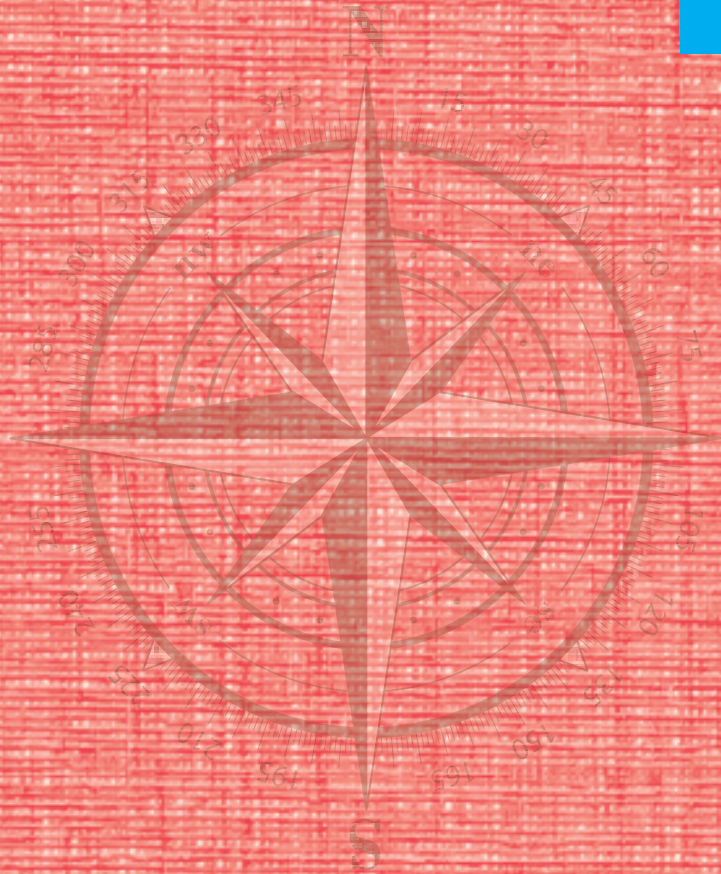




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With no signs of the pandemic receding, distress and sorrow continued to cloud our community as we lost another member of our NSU family. Founder General Member of the NSU Trust, Professor Syed A. Ahad breathed his last on Friday, the 12th of March 2021. A scholar and thinker, his leadership, dedication, and commitment to NSU will be remembered by the bereaved NSU family.

Given the ongoing global crisis, delays and logjams are becoming the new norm in various aspects of life. In the midst of all this, the NSU community continued to ensure the learning process with their fierce dedication to online classes. These classes have become the lifeline in providing a semblance of normality for us all.

In late March, the community came together to solemnly observe the National Genocide Day and our glorious Independence Day with online discussions. Each year on this day, the nation remembers, with deep sorrow and pride, the heroic martyrs and the heroic freedom fighters who gave us our sovereign nation.

April brought with it an unprecedented event at NSU, another first for NSU and a historic first for the country when the university held its 23rd Convocation virtually on the 8th of April. Honorable Minister, Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Ministry of Education, presided over the Convocation Ceremony and conferred degrees to the graduates, while the Private Sector Industry and Investment Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Salman F. Rahman, M.P., was present as the Convocation Speaker. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, and Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU, and Former President of FBCCI were present as Special Guests. Over 4000 students and their families joined the virtual state program.

In the same month, NSU welcomed the news of Business and Management Studies securing the Global Rank of 351-400, ascending 50 spots from last year, while Computer Science and Information Systems secured the Global Rank of 601-650 in the Q.S. subject rankings. It is truly a matter of pride that NSU continues to be the only private university in Bangladesh to be ranked by subject.

With the hope of keeping everyone healthy, a state-of-the-art pathology lab has been set up at NSU's Medical Center with the foresight of the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of NSU to provide a wide range of medical services to the students, teachers, officials and members of staff.

These are just some of the highlights of March and April, the details of various other events that kept the NSU community in active spirit can be found in the following pages.

