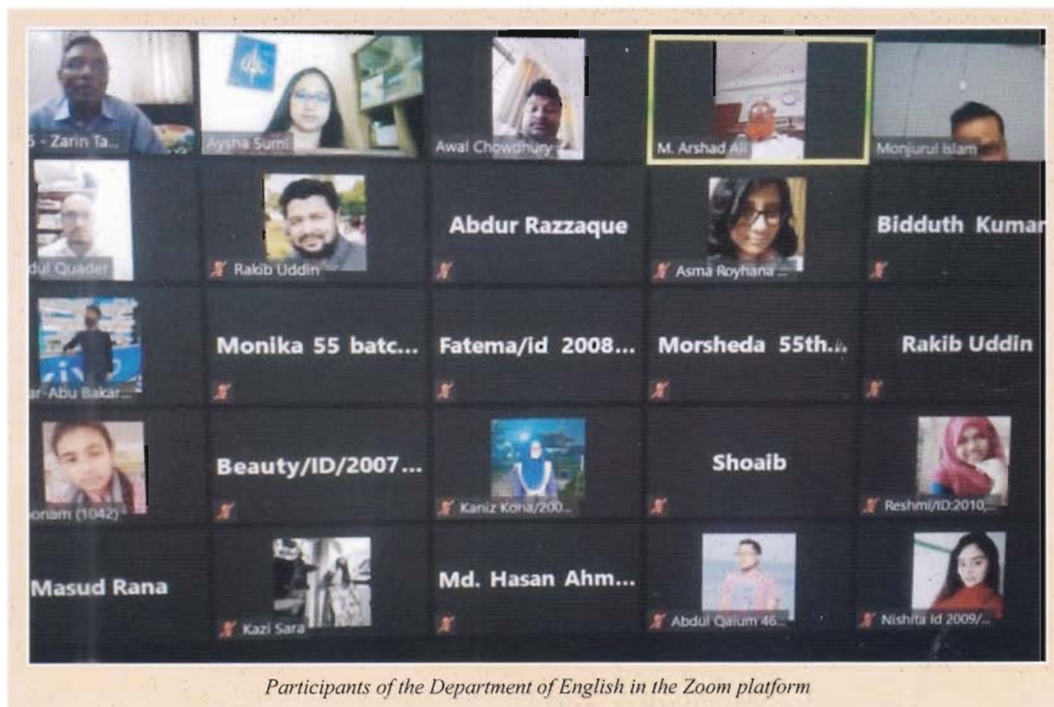
The speaker in the webinar candidly highlighted the challenges faced by banks to maintain a safe environment inside the bank for employees and customers and initiatives undertaken thereby. The speaker emphasized on ensuring social distancing, work-life balance, scheduling, performance improvement, and safe customer service.

## Orientation Programs in Different Departments

**Department of English:** An orientation program for the students of 56th batch of undergraduate and post-graduate programs of the department was held on 5th February 2021 by the Department of English. A good number of students virtually attended the program and got introduced with the faculty members, course curriculum of the respective programs, code of conducts and different facilities available in the Department as well as in the University. Faculty members of the Department spoke to the freshers and highlighted the importance of English Language and English literature in the work-a-day life.

**Department of Education:** The orientation program of the Department of Education was held on 4 June 2021 virtually via the Google meet platform. All the newly admitted students of the 57th batch of BEd and MEd program were welcomed by all the faculty members and current students. Prof. Dr. Delwar Hossain Shaikh expressed his best wishes to the newly enrolled students. Md. Ahmedul Azam, Lecturer, and Mabia Momen, Lecturer of the Department of Education, were also present in the orientation program.

The program started with a recitation from the Holy Quran by MEd student Md. Ashadul Islam. Afterward, two of the newly admitted BEd and MEd program students expressed their keen interest in joining the Department of Education. All the current students present in the session also exchanged their views and welcomed all the newly admitted students.



*Participants of the Department of English in the Zoom platform*

Prof Dr. Delwar Hossain Shaikh, Head, Department of Education, encouraged all the students to explore learning opportunities during the journey in the University. Md. Ahmedul Azam, provided a thorough brief about the details of the whole program to the newly enrolled students. Finally, the program ended up with a virtual cultural program and vote of thanks.

