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Orientation Program: Spring Semester 2017



Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the freshers on 17.02.2017

The orientation program of the newly admitted students for Spring Semester 2017 of the University was held at the University Permanent Campus, 114/116 Mazar Road, Mirpur-1 on February 17, 2017.

Rashedul Alam, Former secretary to the government of the Bangladesh, now Member of the Advisory Council of Bangladesh Awami League ornamented the program as the Chief Guest while Mir Shahabuddin, the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University was the Program Chair.

Among others, Md. Ashraf Ali, Senior Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman of BOT, Firoj Mahmud Hossain, Secretary General, BOT, Prof. Dr. Saifuddin Shah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, M. A. Jabber, Registrar, Heads and Faculty Members of different departments of the university attended the ceremony.

More than 500 students enrolled in the Spring Semester 2017 for different undergraduate and graduate programs attended the occasion with great enthusiasm and festivity and got introduced with their teachers, course curriculum of their respective programs, code of conducts and different facilities available in the university in brief.

M. A. Jabber, Registrar, Prime University made the welcome address to the freshers and discussed the rules and regulations of the university in brief.

Md. Ashraf Ali, Senior Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prime University, assured the students to provide all sorts of modern facilities so that they could make themselves competent and knowledgeable to face the world competition.

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The chief guest of the program Rashedul Alam, expressed his gratitude to be a part of the program and emphasized that the present students were the future of Bangladesh and they would later lead the nation. Thus he highlighted the importance of the student life to develop them by acquiring quality education.

The Chairperson of the ceremony, Mir Shahabuddin, in his speech said that Prime University had been now at its permanent campus with all the modern amenities and urged the students to prepare them through perseverance keeping the institutional glory intact.

The Language Martyr's Day and International Mother Language Day Observed



The Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the audience on the Language Martyr's Day on 21.02.2017

The 21st February is a day of commemoration and rededication. It is the Language Martyr's Day. On this day in 1952, the valiant sons of Bangladesh Salam, Rafiq, Barkat, Jabbar, Shafiq and many others laid down their lives on the streets of Dhaka to establish Bangla as one of the state languages of erstwhile Pakistan. The sacrifices of the Bangalee youths to uphold the glory and honor of the mother tongue are unprecedented in the world history. That is why, the 21st February is being observed as International Mother Language Day across the globe recognizing the heroic sacrifice for the mother language. It is now observed all over the world.

Prime University family also remembered the martyrs of the Language Movement with utmost respect and reverence. The program began with hoisting the national flag in front of the University building by the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Teachers, officers, students and employees of the university. A procession was brought out in the morning from the university premises to commemorate the sacrifices of the martyrs. A University team placed floral wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar.

A discussion program was held at Prime University premises where the speakers recalled the contributions of the martyrs to establish Bangla as a state language which ultimately showed the way of independence of Bangladesh in 1971. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Prime University was present at the program as the Chief Guest while Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the University was the Chair of the program.

Md. Ashraf Ali, Sr. Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees of Prime University graced the program as the special guest. Among others, Nrepen Maitra, Vice Chairman, BoT, Prof. Dr. M. Saifuddin Shah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, M. A. Jabber, Registrar, Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Exams, Heads of Departments, Faculty Members of the University were present in the observance. Special Munajat and Fateha were offered seeking eternal peace for the departed souls of the martyrs.

Celebration of the Birthday of the Father of the Nation and National Children's Day



The Chairman, Board of Trustees delivering speech in the discussion session on 17.03.2017

The 98th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed on 17th March 2017 in the premises of Prime University. The day was also celebrated as the National Children's Day.

A discussion and painting competition especially for children were arranged on the occasion. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, presided over the function. The valiant freedom fighter Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, was the chief guest. Nrepen Maitra and Md. Mamun Sobhan, Vice Chairman and Treasurer respectively of the Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Md. Saifuddin Shah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Md. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, MA Jabber, Registrar and Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Controller of Examinations were also present at the program.