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-Editor



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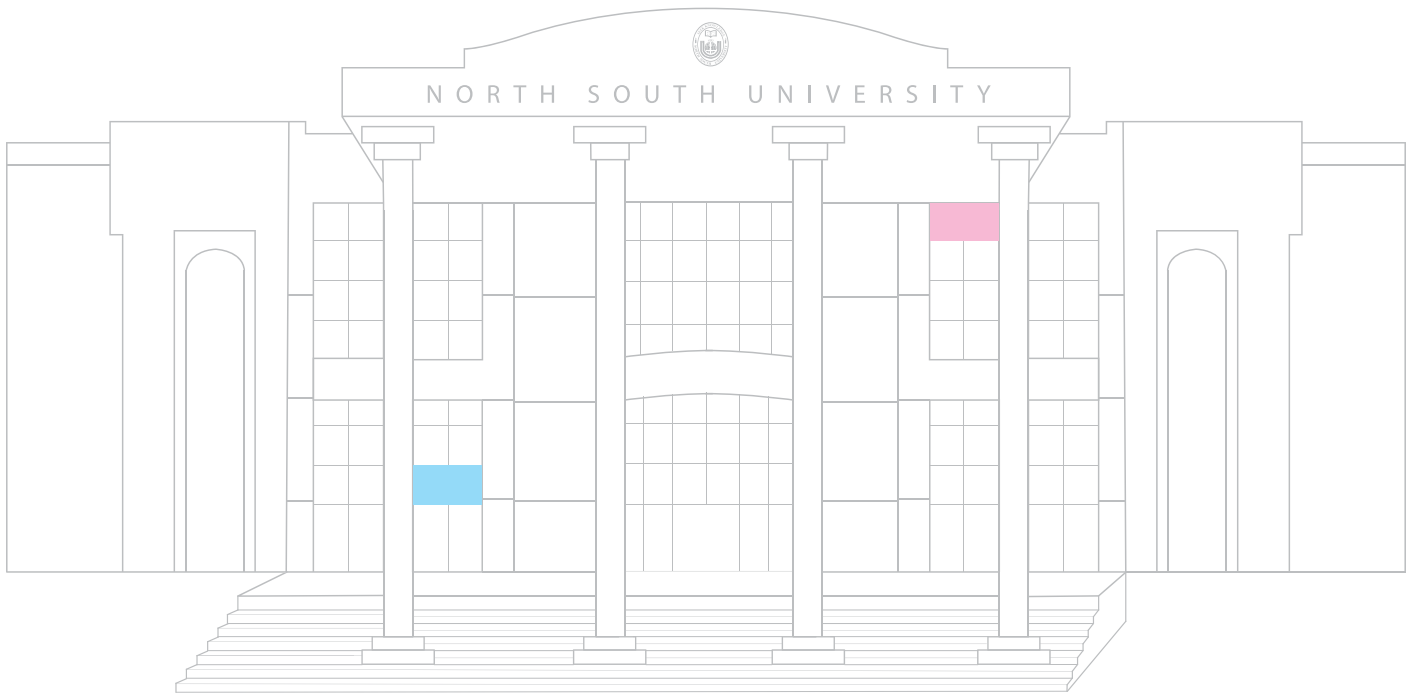
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NSU Held its 23rd Convocation 2021



Honorable Education Minister, Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Mr. Salman F. Rahman, M.P., The Private Sector Industry and Investment Advisor to the Prime Minister, Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, UGC, Chairman of the BOT, Mr. M.A. Kashem, NSU, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam and others at the virtual Convocation Ceremony.

North South University held its 23rd Convocation Ceremony virtually on 8th April, 2021. Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presided over the Convocation Ceremony and conferred degrees to the graduates, while Mr. Salman F. Rahman, MP, The Private Sector Industry and Investment Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, was present as the Convocation Speaker. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh and Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), North South University & Former President of FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem were present as Special Guests.

To start the event, one student recited verses from the Holy Quran. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Freedom Fighter Lion Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Ms. Yasmin Kamal, Ms. Rehana Rahman, Mr. Tanveer Harun, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser and Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam were present as Guests of Honor.

Professor Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan, Executive Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, NSU was present as the Convocation Marshal and the program was moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, TV Presenter & Director - Public Relations Office, NSU. The 23rd Convocation Ceremony was broadcasted live on North South University's Official Facebook page and DBC News TV Channel.

Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Dr. Dipu Moni stated in her speech "Students need to be taught how to achieve lifelong learning. In this fast-changing world, things are constantly changing. The knowledge that is so necessary today may lose its need in the change of time. In order to survive, it may be necessary to acquire new knowledge in order to make a living. So, we have to teach our students how to learn throughout life." - she added, "It may be important for a student to acquire knowledge in a new field even after completing their university education and joining the

workplace. Then it is not possible for that employee to start direct education activities at the university level again. Realizing this need, the government is considering introducing a blended education system. Thinking of making education easier and more modern. The Ministry of Education is also working to ensure that age is not a barrier to acquiring knowledge. Emphasizing blended education and modular education, the Minister reiterated the need to continue online education activities."

Convocation Speaker Mr. Salman F. Rahman said, "As we celebrate your graduation, please do not forget that so many people have, directly or otherwise, made contributions to your life that culminated in your success. Please let us also bear in mind that we, you and me, would not be here today in our respective places, if this land had not become free from the harsh discrimination, we, the Bengali people, faced before 1971. We were able to gain freedom because of the leadership of Father

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Virtual Discussion on Historic 7th March at NSU



Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Respected Trustees, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Deans and others at the virtual discussion on 7th March.

The first and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) organized a virtual discussion session on "Historic 7th March" at North South University (NSU) on Sunday, 7 March, 2021.

On this day in 1971, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman called for a non-cooperation movement against the then Pakistani ruling class at the historic Race Course Field (now Suhrawardi Udyan). In a time-honored speech, he thunderously declared, "This time the struggle is for our liberation, this time the struggle is for freedom." This call of Bangabandhu spread like lightning all over the country. The whole nation woke up dreaming of independence. This time-honored speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is one of the best political speeches in the world.

Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Director, Office of Student Affairs, NSU delivered the introductory speech at the beginning of the session. Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, NSU was present as the Keynote Speaker.