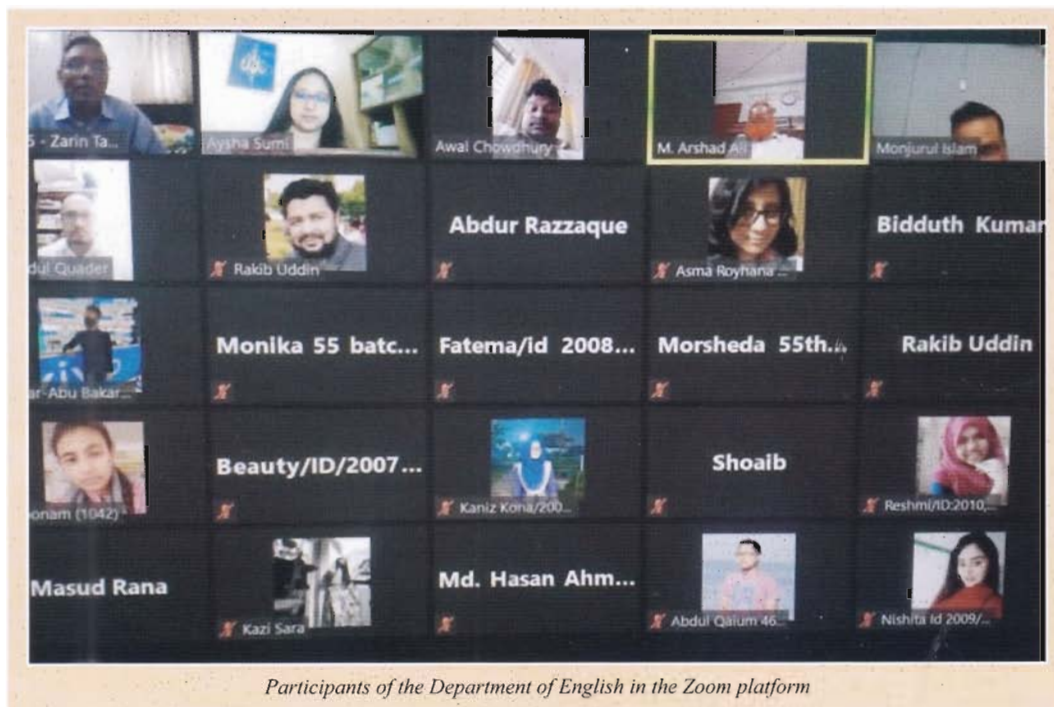
## Arrangement of Dissertation Presentation Program of BA (Hons) and MA Programs

The Department of English arranged a virtual dissertation presentation session with 46th batch of BA (Hons) program and 53rd batch of MA Program on 24th September 2021. The students of those batches have involved themselves in writing individual dissertation papers through extensive reading over the months and presented those dissertation papers to the defense committee comprised of faculty members of the Department. All faculty members of the department were invited to observe the session and deliver their opinions about the research as well as the presentation of the students. The teachers congratulated the outgoing students and wished them success in future.

## Preparation for Physical Classes

Prime University has restarted conducting on-campus classes from 1st October, 2021. According to the decision of the Government of Bangladesh, the University remained closed since 17 March, 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic and had been performing all academic activities through online platforms like ZOOM Meeting, Google Class Room, BD Ren, etc. The University has reopened on permission from the University Grants Commission (UGC). University authority and faculty members were vibrant to prepare the University for physical classes. The whole campus including class rooms, laboratories, library, and other physical facilities were cleaned. All kinds of repairing activities, wherever necessary, were performed. Initiatives were taken to ensure vaccination of the students, faculty members, and staff prior to the start of the class. All health protocols including wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, providing sanitization facilities have been facilitated and strictly followed.