They all focused the trying experiences and onerous activities of the architect of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman whose aim was to free the Bengali nation from the shackle of subjugation. Mir Shahabuddin cited different instances of leadership and personality of Bangabandhu. Nrepen Maitra discussed Bangabandhu's fearlessness, kindness and generosity Prof. M. Arshad Ali emphasized the need to establish the idealism of Bangabandhu in the society. Prof. Dr. Md. Saifuddin Shah and Md. Nur Hossain Talukder recited self-composed poems on Bangabandhu. Finally, Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan told that the nation was being freed from the stigma through the execution of the capital punishment of war criminals in the Bangabandhu killing case. He advised the students not to involve in any anti-national activities because we all aspire to build digital Prime University in Digital Bangladesh.

Independence Day Celebrated in Prime University

The 26th March is a red letter day for the people of Bangladesh. The independence of Bangladesh was formally declared on March 26, 1971 and after nine months' bloody war against Pakistan Bangladesh became fully independent on December 16, 1971. The anniversary of the declaration of independence was declared public holiday. On this day, all the people of Bangladesh celebrate its Independence Day for commemorating the proclamation of independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

The 47th Independence Day was celebrated at Prime University on 26 March, 2017 through various programs. The celebration of the day began with hoisting the national flag in front of the university building earlier in the morning. The Treasurer Board of Trustees, Md. Mamun Sobhan along with the Proctorial Body, the teachers and the student of different departments paid their tributes to the liberation war martyrs on behalf of Prime University family by placing wreath at the altar of the



Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, Board of Trustees along with Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, Prime University sitting on the dais during the discussion session (left); a view of placing floral wreath at the National Mausoleum on 26.03.2017(right)

National Mausoleum. Later on a discussion was held by highlighting the significance of the day before the new generation. On the occasion the University Registrar M. A. Jabber delivered his welcome speech. In his speech he said, on this auspicious day, we have to unite ourselves for destroying any evil forces within the country, who all time try to bring the country to the dark.

The chief guest, Mir Shahabuddin in his speech said that Bangladesh achieved her independence through a solemn sacrifice of millions of countrymen. He paid homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during the liberation war in 1971. He added that on this day, the people of Bangladesh celebrate their nation's achievements. We are proud of Bangladesh's progress in various sectors after 1971. We have to go a long way for achieving the desired goals of independence.

The Vice Chairman of the University who chaired the program said that Independence Day has a historic significance to remember the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives to win the freedom of Bangladesh. He also said, "The main spirit of independence is violence and tension free Bangladesh where there shall be no militancy and terrorism and where people will live with prosperity and happiness".

The Vice Chairman of the University Trust Nrepen Maitra said that the citizens of Bangladesh are now working shoulder to shoulder to rebuild the country and to retain the spirit of independence.

Pro-Vice Chancellor, Saifuddin Shah said that the actual history of our great liberation war should be disseminated among the new generation so that they could know the truth and hold the spirit of independence accordingly.

The Treasurer of the University Prof. M Arshad Ali said in his speech as we have won our independence through supreme sacrifice of the people of Bangladesh we have to protect our freedom by doing good deeds and we have to retain the spirit of independence showing respect to others.

Among others, Mamun Sobhan, the Treasurer of the University Trust, Controller of Examinations, Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Proctor of the University Professor Dr. Abdur Rahman, the Heads of the different departments expressed their views on the significance of the independence day at the program. The program was followed by a 'Doa Mahfil' where all present prayed for the eternal peace of the souls of martyred freedom fighters together with Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members who were brutally assassinated in 1975.

Prime University Observed the Historic Mujibnagar Day 2017

Prime University observed the historic Mujibnagar Day 2017 at its permanent campus 114/116, Mazar Road, Mirpur-1, Dhaka on 17 April 2017 with due solemnity and fervor. On this very day in 1971, the nation witnessed the oath-taking of the country's first provisional government, better known as the Mujibnagar government. The program included a discussion session and a prize giving ceremony on the essay competition participated by the students of the university marking the significance and background of the day. A cultural function was also arranged.

Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the University presided over the program while Mir Shahabuddin, the Chairman, Board of Trustees of Prime University graced the program as the Chief Guest.

Among others the Treasurer, Controller of the Examinations, Registrar, and the faculty members of the university spoke on the occasion paying deep tribute to the leaders of the Mujibnagar government whose able leadership, proper directives and war strategies took the 1971 Liberation War towards its successful end.



The Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the audience on the historic Mujibnagar Day 2017

Prime University inks Performance Contract with UGC for Establishing IQAC

The search for quality is finding its way now among the universities in Bangladesh. The concrete intervention of the government by designing a system for quality assurance in the universities is a laudable undertaking which would enhance the quality of academic programs in the universities. The Ministry of Education, with the assistance of the World Bank, has undertaken the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) to improve the quality of teaching-learning and research capabilities of the tertiary education institutions through encouraging both innovation and accountability and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector. The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) is the implementing agency of the project. Initially, some public and private universities were selected and grouped on the basis of different criteria to participate in the HEQEP project. Prime University is one of the eight (round-4) universities which were selected to spearhead the project on establishing Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The performance contract signing ceremony between University Grants Commission (UGC) and Prime University was held on 13th February, 2017 at the UGC auditorium. Professor Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC was present as the chief guest on the occasion. Professor



A view of contract signing moment

Dr Mohammad Yousuf Ali Mollah, Member, UGC and Professor Dr Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Head, Quality Assurance Unit, UGC were present as special guests. The program was chaired by Mr. Sohel Ahmed, Deputy Project Director, HEQEP. Vice-Chancellors of (round-4) public and private universities and Directors of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell, Officials of UGC, World Bank and HEQEP were also present on the occasion. Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice-Chancellor, Prime University signed the agreement on behalf of Prime University while Dr. Mohammad Khaled, Secretary, UGC signed the agreement on behalf of UGC. Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Director, IQAC of Prime University was also present on the august occasion and signed as the third party of the contract.

Seminar on 'Consumer Rights' Held in Prime University



Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellor, Treasurer of Prime University and Dean Faculty of Engineering sitting on the dais with the speaker of the seminar

A seminar on 'Consumer Rights' was held on the 23rd April 2017 at 03:00 pm in Prime University on the occasion of 'World Consumer Rights Day'. The program was jointly organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of the University and Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection, the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of Bangladesh. The program was chaired by Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Prime University. Among others Md. Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Prime University

Trust was present in the seminar. The Treasurer of the University, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, Registrar and Heads of different departments of the University were also present in the seminar. The Registrar, M A Jabber delivered the welcome speech. The speaker, Dr. Shahadat Hossain, Director (Joint Secretary), Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection, Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of Bangladesh in his presentation discussed different aspects of consumer rights as per the consumer Right Act-2009 to protect the consumer rights in Bangladesh. He expounded the benefits of the act, procedure of complaints against dishonest a sellers etc. He urged the audience to be aware of their rights as consumers and encouraged them not to tolerate any dishonest action of sellers of any type of product during their purchase. The discussion was a lively one and the audience participated spontaneously in the question-answer session. The program ended with closing speech by the Chairperson of the program.

Faculty Member Participated in the International Conference

It is a great pleasure that one of the faculty members of Prime University, Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, participated in the International Conference on 'Governance and Development: Asian Perspective', organized by the Department of Public Administration, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh on January 28-29, 2017. He received a certificate of recognition for presenting a paper titled "Thoughts on Good Governance: Bangladesh Perspective" in the conference. During his presentation the respected session chair was Professor Hongsong Liu, Shanghai International Studies University, China while the respected discussant was Prof. Dr. Shukra Raj Adhikary, Tribhuvan University, Nepal and a good number of scholars from different universities in the world. In his paper he shows that, the issue of good governance has emerged at the forefront of global agenda for overall socio-economic development of a country nowadays. But in Bangladesh it is being hampered by unsatisfactory

political instability in many ways. The main purpose of his study was to examine to what extent the political instability affects the good governance in Bangladesh. He argued that while the Bangladesh economy is very resilient, with a record of sustaining a GDP growth rate of around 7% and the people below the poverty down to 31.5%, his paper aimed at showing whether it could sustain such a position in the arena of good governance due to frequent political instability. His presentation was highly appreciated by the presence in the discussion. In two days long conference there was the assembly of the world renowned scholars like Prof. Dr. Ramesh K Arora, University of Rajasthan, India, Prof. Younghoon Choi, Kwangwoon University, South Korea, Prof. Matthew McCartney, University of Oxford, UK, Prof. Ali Riaz, Illinois State University USA and more than one hundred teachers, researchers and discussants from different countries of the world.