Former President, FBCCI, Mr. M. A. Kashem, Founder Chairman & Director, Southeast Bank and Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Member, Board of Trustees, North South University were present as the Special Guest. Freedom Fighter Lion Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Former Chairman & Member, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser, Ms. Yasmin Kamal and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Members, BOT, NSU were present. Professor M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NSU chaired the event.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, "In the speech of Bangabandhu on March 7, all the directions for running this country existed. All the development and progress we achieved today have become possible due to the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. If Bangabandhu had not been born, this country would not have been born. We were able to achieve political, social, and economic independence of this country through the strong leadership

of Bangabandhu." During this time, he also highlighted all the activities North South University has taken on the occasion of Bangabandhu's birth centenary celebration.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed said, "Bangladesh was born because Bangabandhu was born in this country. This country gained independence under the strong leadership of Bangabandhu. In his speech of March 7, 1971, Bangabandhu in a very sublime manner gave instructions on all the matters to be done to get independence and all guidelines to run the country." In the meantime, he called upon the new generation to play a role in building the country by embracing the ideals of Bangabandhu.

Member, Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. Benajir Ahmed said, "Inspired by Bangabandhu's speech on March 7, we freedom fighters got involved in the independence war of Bangladesh and made the country independent. All development that has been made in this country has become possible today because of Bangabandhu's contribution.

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Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner Inaugurated



Architect Yeafesh Osman, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor and other BOT Members cutting a cake to commemorate the event.

The first and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) organized "Inauguration Ceremony of the Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner at NSU Central Library and Launching of NSU Research Excellent Award 2021" in part of the birth centenary celebration of Greatest Bengali of all time, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 18 March (Thursday) 2021.

As a part of the national celebrations of the centenary of the birthday of Bangladesh's founding father, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, North South University has taken many glorious initiatives. This new section (Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner at NSU Central Library) has an impressive collection of books, archival materials, and pictures on

Bangabandhu as well as the great liberation war.

Architect Yeafesh Osman, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Former President, FBCCI, Mr. M. A. Kashem, Founder Chairman & Director, Southeast Bank and Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), North South University was present as the Special Guest. Freedom Fighter Lion Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Ms. Rehana Rahman, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Members, BoT, NSU were present. Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU chaired the session. The program was moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, TV Presenter & Director - Public Relations Office at North South University (NSU). The Program was broadcasted live on North South

University's Official Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister, Architect Yeafesh Osman, said, "I myself was a front-line freedom fighter, those of us who went to the war of liberation, what we wanted was for our next generation to take Bangladesh to the world with a new identity proudly. I am overwhelmed when I come to North South University today, if we don't know the history of the country we can be misled, we have to study history, and if we want to study the history of Bangladesh then it is not possible without studying about Bangabandhu and that is what North South University did." He thanked the NSU authorities for inaugurating the NSU's Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner and for taking the initiative to pass on the history of

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Research Award Receptients

School of Business and Economics		
Dr. Muhammad Sabbir Rahman	Associate Professor	Marketing and International Business
Dr. Mahmud Akhter Shareef	Professor	Management
Dr. Jashim Uddin Ahmed	Professor	Management
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences		
Dr. Mohammad Rashedur Rahman	Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Mahdy Rahman Chowdhury	Associate Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Md. Mamun Molla	Professor	Mathematics and Physics
School of Health and Life Sciences		
Dr. Dipak Kumar Mitra	Professor	Public Health
Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam	Associate Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza	Professor	Pharmaceutical Sciences
School of Humanities and Social Sciences		
Dr. Ishtiaque Ahmed	Assistant Professor	Law
Dr. Hasan Muhammad Baniamin	Assistant Professor	Political Science and Sociology
Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam	Professor	Law

NSU is one of the most research-active universities in Bangladesh. To further encourage research, NSU has established awards for the top three researchers in each of its four schools. Through a rigorous process of assessment, NSU has selected the winners of these research awards (gold medals and cash prizes).

Chief Guest, Honorable Minister, Architect Yeafesh Osman during his visit to inaugurate the Bangabandhu Corner, mentioned the importance of providing a Research Excellent Award among the researchers as a great initiative and incentive to encourage research work. He also

mentioned, other universities may follow this that practice as acts as a role model for various universities in Bangladesh.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT), NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said that, NSU believes that teaching and research are inextricably linked. Mr. Kashem was instrumental in establishing this award. All the major universities of the world have given equal importance to research along with education. Following in his footsteps, North South University has inaugurated the NSU Research Excellent Award 2021. He mentioned, "We are the

first private university to take this type of initiative to provide prizes among researchers to encourage research," he added. I think others will be inspired to see us. He also mentioned that North South University has taken initiative to publish a book on Bangabandhu and the book will be published soon.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Atiqul Islam echoed the importance of recognizing cutting-edge research. He also stated that the inauguration of the Research Excellent Award 2021 will have a far reaching and positive impact in the realm of research in the country.

We Deeply Mourn

Board of Trustees of North South University (NSU) inform everyone with deep sorrow that the esteemed Founder General Member of the NSU Trust, Professor Syed A. Ahad is no more. He expired on Friday, 12 March 2021 at 3.10 AM at Labaid Hospital, Dhaka suffering from liver cancer (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Elaihi Rajeun). He was buried in his family graveyard at Gafargaon, Mymensingh. The members of the NSU Board of Trustees and NSU are deeply shocked at his sad demise. We mourn his death as irreparable loss to the NSU family.

Professor Syed A. Ahad was a Founder General Member of NSU



Late Professor Syed A. Ahad, Founder General Member of the NSU Trust.

