



IUB Interschool Debate Tournament 2016



Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a 3-day long national-level Inter School Debate Tournament titled 'IUB Ascension 16' from 21 to 23 July 2016 at the IUB Campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka.

University organized this tournament to encourage the young students to be more pragmatic, insightful and exposed to the real-world which will eventually enable them taking leaderships in future. 60 teams from 26 different English and Bengali medium schools from and outside of Dhaka participated in this national-level inter school debate tournament. Academia School of Dhaka clinched the championship trophy while Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Dhaka became the runner-up.

In the closing and award giving ceremony, Ms. Lima Choudhury, Deputy Director of IUB's Admission and Financial Aid office delivered

the opening remarks.

Subsequently, the Chief Guest of the program Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, Chairman, Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (the Founding Trust of IUB), honorable Trustees of the University, Vice Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman and Deans of different Schools of IUB distributed trophies and prize money among the champion and runner-up teams. All debaters of participating schools also received certificates from the guests. Members of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Debate Club received special awards as recognition of their splendid contribution for making the tournament a grand success.

Mr. Towhid Bin Muzaffar, Head, Department of English, IUB, delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Research based Seminar held at IUB



A research based Seminar on 'why a village in Jessore reveals so much about our world over the last 25 years and the next 25 years' held at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) Campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka on Wednesday, 13 July 2016. The Department of Social Sciences and Humanities of the University and American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) jointly organized the programme. Dr. Michael Bowler, AIBS Senior Research Fellow and Associate Professor at the Department of Global Studies and World Languages at Winona State University, Minnesota, USA was the Key

Speaker of the Seminar. Through the presentation, Dr. Bowler shared his research findings and relationship with a village in Manirampur upazila in Jessore district of Bangladesh. Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB, delivered the welcome speech in the seminar while Dr. Talim Hossain, Head, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities gave vote of thanks.

There was a lively question-answer session that engaged the members of the faculty and IUB students of different disciplines.

EEE Department hosts a Seminar on Wave Propagation in Nonlinear Photonic Devices



A Seminar on Wave Propagation in Nonlinear Photonic Devices was held at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on 11 July, 2016. Dr. Kaisar Rashid Khan, Assistant Professor of the Department of Electrical Engineering at McNeese State University, USA

was the Speaker of the Seminar. Dr. M. Abdur Razzak, Head of EEE Department welcomed the Speaker and introduced him to the audience. The Seminar was jointly organized by the IEEE IUB Student Branch and IEEE IAS Student Chapter at IUB.

Lecture on Gravity Waves at IUB

A lecture on gravity waves titled "The Discovery of Gravitational Waves: Einstein's General Relativity at 100" was held at IUB on 13 July 2016. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Tibra Ali of the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and hosted by the Department of Physical Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science, IUB. A welcome address was given by Prof Shahriar Khan, Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science. Several faculty members, students and guests attended the lecture that followed by a lively question-answer session.



SPH faculties attended 3rd Annual Public Health Conference

Two faculty members of the School of Public Health (SPH) Dr. S.M. Raysul Haque and Dr. Shabareen Tisha attended 3rd Annual Public Health Conference in Kuching, Malaysia from 11th -13th July, 2016. They represented IUB as a center of research excellence through their research works. This highly exciting and challenging International Conference was intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals and policy Makers. There were 70 delegates in the Conference from 24 countries including USA, UK, Australia, UAE, Poland, Iraq, South Africa, Portugal and Korea.



Department of Environmental Science conducts fieldtrip



Department of Environmental Science, IUB has taken the ENV 206 - Basic Concepts in Environmental Pollution class through a two-day field trip to Sylhet on 20th July 2016. The purpose of the trip was to explore potential threats for the natural tourist sites in Bangladesh arising from unsustainable tourism practices.

Fieldwork of DES in Barishal



From 21 to 23 July 2016, the foundation students from 3 courses of the Department of Environmental Science (DES), under the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM) went on a research based fieldwork to the village of Charamuddi in Bakerganj, Barishal. Two days' excursion was targeted at giving the students a firsthand experience of research in the field and to prepare them for a successful career in Environmental Science.

Lecture on Dark Energy

A lecture entitled "Dark energy and the universe we live in today" was held at IUB on 24 July 2016. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Maqsuda Afroz from Houston Community College, Texas, USA and hosted by the Department of Physical Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science, IUB. Members of the faculty, students and guests attended the lecture that followed by a lively question-answer session.