Seminar on 'Career on Logistics and Transport'

A seminar on 'Career on Logistics and Transport' was held in the Prime University premises on 28.2.2017. The seminar was organized by the Centre for Research, HRD and Publications of Prime University in collaboration with Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Bangladesh Council. The program was chaired by Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of Prime University. Captain Mohiuddin Abdul Kadir, Secretary General, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

(CILT), Bangladesh Council was the speaker of the seminar. Among others the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Controller of Examinations of Prime University were present in the seminar. The Registrar, M A Jabber delivered the welcome speech. Different aspects on building career on Logistics and Transport were discussed in the seminar. The audience participated in the question-answer session. The seminar ended with the concluding speech of the Chairperson.

Project Fair 2017: Showing Engineering World

Project fair transforms students into professionals in the real life engineering arena. On 5th May, 2017 Faculty of Engineering organized a Project Fair. The participant students of the department of EEE and CSE demonstrated their scientific project in their respective departmental floor. Both departments were decorated with colorful scientific posters, banners, festoons etc.

This dazzling project fair started with the inauguration by the Chairman of BOT Mir Shahabuddin. His presence considerably inspired all the faculty members, students and staffs. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammad Arshad Ali, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Abu Saleh Abdun Noor, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, M A Jabber, Registrar of the University and Md. Abu Zaman, Head of the EEE Dept. also were present in this fair and they moved around all the project stalls and exchanged their ideas with the students.

This scientific exposition impacted greatly both on the participants in the projects in particular and all students in general. The festival also facilitated the students to reveal their creativity, expertise as well as enthusiasm in the field of scientific research. A total of forty (40) individual



Chairman, Board of Trustees along with others visiting the project fair

projects of the students of the Departments of EEE and CSE were demonstrated on the occasion with their real life implications and colorful poster, guided by respective faculty members. A panel of judges selected the best three projects for their creative and innovative real life research work. The visitors and students could acquire technical knowledge immensely from this scientific gathering. Meanwhile, a programming contest was also organized by the Department of CSE on the day. Interested students participated in the competition to focus their ability on the computer programming knowledge. After competition, certificate and prizes were provided to the winner students. This fantastic day long project fair ended with the hope of success for the future endeavor.

Faculty Members Participating in Training Course

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge"

Albert Einstein

To improve the students learning outcomes, skilled teachers are doubtless the most fundamental resource. For its facilitating it, Prime University nominated two faculty members Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law and Foisal Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Dept. of EEE for participating in the training course on Teaching for Active Learning (TAL), batch-2, during 18-20, May, 2017 at the campus of United International University (UIU) in Dhaka. This training course organized by the Foundation for Learning, Teaching and Research (fLTR) which has been recently launched by nine Vice Chancellors of renowned private universities. This course has been designed on workshop mode and deals with fundamental requirements for teaching and learning at the university level. The workshop mainly focused on promoting professionalism in teaching for facilitating interactive teaching and learning. Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, VC of Green University Bangladesh (GUB) provided

overall guidance and acted as the lead facilitator and director of the course. David Maynard, Deputy Director of British Council Bangladesh; Shaheen Khan, Cultural Specialist of the American Center, U.S Embassy and others were present as guest where Prof. Dr. M. Rezwana Khan, (VC of UIU) chaired the closing session. It was an impressive experience with a galaxy of 41 brightest faculties from 5 public and 16 private universities. Distinguished educators of Bangladesh like Syed Saad Andaleeb (VC, BRACU), Prof. Abdur Rab (VC, EU), Prof. Yousuf M Islam (VC, DIU), Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir (VC, GUB). Prof. Dr. Md. Mozahar Ali, Director, GTI, BAU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Prof. Kaykobad (BUET), Prof. Dr. Abdur Razzaque (GUB) made presentation in different sessions of the course. It is anticipated that this sort of innovative training will enhance the skills of the faculty members in providing interactive teaching and learning among the students effectively.