Foundation since the inception. We gratefully remember his immense contribution to the growth of NSU. Apart from being the Founder General Member of NSU he was former Professor of the Department of Soil, Water and Environment, University of Dhaka.

With this sad demise North South University has lost its true friend. Undoubtedly, his death is a great loss for NSU and for the nation as a whole.

We pray to the Almighty Allah (SWT) for the salvation of the departed soul and to give courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved family to bear the loss.

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of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangabandhu dreamt of a Sonar Bangla - a prosperous nation free from discrimination, hunger and poverty. Digital Bangladesh has become a reality. Bangabandhu satellite is orbiting in space and plans for a second satellite to be launched soon are in place. The poverty rate has reduced to 22% and extreme poverty has reduced to 11%. With the per capita income increasing it is expected the poverty rate will further reduce. He suggested NSU authority to develop lifetime education programs enabling adults, perhaps NSU graduates, to return regularly to take courses to update their knowledge or even to shift to a new field. He added, "It is really up to all of you graduates here today to carry the country to greater achievements in development."

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of North South University,

Mr. M. A. Kashem said, "During this challenging time, North South University has taken all classes and activities online to ensure that the process of teaching, learning, and research is not interrupted and that students and scholars do not lose their valuable time. Over the past year, we spent almost 100 crores of Taka in the form of financial aid, Covid -19 waivers, and supporting the community. And now we have graduates like you, who will join forces with us to make this world a better place. Today, NSU is ranked 228 among all the universities in Asia by QS University Rankings and is also ranked globally 351 - 400 by business and management discipline and 601 - 650 by computer science and information systems discipline. According to the UGC report, NSU recorded 1,135 publications, the highest number of publications among all the public and private universities in Bangladesh in 2019.

We are on our way to introduce the world's most advanced learning management system, Canvas, which is used globally, including the Ivy League Universities. To encourage more quality research, we have recently introduced 'Research Excellence Awards', recognizing our outstanding researchers from each school and rewarding them accordingly."

Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Kazi Shahidullah said, "The University Grants Commission has been working tirelessly towards ensuring quality education in Bangladesh. Even the pandemic could not be an obstacle to the education of the millions of university students in the country. During this difficult pandemic period, the Commission extended its full support to the universities to carry on their teaching online."

Vice-Chancellor Professor Atiqul

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Professor Tanvir Ahmed Khan Appointed Executive Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor

On March 1st, 2021, Professor Tanvir Ahmed Khan joined as the Executive Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor of North South University. An experienced academic administrator, prior to his appointment, Professor Khan served as the Vice-Chancellor of Hamdard University Bangladesh and Vice-Chancellor (Designate) of the University of Skill Enrichment and Technology. He worked as a Professor and Registrar of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) for thirteen years and as a member of various management boards, including the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).



Professor Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan.

As a scholar of Economics and Development Studies, Professor Khan attained his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield in 1989. With over 35 years of operational experience in Research Design and Analysis, Project Planning Analysis, Rural Development, Homestead Farming System, Poverty Alleviation, Rural Poor Programs, GO-NGO Collaboration, Environmental Impact Assessment, Women in Development and Sustainable Resource Use, Dr. Khan has a wide range of publications in national and international journals and a few books currently in press. Over the years, he has received various academic grants and awards,

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NSU Ranked in the QS World University Rankings 2021 by Subject for the Second Year in a Row



The first private university of Bangladesh, North South University's Business & Management Studies and Computer Science & Information Systems has been ranked in the QS World University Rankings 2021 by Subject for the second year in a row. NSU also continues to be the only Private University in Bangladesh to be ranked in the QS Rankings by

Subjects.

Business and Management Studies secured the Global Rank of 351-400, ascending 50 spots from last year. Computer Science and Information Systems secured the Global Rank of 601-650.

This year's QS World University Rankings reveals the top 1,000 universities from around the world, covering 80 different locations. Over 5,500 universities were evaluated and considered for inclusion.

The QS World University Rankings by Subject ranks the world's top universities in individual subject areas, covering 51 subjects. Each of the subject rankings is compiled using four sources. The first two of these are QS's global surveys of academics and employers, which are used to assess institution's international reputation in each subject. The second two indicators assess research impact, based on

research citations per paper and h-index in the relevant subject. These are sourced from Elsevier's Scopus database, the world's most comprehensive research citations database. These four components are combined to produce the results for each of the subject rankings, with weightings adapted for each discipline.

It's worth mentioning that, North South University continued to hold its leading position across all ranking platforms. North South University (NSU) has proudly held its undisputed spot as the #1 Private University in Bangladesh in the latest QS World University Rankings - Asia 2021. NSU is the first and only private university in Bangladesh to have also entered the QS Graduate Employability Rankings among the World's Top 500 institutions in 2020.

Here are the links to each of the rankings claims:

IQAC Organizes Webinar on Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education of Bangladesh



Professor Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Chairman, BAC, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor and others at the webinar.

On March 4th the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) recently organized a webinar on “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education of Bangladesh”. Prof. Dr. Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Honorable Chairman, Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC) was present as the Chief Guest of the webinar. In his speech, he emphasized on the importance of accreditation and discussed the development of Bangladesh National Qualification Framework (BNQF) and its relevance to the accreditation process. He also mentioned that by the 2017 Act, Bangladesh Accreditation Council is mandated to implement the BNQF, which will help higher education institutes to offer quality programs and produce

graduates with necessary skills, knowledge and competencies. Prof. Dr. Sanjoy Adhikary, Member, BAC explained the different standards and criteria that will be required for program level accreditation.

