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Orientation of Spring Semester-2010



Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Governing Council and Chief Guest Addressing the Freshers

An orientation program for the newly admitted students of Spring Semester-2010 was held in the Prime University premises on 4th February, 2010. The program was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad. Honourable Chairman of the Prime Foundation and Prime University Governing Council Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma graced the occasion as the chief guest. The Pro Vice Chancellor of the University Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Vice Chairman of Prime Foundation and Member Prime University Governing Council, Mr. Ashraf Ali, Dean of the Faculties of Arts, Social Science and Business Studies, Professor Dr. M.A. Jalil, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Registrar of the University Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali and respected teachers from Dhaka and Rajshahi Universities and our

University along with many distinguished personalities were present on the occasion. Almost one thousand students including seven hundred new comers were present at the ceremony. On this occasion prizes were distributed by Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma among the winners of Pitha Utsab-2010 and Interdepartmental Debate Competition-2009 which encouraged the students very much.

Editorial

Quite adherent to its mission that Prime University[®] is a home for rendering prime knowledge, the institution is all dedication to assimilation and dissemination of higher knowledge to realise the full flowering of the talent in the youth at our care. There is no denying the fact that it is on the achievement of full physical, mental, intellectual and spiritual development of the students community that national progress hinges. The opposite

A Seminar on "Digitalization of Bangladesh: Constraints and Possibilities"

foreshadows the bleak prospect for the motherland, which a nation like ours one with its history of relentless struggle and unparalleled sacrifice can never reconcile with. The nation's hopes and aspirations have motivated the management of the university to chalk out programs that help materialise the possibilities of the young learners who have chosen the institution as their **alma mater** among a host of the kind.

We are always at pains to make avenues for not only acquiring the capabilities facilitative to a knowledge based society but also productive of manpower that will be adequately equipped with to shoulder the responsibilities that the motherland will charge them with. They are expected to mature into full men and women who will not only acquire sound mind in a sound body through the utilization of facilities and amenities like games and sports, debates and recitations, dramatic performances and musical competitions, observance of the days of national importance and a host of other co-curricular activities frequently organised and arranged to bring out and develop the best that lie latent in our budding citizens. Hopefully, they will be prepared to squarely face the challenge of the present and future times so as to steer the nation through thick and thin. In short, together with the education of international standard, extra-curricular activities have taken on regular features of the over-all academic environs so that with the happy blending of the two are inculcated traits of balanced personalities in the students making them quite capable to solve the riddles and problems that their path of life is beset with.

A seminar on "Digitalization of Bangladesh: Constraints and Possibilities" was held on 11th May 2010 in the Prime University Seminar Hall. Honourable member of the Parliament and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu graced the seminar as the Chief Guest & Chief Discussant and honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Pro-

the slogan 'Digital Bangladesh' which is one of the main agenda of the present government. He disseminated a very clear view on the Digital Bangladesh and the steps to be taken to achieve the goal of Digital Bangladesh. Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu also presented a framework of Digitalization of Bangladesh and showed a straight forward path way for the ICT students of Bangladesh who will play the main role to achieve



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Vice Chancellor, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Abdul Mannan Sardar, Dean, Faculty of IT, Prof. Dr. Abdul Halim Shaikh, Registrar Prof. M. Arshad Ali, distinguished faculty members from different departments and students of the Faculty of Engineering of the Prime University were present in the seminar.

At the very beginning of the talk Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu tried to drive away the misconcepts regarding

Digital Bangladesh. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will have to create more than one lac ICT jobs within the next couple of years to achieve the Vision-2021 of the present government. Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu informed that the government will provide computers to each and every school of the country to make the children computer literate. Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu projected that if the Digital Bangladesh is achieved, Bangladesh

will be the gate way of development for the eastern part of India. If the digitalization process is carried out according to the expectation of the government by 2014 it will be possible to establish 14,000 call centers in Bangladesh. Regarding the specialization in ICT sector the government is going to produce certified professionals with the collaboration of the largest ICT companies like Microsoft, CISCO and many others. The honourable Member of the Parliament concluded his presentation with a hope that if every thing goes as expected, it is not far when Bangladesh citizens may lead the whole world through 'Digital Bangladesh.'

reach their destination. Dr. Jalil in his paper explained the ground reality and technical aspects of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Bangladesh. He regarded SMEs as engines towards the development of Bangladesh.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Samad in his speech explained the importance of advanced technologies in the 21st century.

GOB took part in the discussion as the guest of honor. Dr. A.K.M. Helaluzzaman, Chairman, Department of Business Administration welcomed all the participants in the seminar. Faculties from different departments also took part in the discussion. Students also participated in the question-answer session in an inter-active manner.