Quiz Competition Held at the Department of Law, Prime University

The Department of Law, Prime University joyfully conducted Quiz Event named '21st February Quiz Competition, 2017' held on 18th February, 2017 at the Department. Nearly one hundred students of the Department of Law participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and ingenious curiosity. It was just to reward the students for their awareness and thus all questions were related to the culture, literature, language movement and history of liberation war of Bangladesh. The three students who were able to choose the correct answers of simple, multiple-choice queries, has been

declared winner of the competition. In this competition Champions 1st, 2nd and 3rd have got attractive prizes and Certificates.

Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Prime University handed over the prizes among the participators in the discussion meeting of the International Mother Language Day, 2017 held on 21st February at the University premises at 114/116, Mazar Road, Mirpur-1, Dhaka. The competitors co-operated and made this fest successful.

Organization of Talent Hunt Program for Debating and Workshop

Prime University Debating Society arranges debating workshops inviting well known debaters and media personalities involved in debating arena to enhance the debating skills of potential debaters. On 9th April 2017 Prime University Debating Society (PUDDS) and Debate and Quiz Competition Committee jointly organized a workshop for the 27 emerging debaters selected through from "Talent Hunt Program for Debating, Spring 2017" debate competition. The workshop on "Importance of Developing Debating Skills" was chaired by Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan. Treasurer, Professor Mohammad Arshad Ali, Registrar,

Md. M A Jabber, Controller of Examinations, Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Head of all departments were also present during the workshop. Media personality, debate organizer and speaker of ATN Bangla Parliamentary Debate Competition, Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron was there as the keynote speaker. In the inauguration session, Co-Convener of Debate and Quiz Competition Committee and Assistant Professor of Business Administration Department, Nahid Farzana delivered her welcome speech. In the Chairman's speech, Prof. Sobhan opined that we should establish debate as the tool of establishing logic based dynamic society. After the

inauguration session, workshop started with the talk of the keynote speaker, Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron. He taught many techniques of delivering speech and urge on developing independent thinking. Convener of Debate and Quiz Competition Committee, Shuvodip Das presented a documentary on Prime University Debating Society. On the concluding session, certificates were distributed among the selected debaters. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan and Pro Vice Chancellor, Md. Saifuddin

Shah handed over the crest and flower bouquet on behalf of Prime University as the token of gratitude to the keynote speaker Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron for his significant contribution to the debating arena. After the workshop, members of PUDS have participated in a show debate on the four famous characters, Himu, Misir Ali, Mona and Baker Vai of late writer and novelist, Humayun Ahmed.

Inauguration of IELTS Program in Prime University Language School

The IELTS program, a new initiative under the aegis of Prime University Language School started its voyage from the 10th of February, 2017. On the day the Chairman of Board of Trustees as well as the Director of Prime University Language School, Al- Haj Mir Shahabuddin inaugurated the IELTS program, specially to make people capable from every walk of life who really intend not only to go abroad but also to have a the special command over English. Mir Shahabuddin made a special speech enlightening the importance of IELTS for improving the very four skills in general and for making the learners of

English Language prepared to cope with the competition of the globalized and technology-dependent world. Since its orientation, the first batch of IELTS program is on the continuation in full swing under the leadership of Md. Rakib Uddin, Assistant Professor, Department of English and coordinator of the program.

In addition to the IELTS program, the Language School is going to launch the pre - IELTS course and obviously, this would be an effective way to get matured and nourished ahead for the IELTS.

Rabindra Nazrul Jonmo Jayanti-2017 Observed

Prime University observed 'Rabindra Nazrul Jonmo Jayanti-2017' on the 26th May 2017 through a discussion and cultural program to mark the birth anniversaries of two main figures of Bengali literature, Nobel Laureate Poet Rabindranath Tagore on 25th Baishakh (May 7) and National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on 11th Jaystha (May 25).

Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of the University was the Chairperson of the program while Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT) was the chief guest. Among others Mamun Sobhan, Treasurer, BOT, Professor M. Arshad Ali, Treasurer of the University, Deans,

Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Heads of different department were present in the program.

Brief life histories of the two great personalities were discussed and their creations were focused in the program.