Former President of FBCCI, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Founder Chairman & Director, Southeast Bank Ltd. and Honorable Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU was also present as the Special Guest. He discussed how NSU has been constantly striving to become the center of excellence in higher education since its inception. He further appreciated the efforts of BAC for helping the higher education sector of Bangladesh to reach global standards.

The Director of IQAC, Prof. Dr. Nazmun Nahar delivered the welcome address. The webinar

was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Atiqul Islam. In his talk, the Vice-Chancellor underscored the importance of understanding accreditation criteria and standards. He also appreciated the effort made by the BAC and expressed NSU’s commitment in fulfilling the guidelines set by the BAC.

Among others were present, IQAC Coordinators, Dr. Muhammad Sabbir Rahman and Dr. Mohammad Sujuddin, the Deans of different schools, and Chairs of different departments. Towards the end of the webinar, there was a question answer session whereby all the invited guests participated. The seminar was well attended by notable number of faculty members from various departments of NSU.

NSU Ranked in the QS World University Rankings Cont’d...

QS WUR by Subjects (Business and Management): <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2021/business-management-studies>

QS WUR by Subjects (Computer Science and Information Systems): <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2021/computer-science-information-systems>

QS Asia Rankings 2021: <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/asian-university-rankings/2021>

Discussion Session on “National Genocide Day” Held



Keynote Speaker, Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam along with the Vice-Chancellor, and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

The first and number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) has organized a discussion session on “National Genocide Day” on 25 March 2021. The historic 25th March ‘Genocide Day’, a day of mourning genocide and brutal destruction. Every year on this day, the nation remembers with deep sorrow the innocent martyrs and the heroic fighters who gave their lives in the resistance of struggle.

Former President of FBCCI & Founder Chairman of Southeast Bank Ltd. Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), NSU was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Member, BOT, NSU was present as the Special Guest. Dr. Nazrul Islam, Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, NSU and valiant freedom fighter was present as the Keynote Speaker. The session was chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU and moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, Director, Public Relations Office, NSU. Professor M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NSU delivered the welcome speech.

To pay homage to the martyrs of Genocide 1971, NSU organized a discussion session, Dua Mahfil, Candle Lighting at the NSU Shahid Minar. NSU observed a “one-minute

blackout” to mark ‘Genocide Day’, recalling the horror of the black night of March 25.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, “March 25, 1971 was a horrible night. On this night, the Pakistani aggressors opened fire on the unarmed people of this country and carried out indiscriminate genocide. Their intention was to carry out this genocide so that the people of this country would be scared and they would not have the courage to protest against them. Ignoring their bloody eyes, Bangabandhu declared independence and by responding to his call, people from all walks of life took part in the war of independence and liberated the country at the cost of 3 million martyrs. We would never be enabled to gain independence, if Bangabandhu was not born in this country.”

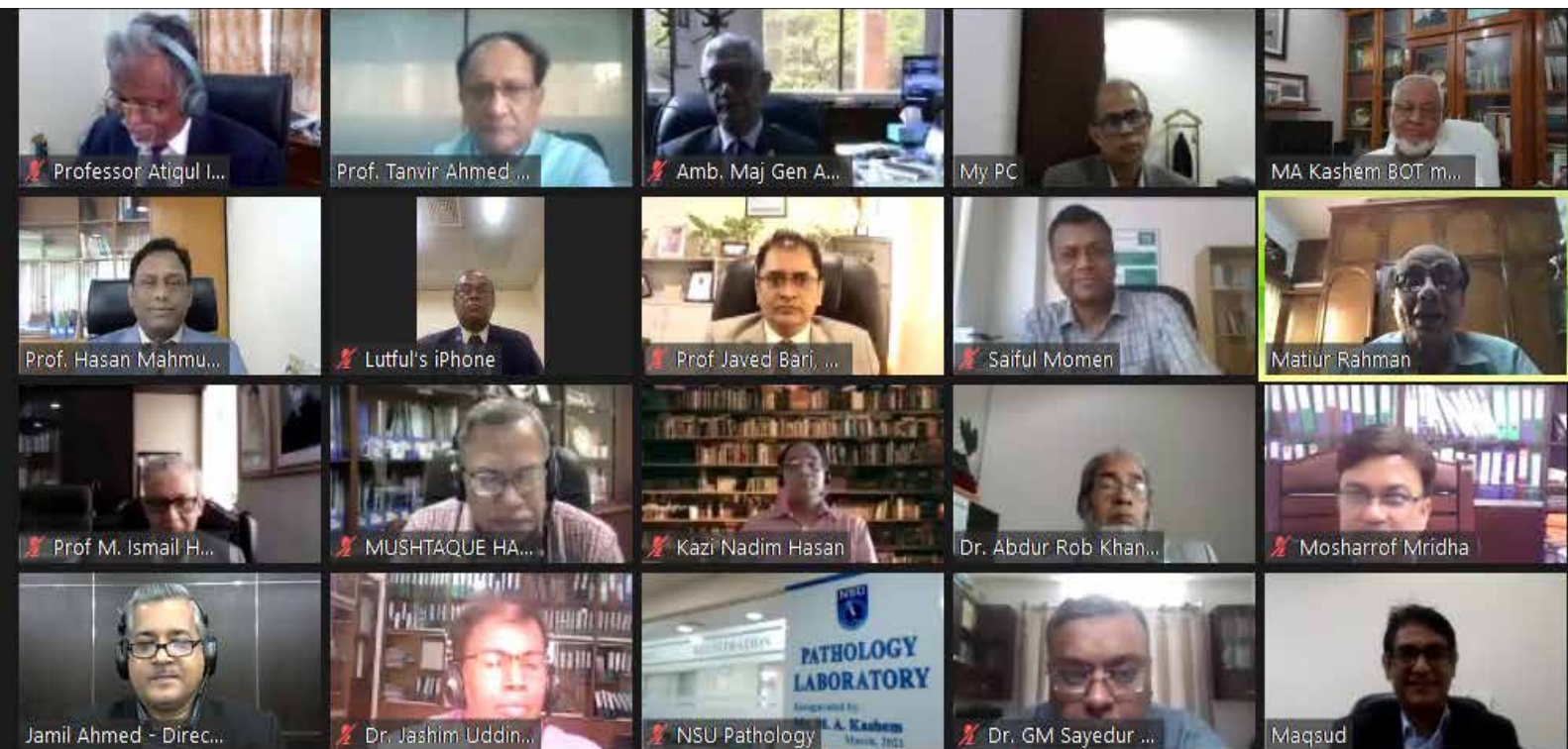
Speaking as the Keynote Speaker, Professor Dr. Nazrul Islam said, “The long plan to uproot a nation was initiated on the night of March 25, 1971. The innocent people were killed indiscriminately to take away the freedom of a freedom loving nation. Under the leadership of Bangabandhu, all the general people of this country fought for independence and made this country independent. Today we