Professor Dr. M.A. Jalil presenting the keynote paper

He urged the students to equip themselves with knowledge of these technologies and develop their career in the areas of entrepreneurship. Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Former Chairman Customs, Excise & VAT Appellate Tribunal,

Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university and Director, Centre for Research and Publications was in the chair. He thanked all the guests, faculties and students who participated in the seminar.

Seminar on SME

A seminar on "SME: An Instrument for Development of Bangladesh" was organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications, Prime University, Dhaka in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Business Administration on February 19, 2010. Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor of the university attended the seminar as the chief guest. Professor Dr. M.A. Jalil, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies presented the keynote paper. Mr. Aftab-ul Islam, Chairperson, SME Foundation was the chief discussant in the seminar. Mr. Islam explained the background of SME Foundation in Bangladesh. He urged the students to become entrepreneurs utilizing their creativity and innovativeness other than running behind the jobs. He regarded intellectual capital as the factor of production in the 21st century. He said that this intellectual capital and knowledge of English can help students

Students' Seminar on "Fire on the Mountain"

Students of 13th batch of the Department of English arranged a seminar on Anita Desai's 'Fire on the Mountain.' Four papers were presented in the seminar. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University and Dr. M.A. Jalil Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Social Science and Business Studies, attended and spoke on the occasion. Professor Mustafizur

Rahman Chirman of the Dept. of English presided over the seminar. Abdul Awal, Zahid Azad, Ripon Howlader and Rakibuddin presented their papers focusing different aspects in 'Fire on the Mountain.' The seminar was followed by a critical discussion by the participants. Mr. Md. Sazzad Hossain Zahid, Assistant Professor of the department of English, Mr. Mohammad Sheikh Mehedi Hasan and Ms. Dipanwita, Lecturer of English department were among the discussants.

SEMINAR ON "PRO-ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE"



A View of the Seminar on Seminar On "Pro-active and Positive attitude"

A different type of seminar titled "Pro-active and Positive Attitude" was held in Prime University on the 29th April, 2010. The Chief discussant of the seminar was the initiator of pro-active attitude in Bangladesh, Researcher Dr. Almasur Rahman. Mr. M. Helal, Editor of the magazine "Biswabiddalaya Campus" was the Moderator and Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor, Prime University was the Chairman of the seminar. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro Vice Chancellor delivered the welcome speech.

In the seminar Dr. Almasur Rahman said that proactive and positive attitude implies the power of keeping oneself cool in any awkward situation. In other words, to face any unwanted situation in a patient way may be called proactive attitude. The first characteristic of a popular and successful man is the pro-active and positive attitude. The opposite is the reactive attitude in which case there remains no control over one's ownself and many successes go offhand due to this.

The motto of the seminar was to turn the thoughts of the depressed young students, decadent society and backward nation to a positive mood.

1st Democracy Olympiad Prime University-2010



Winner of the competition on the stage with Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor and guests.

On the 2nd March, 2010 at 10:00 am "The 1st Democracy Olympiad Prime University-2010" was organized by SUJAN-Sushashoner Jonya Nagorik (Citizens for Good Governance). In presence of some renowned personalities of the country, more

than three hundred students of different colleges & universities of Dhaka city including Prime University participated in a competition. An open discussion was arranged on the occasion. The Chief Guest of the program was Mr. M. Hafiz Uddin, Chairman, TIB, Former Adviser of Caretaker Govt. and Co-Chairman, SUJAN. Dr. Badiul Alam Mojumber, Editor, SUJAN was present as Special Guest. Besides, Mr. A.S.M. Shahjahan, former Adviser of Caretaker Govt. & Executive Member, SUJAN, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prime University, Professor Dr. M.A. Jalil, Dean Faculty of Arts, Social Science and Business Studies, Prime University spoke on the occasion. The program was chaired by Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad, Vice Chancellor. The program became lively with the spontaneous participation of the students.

At the end of the program 10 participants from college & university levels were announced as winners. Certificates & prizes were distributed among them. Besides, all participants were handed over Certificates. More than one thousand students promised to prepare themselves as good citizens for tomorrow, an impressive feat, no doubt.

Observance of Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day

Prime University became the part of the procession of thousands of devotees to show deep respect to the language martyrs. A group comprising teachers, administrators, students and employees gathered in the University premises in the early morning of 21st February. They became organized under the leadership

of Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mr. Mir Shahabuddin and went to the Central Shahid Minar to pay their homage to the language martyrs and placed floral wreaths. They promised to dedicate to upholding the mother language in every sphere of life.