The Chairman, Board of Trustees addressing the audience in 'Rabindra Nazrul Jonmo Jayanti 2017' held on 26.05.2017

A mesmerizing cultural program was presented by the Cultural Committee of the University at the end.

PU Cricket Team Glazed in the Clemon Indoor Uni Cricket-2017

The Prime University Cricket Team participated for the 3rd time in the 4th edition of the Clemon Indoor Uni Cricket-2017 along with other thirty two public and private universities of the country held in the Shaheed Sohrawardi National Indoor Stadium, Mirpur in April, 2017. All the matches of the tournament were live telecast on the GAZI TV. Prime University Cricket Team played against Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) and Metropolitan University Sylhet under the Group-E. Prime University Cricket Team showed their cricket talents and won two matches out of three against Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) and Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB).

In the first match, Prime University Cricket Team beat Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) by 7

wickets. Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) Cricket Team scored 118 runs for all wickets and Prime University easily reached the target without losing any wicket. Dashing opener Imran was selected as the man of the match for his outstanding batting performance. He scored 52 run just from 15 balls.

In the second match, Prime University Cricket Team was unexpectedly defeated to Metropolitan University Sylhet by 19 runs.

In the last group match, Prime University Cricket Team also kept the winning race beating Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) for losing fewer wickets while the score of the both team was equal. Prime University Cricket Team scored 86 runs for 6 wickets while Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) could also manage 86 runs for losing all wickets. Rafiul Islam Rafi was announced as the man of the match for his thrilling and economic bowling performance especially in the last over while the opposition team needed 3 runs in that over.

In Hinduism, Saraswati Devi is often considered as the goddess of knowledge. It is also a very common practice to celebrate Vasant Panchami festival (the fifth day of spring) in Her honor. Prime University Saraswati Puja Celebration Committee celebrated the Vasant Panchami on 1st February 2017 with huge enthusiasm at the permanent campus of the university with traditional gaiety, religious fervor and spirit of pursuit of art and knowledge. On the day, University campus wore a festive look with colorfully decorated puja pavilions where hundreds of devotees thronged to offer prayers to Devi Saraswati and seeking Her blessing for knowledge. The puja started at 9.30 am and Pushpanjali was held at 10 am in the morning.

Celebration of Saraswati Puja at the Permanent Campus

Moreover, the puja celebrating committee had arranged distribution of Prashads among devotees. The presence of Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman of Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellor, Treasurer, Registrar, Dean and Head of different departments made the festival more attractive. Finally, it is the belief of all devotees that with her blessing the days of ignorance will end and they will awake themselves into spiritual enlightenment.

Course Completion Program held in the Department of Education at Prime University

The course completion program of the Department of Education was held on 3rd February 2017 at Prime University premises. Fifty one students of the 41st batch of BEd and MEd have successfully completed their one year program of studies. The Chief Guest was the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan. Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator Md. Ashrafuzzaman presided over the session. Lecturer and Exam Secretary Shreyashi Halder and Adjunct Lecturer Rasel Babu were also present there.

The program was anchored by Shreyashi Halder. The program started with a patriotic song performed by the students of MEd Program. Following this, one of the MEd students took a short demonstration class where she showed how to motivate students through song using

gesture-posture. Another student from BEd program took a short demonstration class by using teaching materials. Students shared their feelings about one year journey with Prime University and Department of Education. Md. Ashrafuzzaman, hoped that teachers would implement their learning in their professional life.

The chief guest, Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan, delivered his valuable and inspirational speech to the students. He advised the students to give emphasis on ethics and values in education. He believed that ethics and morality could guide the students to do betterment for the society. Professor Sobhan also advised the students to adopt technology in their teaching profession as most of the students were teachers by profession. The program ended with prize giving ceremony.



Prof. Dr. Abdur Rahman

New Dean of Business Studies Faculty

Professor Dr. Abdur Rahman has been entrusted with the responsibility of the Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies along with his normal duties as the Head of the department of Business Administration. It may be mentioned here that Professor Rahman has been serving as the Head of the Department since 1st June 2015.