are independent but we have a lot of duties towards our country, we all have to take our country forward by performing our duties properly from our respective places.”

Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam said, “That night of March 25, 1971 was the history of a conspiracy to destroy a nation forever. In order to destroy the dream of freedom-loving people of the country, innocent people of this country were slaughtered indiscriminately on this day. Since this country became independent under the leadership of Bangabandhu, we have been able to bring the country on the highway of development by liberating it socially and economically. Only Bangabandhu made the dream of our liberation true.”

Among others, Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business & Economics, Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, Professor Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Acting Dean, School of Health & Life Sciences, Professor Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Professor and Former Treasurer, Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Director, Office of Student Affairs, Faculties, Officials and Students were also present in the program.

NSU Inaugurates First Pathology Lab Among Private Universities in Bangladesh



Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, Major General A.S.M. Matiur Rahman (Retd.), and others at the inauguration.

The first and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) has organized a virtual inauguration ceremony of the Pathology Laboratory in NSU Medical Center on 29 March 2021. NSU is the first and only private university in Bangladesh to set a unique example by launching such a pathology lab at North South University.

A state-of-the-art pathology lab has been set up at NSU's Medical Center with the foresight of the Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees of North South University to provide a wide range of medical services to the students, teachers, officials and staff members of North South University. The pathology lab has the facility to perform various tests including

general blood test, lipid profile, kidney test, liver test, diabetes test, electrolyte test etc. It is to be noted that, NSU's Medical Center has a medical team including full time specialist doctors to provide medical services to the students, teachers, officials and staff members. It's worth mentioning that, North South University (NSU) is the first and only private university in the country to sequence SARS-CoV-2 genomes using their own facilities at NSU Genome Research Institute (NGRI). The Institute has become a center of excellence in genomic research with the aim of contributing to the improvement of human health in the subcontinent and around the world through advances in genomic medicine.

Former President of FBCCI & Founder Chairman of Southeast

Bank Ltd. Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), NSU was present as the Chief Guest. Health Specialist Major General A. S. M. Matiur Rahman (retd.) was present as the Special Guest. Professor Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean (Acting), Schools of Health & Life Sciences, NSU delivered the welcome speech. The session was chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU and moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, TV Presenter & Director - Public Relations Office, NSU.

During the virtual inauguration ceremony of the Pathology Lab at the NSU Medical Center, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, "Health is the greatest asset of human beings, NSU is the pioneer of higher education at the private sector, in the same way, it is

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NSU Signs MoU with ICAB



Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, and Mr. Mahmudul Hasan Khusru, FCA, President of ICAB holding the signed MoU.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the North South University (NSU) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) was signed at the Syndicate Hall, NSU on 01 April 2021. Under this MoU, ICAB will award exemptions to NSU students for three BBA courses in Chartered Accountancy qualification. It will facilitate NSU students to acquire Chartered Accountancy qualification in a fast

track. In addition, MoU is expected to facilitate research collaboration and training programs between NSU and ICAB whereby students, teachers, professionals, other stakeholders can be benefited.

Professor Dr. Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU and Mr. Mahmudul Hasan Khusru FCA, President of ICAB signed the MoU from their respective sides. ICAB Vice President Mr. Abdul Kader Joaddar FCA, Professor Dr. Abdul

Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business and Economics; Professor Dr. Sharif Nurul Ahkam, Professor Dr. Mohammad Istiaq Azim, Dr. Nurul Kabir among others were present in the program.