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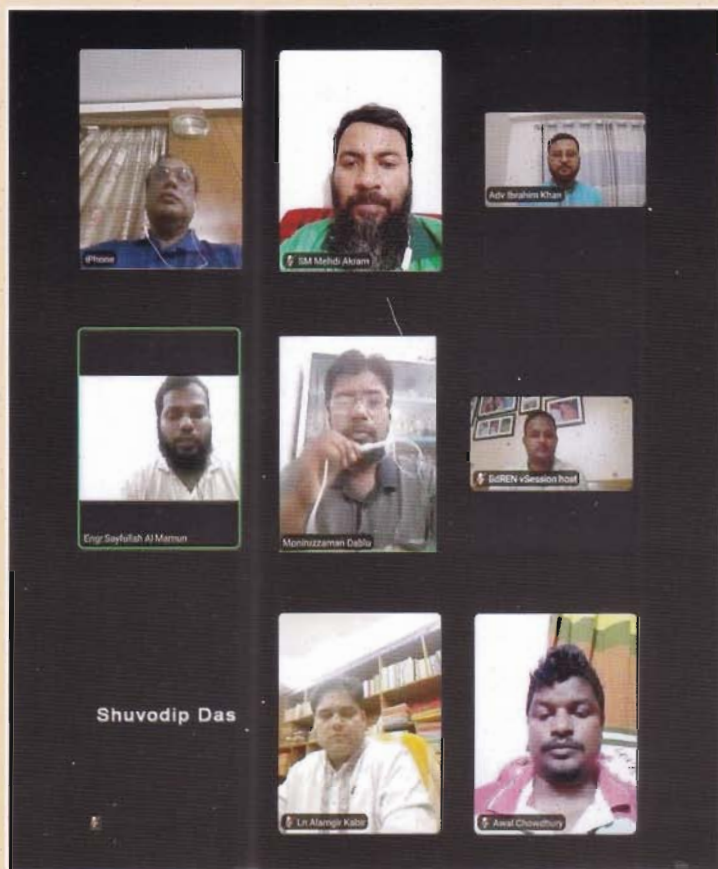
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## Meetings of the Alumni



*The virtual meeting of Prime University Alumni Association*

A virtual meeting of the Executive Council of Prime University Alumni Association (PUAA) was held on 14 August 2021 at 7:30 pm. Prof. Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice Chancellor of the University and the President of the Prime University Alumni Association (PUAA) presided over the meeting. Along with other members, Golam Sarowar, Sr. Vice President, A. N. M. Ibrahim Khan, Secretary General were present in the meeting. The meeting discussed on several issues such as, Amendment of Constitution of the Alumni Association, advancement of the Association, etc.

On the same day and time the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Prime University arranged 'Exchange of Views Meeting with CSE Alumni' individually over the zoom platform. Approximately, 60 alumni from different batches and existing faculty member of the Department of CSE participated in that meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Head of the Department of CSE, Professor Dr. M. Mahbubur Rahman. Md. Mojibur Rahman Redoy Akanda, Lecturer welcomed all the participants with a welcome address. Dr. Momtaz Begum (Momo), Associate Professor, was the anchor of the whole program. Representatives from individual batches shared their views and discussed on computer programming and

its essence to solve real life problems. They stressed harnessing the boundless energy of our young people for the department's development, as well as the importance of research in numerous sectors to improve our students' knowledge and intellect. They urged on designing the website in informative way so that students can utilize it for various purposes. They also emphasized on developing a curriculum that should address the program objectives and program learning outcomes. The Chairperson and Head of the Dept. of CSE informed the alumni that persistent work is being done to prepare the department for the competitive world and to establish Prime University's status as a world-renowned institution. The University authority is very much eager to solve the issues raised by the alumni. He also assured the alumni that these issues would be brought to the attention of the university administration, and that the CSE department will work diligently on them. Finally, the program ended with the presentation of a colorful cultural program over the zoom platform. The alumni expressed their gratitude to the chairperson and other faculty members for putting this event together.

Similarly, Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering of Prime University organized the first formal Exchange of Views Meeting with its Alumni on 30 July 2021 at 7:30 pm over zoom platform. Around 110 alumni of different batches and faculty members of EEE Department participated in that meeting. Shuvodip Das, Assistant Professor of EEE Department and alumni of ETE Department of Prime University moderated the program. Professor Dr. M. Mahbubur Rahman, Head, Department of EEE, Prime University chaired the meeting. Md. Mostak Ahmed and Md. Abu Zaman, Associate Professors of EEE Department were also present in the meeting. Professor Dr. M. Mahbubur Rahman highlighted different initiatives of the department as well as of the University to make the department as a center of excellence in Electronic and Electrical Engineering education assured the alumni that relentless work has been going on to obtain BAETE Accreditation and the university authority is very much eager to solve any problem of the current students and the alumni. Finally, the alumni thanked the chairperson for organizing this meeting.