New Faculty Members in Different Departments

Prime University extends warm welcome to new personnel. Six new faculty members joined as Lecturers in the Spring Semester 2017 Semester. Asia Khatun joined in the Department of Business Administration; Tahmida Tabassum, Arin Dutta and Riazul Arefin joined the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Md. Alaul Alam along with Mohammad Jasim Uddin joined in Prime University Language School.



Asia Khatun



Tahmida Tabassum



Arin Dutta



Riazul Arefin



Md. Alaul Alam



Mohammad Jasim Uddin

Celebration of Pahela Falgun

The first day of the eleventh month of Bangali calendar, the first month of the season Spring, is known as *Pahela Falgun* and usually falls on February 13 of the Gregorian calendar. *Pahela Falgun* is celebrated all over in Bangladesh with flowers, poems, songs and dances. Though the trend of celebrating *Pahela Falgun* at private universities is relatively new, Department of English, Prime University celebrated this day to showcase our cultural heritage.

To welcome the king of the seasons, Spring, the students of English department decorates the department premises with colorful papers and designs of flowers. The whole department was adorned with a new colorful look just like the Spring brings joys and colors both in life and nature. The students worked hard to give their classrooms and department corridor a fully colorful and new look. They raised fund by themselves and the faculties also contributed to make their attempt to celebrate this colorful day a success.

The blazing red and yellow are the representative colors of *Pahela Falgun*. Bangalees embellish themselves with these two primary colors. To welcome the arrival of the king of the seasons, the girls wore "Bashonti" colored sarees and floral ornaments while boys wore colorful *Punjabis*. The faculty members also wore traditional Bangalee attires to match the festive theme. Almost all the students of English department gathered at the department corridor to celebrate the day in a festive manner.

The department corridor decorated with lots of color was the centre point of the festival. The function continued from 9 at morning till 3 at noon. The students also arranged traditional games among faculties and students which were really very cheerful. The games session was followed by a homely cultural function which was spontaneously participated by the students of English Department. The function also performed the role of a Fresher's reception

within the department as the senior students heartily welcomed the fresher with flowers and a festive mood.

Winners of various games were given prizes by the honorable Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mir Shahabuddin, The Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. M Abdus Sobhan and the Treasurer, Prof M Arshad Ali. The prizes were sponsored by the senior students of MA English. A small counter of mouth-watering "bhhelpuris" was kept at a corner too. The department awarded to the class representatives and the volunteer students who have worked hard to make this event successful. The Head of the Department of English, Shahanaz Khanam thanked all

the students for organizing such a colorful event within a very short time and inspired them to uphold the cultural heritage like this every year.

For many youths, celebrating occasions at their educational institutions is completely a new experience which helps them to have a strong bond with the department as well as with the University. Celebrating *Pahela Falgun* is a wonderful way of paying homage to our heritage and culture. Department of English, Prime University, feels proud to be able to celebrate this day with traditional manners.

Pahela Baishakh Celebrated at Prime University

Pahela Baishakh is the Bengali New Year which is a major festival of Bengali culture celebrated with widespread activities. It is undeniable that *Pahela Baishakh* is an integral part of our Bengali culture and heritage. It is really about celebrating the rural roots of the Bengal. *Pahela Baishakh* bears testament to Bangladesh's history of diversity and inclusiveness, and makes it a celebration that truly brings together the people of this country in unity and harmony.



A view of the cultural program

Prime University celebrated *Pahela Baishakh* (Bengali New Year) with multicolored arrangements at the ground floor of the permanent campus. The Cultural Committee of the university took the initiative and arranged a *Baishakhi mela* (Fair), sports, cultural events and offered different traditional Bengali dishes to celebrate the day. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest. A Discussion Program was arranged at the first floor of the university. Mir Shahabuddin, Chairman, BOT was the Chief Guest of the discussion session while Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of Prime

University was the session Chair. In the discussion session the Chief Guest in his speech manifested *Pahela Baishakh* as a traditional occasion in which people take part regardless of their religious and cast identity. Prof. Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor in his speech thanked everyone for the pompous arrangement. Executives of the university, Faculty Members, and a good number of students spontaneously participated in the event highlighting the rural traditions of our country and made a very joyful atmosphere.

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