Graduates of the North South University who completed Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in 2017 and onward will be eligible to apply for the exemptions.

NSU Inaugurates the First Pathology Lab Cont'd...

committed to the health of students, teachers, officials and employees. It was our dream from long time to set up a medical research institute at NSU. In its continuation, we have built a pathology lab at the North South University Medical Center.

Prof. Hasan Mahmud Reza said, "The NSU Pathology Lab has been set up to provide accurate

and reliable results. I think this pathology lab will play a role in various research activities."

Professor Atiqul Islam said, "It is a matter of pride that NSU has inaugurated the first pathology lab among the private universities in Bangladesh. I think this pathology lab will play a vital role in research work and to protect the health of

students, teachers, officials and staff members."

Among others, Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, Directors, Chair of the Departments, Faculties, Officials and Students were also present in the program.

SBE Launches Book on How Public Entrepreneurship Can Transform the Developing World



Dr. Masihur Rahman, Mr. S. Vijay Iyer, Mr. Manmohan Parkash, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam, Dean SBE, Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, and others holding their copy of the book.

On 11th April 2021, a grand virtual book Launching was held for the book "WIN: How Public Entrepreneurship Can Transform the Developing World" written by Prof. M. Fauzul Kabir Khan, organized by The School of Business and Economics (SBE), North South University (NSU).

The ceremony was graced by esteemed panelists and guests. The Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Dr. Masihur Rahman was present as the Chief Guest; and Mr. S. Vijay Iyer, Vice President and COO, The World Bank, Mr. Sediko Douka, Commissioner, Energy and Mines, Economic Community of West African States, and Mr. Manmohan Parkash, Country Director, Asian Development Bank, were present as Special Guests. Other distinguished panelists were Mr. Fida Hasan Rana, Senior Infrastructure Finance Specialist, The World Bank; Mr. Dipal Barua, former Managing Director Grameen

Shakti; Mr. Munawar Mezba Moin, The group Director, Rahimafrooz; Mr. Mamun Rashid, Senior Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Ms. Nancy Wimmer, author of the Market Makers; Mr. Raihan Elahi, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank; Professor Rezwan Khan, former Vice-Chancellor, United International University; and Mr. Aziz Khan, Chairman, Summit Group of Companies. The Chair of the event was Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, North South University. A vote of thanks was given by Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business and Economics, NSU. One hundred and two participants were present at the book launching.

The author Professor M. Fauzul Kabir Khan is the secretary to the government and has closely seen the public realm. Besides, He is the CEO of IDCOL in Bangladesh. That is how he has well witnessed and practiced public entrepreneurship in a government-owned institution

run as a private business. Also, Professor Khan has observed from the cerebral world as an academic in the United States, Singapore, and Bangladesh.

This book discusses the success story of IDCOL, a government owned financial institution in Bangladesh. IDCOL has outperformed many financial institutions in Bangladesh and has worked closely with the government, World Bank, NGOs, and academic institutions and has created value for millions of people in our country. Although, for decades, the public sector has been considered as corrupt, inefficient and sub-par compared to the private organizations, recently, public entrepreneurship has emerged as a solution. It is a government's commitment to providing the best service by utilizing private entrepreneurs. This book discusses the challenges of building a tech-based institution that is free from corruption.

Webinar on How China is Represented on Social Media with Regard to COVID-19 in Bangladesh



Professor Tawfique M. Haque, Director, SIPG and Chair, Political Science and Sociology, NSU, Professor Robert Wallace Vaagan, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Oslo Metropolitan University, Dr. Mark William Busse, Senior Lecturer, at the Department of Anthropology, the University of Auckland and others at the webinar.

The China-South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS) at the Department of Political Science and Sociology at North South University arranged a webinar on 15th April 2021 to disseminate the research findings related to "Social Media Representation of China with regard to COVID-19 in Bangladesh."

The webinar was chaired by Professor Tawfique M. Haque, Director, SIPG and Chair, PSS, NSU, and moderated by Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology & Director, Confucius Institute, North South University.

The crisis of COVID-19 was not limited to China's health system and economy only; it impacted the image of Chinese food habits and culture and created more Sinophobia than Germophobia across the world.

Social media mediated news, misinformation, disinformation, rumors, viral content related to China and COVID-19 spread every nook and cranny of the world, including Bangladesh.

Dr. Harisur Rahman, Assistant

Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology & Coordinator CSCSS, NSU, presented their findings on the research topic "Sinophobia or Germophobia? Social Media Representation of China with regard to COVID-19 in Bangladesh."

The research used Norman Fairclough's critical discourse analysis to analyze Bangladeshi social media content related to China and COVID-19 that surfaced on Facebook and YouTube between January and June 2020. This paper's interesting findings include - COVID-19 accelerating forms of Sinophobia, Xenophobia, stigmatization, isolation, prejudice, and racism among social media users.

The presenter also talked about how media mediated texts, images, audio, video are copied and pasted from various unverified sources and framed to persuade the audience.

He also maintained that most of the anti-China rhetoric on social media is full of misinformation, manipulation, and rumors; still, they are credible to the audience

who, as a result, form strong anti-China sentiment, especially on Chinese culture food habits, and foodways.