Teachers, executives, staffs and students are on their way to pay tribute at the Central Shahid Minar

PU Celebrates 39th Independence Day

The observance of Independence Day this year as in any other year is an opportunity for the Bengali nation to retrace its steps into that horrible year of 1971, for the particular reason that the year remains symbolic of all our dreams about our future. Thirty nine years after the formal declaration of Bangladesh's independence, it is for us to recapitulate an era that was to push us into unmitigated tragedy caused by Pakistan's initiation of genocide and eventually on to a sun-dappled dawn of freedom nine months later. Prime University arranged a colorful program to celebrate the

day, organized a gala morning to mark the 39th Independence Day of Bangladesh on Friday 26th March, 2010 at the University campus and also visited the Jatiya Smriti Sowdha at Savar early morning. This was a grand occasion when the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Deans of all faculties, Chairmen of all departments and faculty members, students, executives and staff of PU came together and celebrated in a spirit of joy and happiness. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad welcomed everyone and expressed his feelings that "Today, I am here to celebrate our Independence Day.

Thirtynine years back, we were liberated from Pakistan. We are happy to celebrate the 26th March on our free soil." Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mir Shahabuddin emphasized the importance of the need for knowing the glorious history of our War of Liberation by the present generation. He advised the students always to seek what is truth and never get distracted by any fabricated stories.

Training of Teachers for Tomorrow

Training of Teachers for Tomorrow is a regular programme of the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of Prime University which has been initiated with a view to developing the skill and qualities of the faculty members, especially the fresh lecturers who join teaching for the first time. Unquestionably the programme has achieved praises, drawn applauses from all corners for its significant success.

The 4th training programme commenced on 9th March, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the conference room of the university with a colorful inauguration ceremony in presence of the Chief Patron of the Centre and Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. M. Abdus Samad, the Director of the Centre and Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University Mir Shahabuddin, the Deans of different Faculties, Registrar, the Chairmen of departments, the trainers and the trainee faculty members.

As many as 22 faculty members participated in the 4th Teachers Training Programme. There were twenty four sessions in the programme including six presentation sessions of the trainee teachers. The programme came to an end on 5th May, 2010.



A view of the teachers training program

6th Batch English Language Course



A View of the Language School

After successful completion of the 5th batch English Language Course, Centre for Research, HRD and Publications started the English Language classes for the 6th batch. The inaugural session was held on 22nd February, 2010.

More than one hundred and twenty five students enrolled in the school in Spring Semester-10. They have been undergoing intensive training sessions in learning the four skills of language i.e. listening, speaking, reading & writing. This kind of course makes students confident enough to carry out their academic activities in English.

Participation in the Inter University Debate Competition

A team of Prime University students participated in the Inter University Debate Competition Program held on February 18, 2010 organized by Jahangir Nagar University. The debate was a parliamentary one in form. Prime University team got immense praise from the judges and organizers. The members of Prime University team were: Nazia Farzana and Saffat Homayra from the Department of Law, Jahangir Alam and Toffazzal Hossain from the Department of English.

Participation in National Debate Competition

As a part of regular activities Prime University Debating Club participated in the 2nd Palli Kabi Inter-club Debate Championship organized by Palli Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall Debating Club of Dhaka University. About 40 prominent debate clubs of different universities were the participants of this auspicious competition. A team of Prime University debating club consisting of 4 students participated in the competition enthusiastically. The members of the team were i) Zahid Azad (English) ii) Nazia Farzana (Law) iii) Sharmin Jahan Sorna (English) iv) Abdul Awal (English) The members of the team tried their best in proving their ability

Annual Cultural Competition-2010

Prime University Cultural Committee organized three day long Annual Cultural Competition for the students in the campus from 28th February to 2nd March-2010. The major events of the three daylong competition were recitation of

poems, modern songs, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti, Folk Songs, Patriotic Songs and Classical & Modern Dances. The events of 28th February were Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti and Patriotic Songs. Folk Songs and Modern Songs were held on 1st March, and Poetry Recitation, Classical and Modern Dances were held on the final day, 2nd March, 2010. The competition was held with great fervour and enthusiasm among the students.

Professor Dr. Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean, Faculty of IT, A.Z.M Nasimuzzaman, Deputy Registrar, Cumar Debul Dey, Faculty Member, Department of Law and Khalid Hossain Jewel, Faculty Member, Department of ETE were the judges of the competition. Mir Shahabuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University encouraged the participants by his valuable presence.

On the other hand, crests were awarded to the Champion and Runner-up teams from the Department of English and Department of Law respectively in the event titled "Inter- Department Debate Competition-2009". Sharmin Jahan Shorna, a student of 20th batch of the Department of English received the best speaker's prize.

Prize Distribution of "Inter-Department Debate Competition-2009" and "Pitha Utsab-2010"



Sajjatuz Jumman, Chairman Governing Council, giving away prizes to the Winners

Apart from the curriculum, students of Prime University involve themselves in various activities like celebrating different festivals and participating in different competitions. These kinds of activities develop their knowledge and management skill. To encourage the students, the university authority awards them certificates and prizes from time to time. One such kind of award was given to the participants of "Inter-Department Debate Competition-2009" and "Pitha Utsab-2010" on 4th February, 2010 during the orientation program of Spring Semester-2010.