SPH faculty member wins "Best Presentation" Award at the International Conference

Tarzia Choudhury, Lecturer at the School of Public Health (SPH), IUB won the "Session's Best Presentation" Award in 2nd International Conference on Public Health held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from July 28-29, 2016. The Conference aimed to bridge the gap between research and policy and create a global platform to discuss health policies and interventions in public health. More than 150 participants from different parts of the world representing various universities and institutions including Oxford University; Imperial College London; WHO; Public Health Foundation of India; Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka; IBM Research; and others participated in this Conference.



IUB Theatre Club staged "Mohua" (4th Show) at the Shilpakala Academy



IUB Theatre staged its 4th show of 17th production, "MOHUA" at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on 21st July 2016.

Four Module Internship Workshop

The School of Business organized 'Four Module Internship Workshop': self-assessment and explore your organization, resume writing, orientation for internship, and mock interview (interview skills) on July 30, 2016 for the summer interns at the School of Business, IUB. Each Workshop had three to four hours semi-formal sessions on future career and interview. Mrs. Asma Banu, internship coordinator, School of Business conducted the session and discussed on the topic. Mr. G. M. Wali Ullah, Lecturer, School of Business explained several issues of internship report writing through a presentation. It followed a mock interview session conducted by ACI Limited, British American Tobacco, Mutual Trust Bank Limited, Premier Bank LTD, Green Delta Insurance Company, LankaBangla Finance LTD, and Midas Finance Limited.



Field visit to the Department of Environment (DoE)



The students of the course ENV 415, Air Pollution and Climate Change of the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM), IUB accompanied by Prof. M. Ali Hossain visited the Department of Environment (DoE) at Agargaon, Dhaka on Thursday 21st July, 2016. The visit was a part of conversion of class room teaching into practical application of Ambient Air-Quality Management in Bangladesh.

Futsal match between faculty members and students



A futsal match played at the Gallery of IUB between the members of the faculty and students of IUB on Wednesday, 27th July, 2016 organized by the Division of Students Affairs (DoSA). Faculty members played with great comfort and style to win the match by 3-2.

Environmental Science Symposium



The Department of Environmental Science of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organized a daylong Symposium on Wednesday, 27 July 2016 at IUB campus in Bashundhara, Dhaka. The theme of the Symposium was 'Scientific thinking to save the planet'. There was also a Poster Presentation on different environmental issues participated by the students of the university. During the technical session, Dr. K M Sultanul Aziz, former Secretary, Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and Editor-in-Chief, Bangladesh Journal of Microbiology and Dr. M Muhibur Rahman, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Dhaka University and former member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh and Consultant, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) presented Keynote Papers on various environmental

issues along with recommendations on necessary measures that need to be taken through joint efforts.

Prof. M Omar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB inaugurated the daylong Symposium and during the award giving ceremony, being the Chief Guest, he also distributed prizes among the winners who presented the best Posters on environmental issues.

Dr. Abdul Khaleque, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM), IUB and Dr. Hafijur Rahman, Asst Professor of the School also delivered speeches during award giving ceremony.

Dr. K Ayaz Rabbani, Asst Professor, SESM given formal vote of thanks to conclude the program.

EEE student implements a Solar Power System in Fishing Trawler in the Bay of Bengal



Sajib Chakraborty, an MSc student of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) implemented a solar power system in fishing trawler in the Bay of Bengal under the supervision of Dr. M Abdur Razzak, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical

and Electronic Engineering, IUB. Through this project, for the very first time in Bangladesh, a solar power system was installed in a fishing trawler. This project introduces Bangladesh with a new research field for solar power application, which will mitigate the power crisis for grass-roots level people like fishermen in Bangladesh.

Business Plan Competition - Summer 2016 held at the School of Business



With an overwhelming participation of students, the 'Business Plan Competition' Summer - 2016 was held at the School of Business, IUB on July 30, 2016. 50 teams and 450 students participated in this competition under the theme 'Eco-friendly products or services for our society'. The team 'Business Maestros' was selected as an outstanding team while 'Architecture of Change' and the 'Eco Minions' were selected as the 1st and 2nd runner-up respectively. Mr.

Samiul Alam from 'Business Maestros' got the 'Best Presenter' Award for his persuasive presentation.

The presentation award ceremony was attended by the Dean, School of Business, Prof Dr. Sarwar Uddin Ahmed who shared the insights of the business plan competition and inspired the students to participate in upcoming competitions to be held in and outside of IUB.



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