## Online Cultural Program Uploaded in PU Face Book by the Cultural Club

The whole world, including Bangladesh, is devastated by the COVID-19 epidemic. The death figure is gradually getting higher. Students have been suffering from depression for more than a year as they have been away from their classmates and the University. In this situation, the Cultural Committee of the University took an initiative to organize the event to entertain the members of Prime University family and all their well-wishers for a while. The Committee arranged an impressive colorful online cultural program. The cultural program was telecast on 24 September (Friday) 2021 at 7:00 pm on the official facebook



*The virtual meeting of PU Alumni Association*

page of Prime University. The program started with the theme song Eikhane, Esho Bondhu Esho, Amader Ei Anginae... and ended with a patriotic song. The event was compact with a graceful cultural program including music, recitation, and dance. Prof. Dr. Engr. Md. Zahid Husain Khan, Convener of the Cultural Committee and Dean, Faculty of Engineering sang a nice mind-blowing song. Among students Nourin, Mouri, Richard, Sumaiya, Plabon, and Onabil sang praise-worthy songs; Saif recited a poem; Meem and Sujata danced with Bengali songs. Dr. Momtaz Begum (Momo), Associate Prof., Department of CSE, and Shuvodip Das, Assistant Prof., Department of EEE, anchored the whole program. All the students, esteemed Faculty members, officers, and staff of Prime University and many viewers enjoyed the program on the official facebook page of Prime University and highly appreciated it. Md. Ashraf Ali, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Professor Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice-Chancellor of the University, also appreciated the program.

## Participation of Prime University in 'Shuddhachar' Program Telecast by BTV

In light of the National Integrity Strategy, Prime University took part in a special show titled "Shuddhachar" that was aired on Bangladesh Television and BTV World on September 15, 2021. The main theme of the program was the role of universities and UGC, Bangladesh in establishing national integrity. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman of the UGC and Professor Dr. M. Jahangir Alam, Vice Chancellor of the Prime University talked in that program. In his speech, Professor Dr. M. Jahangir Alam shed light on the online education activities and mentoring system of the Prime University. Professor Dr. Jahangir Alam also spoke about Prime University's



*Vice Chancellor in 'Shuddhachar' program telecast by BTV*

effective online educational activities stating that due to the organized online classes, students did not experience any session clutter or semester loss. Furthermore, he mentioned about the existing mentoring system of the Prime University through which faculty members have been imparting moral education and human values to students. He also underlined the importance of developing students' moral and human traits so that they might pave the way for creating a golden



Bangladesh free of hunger, illiteracy, unemployment, poverty, and corruption. The television program of the BTV featured some interactions between teachers and students during real online classes of each department. Professor Dr. M. Mahbubur Rahman, Head of the Department EEE; Dr. Momtaz Begum Momo, Associate Professor of the Department of CSE; Mst. Shahina Ferdousi, Assistant Professor of the Department of Law; and Rakib Uddin, Assistant Professor of the Department of English conducted those online classes. The program also featured some interviews with students from different departments.

## Virtual Eid Reunion Organized by the Department of English

The Department of English arranged an Eid reunion program in the department for sharing happiness among faculty members and students. Due to COVID -19 pandemic, the Department organized the reunion program virtually on Zoom Cloud Meeting after the vacation of Eid-ul Adha on 26 July 2021 where the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science and Head of the Department, Professor Dr. M. Arshad Ali, faculty members and students of all batches were present. The Eid reunion program created a vibrant platform for the students and faculty members to exchange the views, opinions, and pleasures which boosts up the Department to uphold the tie with warmness.

## OBITUARY



*Md. Jasim Uddin Mridha*



*Liton Biswas*



*Sinthia Akter*

**Md. Jasim Uddin Mridha, one of the meritorious students of the Department of Business Administration, sadly demised on 13 July 2021. He was suffering from coronavirus disease. The student was a man of amiable personality and secured excellent results in both BBA and MBA programs. He was a student of 37th batch of BBA program and 49th batch of MBA program.**

**Liton Biswas, one of the students of 55th batch of BEd program of Prime University, succumbed to COVID-19 disease on June 23, 2021.**

**And Sinthia Akter, a student of 56th batch of LLB program passed away on August 11, 2021. She was suffering from dengue fever. The members of the Board of Trustees, the Vice Chancellor, faculty members, executives, staffs and students of the University deeply mourn their departure and express condolences to bereaved families.**

## New Joining

In the Summer Semester 2021, the four faculty members in different posts were appointed in different departments of the University. Professor Dr. Abdur Rahman joined the Department of Business Administration as a Professor. Md. Shihabul Islam joined as Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE). In the post of Lecturers, Mabia Momen joined the Department of Education while Md. Imam Hossain joined the Department of CSE. On the other hand, Jamila Khatun joined as Admission Officer in the Office of Admission office of the University. The Prime University Family warmly welcomed all.



*Professor Dr. Abdur Rahman*



*Md. Shihabul Islam*



*Mabia Momen*



*Md. Imam Hossain*

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