Students were honoured to receive prizes which were handed over to them by the Chairman of Prime Foundation and Prime University Governing Council Mr. Sajjatuz Jumma. A number of sixteen stalls took part in the "Pitha Utsab-2010" among which "Pithar Zhuri", stall No. 14, arranged by the students of BBA, 17th batch received the 1st prize while "Oitijja Pitha Ghar", stall No. 02, arranged by the students of BBA and "Gram Banglar Pitha" stall No. 13 arranged by the students of EEE received the second & third prizes respectively.

Cricket Tournament of the Faculty Members Vs Staff and Executives

History was made at the Prime University Cricket League (PUCL) on 17th April, 2010 by the team of Faculty Members. It was arranged by the Department of Business Administration. The game was between Faculty Members and Staff & Executives. It was a 15 over match for both sides. Winning the toss the captain of Faculty Members' Team was elected to bat first. Some times in cricket it is said that winning a toss is winning a match and finally that happened. As it is mentioned earlier that it was a history, and really a history was made by our Faculty Members. A pile of total 199 runs in 15 over was scored by Faculty Members' Team. One name that should be mentioned is A.S.M. Jawad who scored 83 from 40 balls and his batting was a nightmare for Staff & Executives' Team. Later he was declared the Man of the Match. But cricket is the game of uncertainty and it is believed that anything can happen in it. With that hope Staff Team of Prime University started their batting but unfortunately they could not defend their wickets against striking bowlers from Faculty Members' side. And they were packed within 12 overs and the score was 87. Faculty Members won the game by 112 runs. This

match increased the interaction among Faculty Members, Staffs and Executives towards the healthy growth of relationship among them.

Sajano Bagan Staged

On 30.4.2010 at 7:30 pm the first ever drama show of Prime University was staged at the local ACSR auditorium, 2/B, North East



A moment of the drama "Sajano Bagan"

of Darussalam Road, Mirpur, Dhaka. It was a remarkable day for the members of the Drama Club as well as the general students of the University. The play "Sajano Bagan" written by eminent playwright Monoj Mitra was performed by the members of the Drama Club of Prime University. The whole show was excellent and superb. The sound, light, music, choreography and above all the performance of the artistes were so flawless that each and every audience was spell-bound. They enjoyed a good drama. The play was directed by eminent theatre activist Bakar Bakul. The casts were Mithun Kumar Sarker, Asaduzzaman Didar, Ashis Mamtaz, Hossain Mohammad Riaz, SM Kamrul Hasan, Dipika Sarker, Rakibul Hasan Sikder, Md. Abdullah Al Bashar, Saikhul Islam Sohel, Shaon

Ahmed, Kamrul Hasan and Prianka Karmaker. Stage decoration and light design were done by Abul Hasnat Bhuiyan Ripon. Mohammad Ali Babul was responsible for make-up of the performers. Costume was designed by Runa Sifat whereas music was designed by Shariful Islam and Sushanta. They all showed talent in their respective fields and made the show lively.

The performance was organized by the Drama Committee of Prime University

We are shocked

The whole nation was stung at the trauma that occurred due to Begunbari incident of 1st June and just after two days, Thursday night's inferno at Nimtoli in old Dhaka. The blaze that burnt to death some 121 inhabitants of Nawabktra at Nimtoli was perhaps the worst of its kind in living memory. Words fail to express fully the scale of devastation and death that the fire left in its wake. The collapse of 4 storied building at Begunbari and the fire in old Dhaka with its horizontal and vertical swipes wreaked such havoc on human lives and property that it sent instant shock waves

throughout the country. We are also shocked by the incidents that occurred over a small span of time and pray for the salvation of the departed souls and early recovery of the victims

WE MOURN



We solemnly remember our beloved member of Prime University Drama Club MITHUN KUMAR SARKAR, a student of ETE program (15th Bach ID 072030201001) of the University who passed away on 03.05.10. He performed in the 1st drama show of the University, 'Sajano Bagan' and showed his talent and enthusiasm. In other co-curricular activities also he was found very responsive and dedicated. He was a good human being. We miss him in every event

OBITUARY



Tanjir Fahim Jumma (Ovi), Son of Sajjatuz Jumma, Chairman, Governing Council, Prime University passed away on 13th April, 2010 at the age of 29 years. The life of this brilliant young man was cut short at Fort Lauderdale Sea Beach, Miami, USA. He was the grand son of A.H. M. Kamruzzaman, one of the four national leaders who were ruthlessly murdered by the unscrupulous elements on 3rd Nov. 1975. in Dhaka Central Jail. The entire University administration, teachers and students expressed their heart-felt condolence at this premature and tragic death of a very promising student and prayed for his soul to find eternal peace.