The discussants were - Professor Robert Wallace Vaagan, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Oslo Metropolitan University, and Dr. Mark William Busse, Senior Lecturer, at the Department of Anthropology, the University of Auckland.

They expressed how this social media research is a very new area and the basis of many other publications. Dr. Mark reminded the participants how social media often creates images of the 'other', how pandemics are related to social things, including inequality and colonialism.

Angles of ethnocentrism and how social media reinforces it through memes, captions, and clips were also discussed.

Chair Professor Tawfique M. Haque concluded the session by sharing his views on how it is essential to find the impact of these narratives, and the political angle of this phenomenon.

Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World

On 11th March, 2021, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) organized a webinar on: "Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world" at 3:30 p.m. The webinar was well attended by female faculty members and administration staff of NSU.

Professor Dr. Nazmun Nahar inaugurated the webinar with the welcome address. In her talk, she underscored the importance of creating equal opportunity for both gender in our society. There was a special segment whereby female representatives from academia and administration shared their individual views on how leading women all over the world contributed in making world

a better place to live in especially in pandemic.

Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice Chancellor of NSU was also present at the webinar and delivered his closing remarks. He appreciated the effort of IQAC in organizing this important event. The Dean of School of Business and Economics, Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury was present and shared his views on how women, throughout the years, has been contributing enormously for the betterment of the society and economy as a whole.

Ms. Arifa Jahan Bithi, a women cricketer and social activist was present at the webinar as the surprise guest speaker. In her speech, she talked about how she has set

up her own cricket academy for underprivileged women in Rangpur. She further shared her experiences of serving free food and shelter to notable number of pregnant and elderly women in COVID-19 situation.

The webinar ended with a live performance from a couple of participants. There was also an award giving ceremony whereby awards were virtually presented to the longest serving female faculty, Professor Dr. Deena P. Forkan and Senior Officer, Ms. Shireen Akhter Ruby of NSU for their devotion and hard work. Dr. Nova Ahmed, Associate Professor of ECE Department of NSU was also awarded for her dedication and passion for research activities.

DEML Seminar on Children and Language Acquisition

On Saturday, 20th March 2021, Dr. Yvonne Tse Crepaldi, an Associate Fellow in the Center of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore spoke at a webinar entitled "How do children go about acquiring and using multiple languages in daily interactions?" which was held on Google Meet and organized by the Discourse Series Seminars of the Department of English and Modern Languages, NorthSouthUniversity. Professor Dr. AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan, Chairman, DEML introduced Dr. Crepaldi who obtained her PhD in Linguistics in 2017 from the Department of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies specialising in parent-child interactions of a trilingual family. Apart from family talk, Dr. Crepaldi has been conducting research on multilingualism (family language policy and heritage language maintenance) and doctor-patient interactions, using Conversation Analysis and other ethnographic methods.

In the webinar, Dr. Crepaldi spoke about concerns of parents, caregivers, educators and even paediatricians about children's multilingual development, language mixing, speech delay and so on. In this talk, she shared some data from multilingual children from 2 to 10 years of age, who came from a variety of transnational families residing in Singapore, and illustrated the following three points:

1. how multilingualism is acquired in the home space and used as resources in daily interactions for practical tasks;
2. how language switching indicates awareness of linguistic domains;
3. how multilingual children display and acquire interculturality in and through interactions.

Through all these cases, Dr. Crepaldi claimed that linguistic systems are fluid and dynamic for multilingual individuals and for multilingual societies, and languages need not to be seen as entirely segregated in daily interactions.



Dr. Yvonne Tse Crepaldi.

Dr. Crepaldi concluded that those studies have implications for child language acquisition, and give rise to discussions on how proficiency or communicative competence should be measured. During the Q&A session moderated by the Coordinator of the Discourse Series Ms. Tania Rahman, Faculty members of DEML and students engaged with the speaker for a lively session.

NSU Remembers Engr. Dr. F.R. Khan: The Greatest Structural Engineer in History



Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dean SEPS, Professor Javed Bari, and other speakers at the webinar on Dr. F.R. Khan.

NorthSouth University's Center for Infrastructure Research and Services (CIRS) arranged a webinar in memory of Bangladeshi born Engr. Fazlur Rahman Khan (F.R. Khan), globally known as 'Einstein of Structural Engineering' in commemoration of his death anniversary on the 27th of March, 2021.

If the list of the best structural engineer's names of the twentieth century is prepared, then at the forefront of it will be the famous engineer of Bangladesh, the late Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan. In fact, in the sixties and seventies of the twentieth century, his groundbreaking 'Tubular Structure' theory was a breakthrough in design of tall building or skyscrapers. Fazlur Rahman Khan is thus known around the world as the 'Father of Tall Building Design'. He designed the then Sears Tower (presently Willis Tower), in Chicago, USA; which continued to be placed as the tallest building of the world from 1983 to 1996.

The webinar was held under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam, Director of Center for Infrastructure Research and Services (CIRS), and Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of NSU as Chair of the session. Professor Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor, Vice-Chancellor of Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University was present there as the chief guest. Engineer Faizur Rahman Khan, nephew of Engr. F.R. Khan and Managing Director of Building Technology and Ideas Limited presented the keynote speech and presentation, covering the entire life sketch, philosophy and achievements of Engr. F. R. Khan.

As Chief Guest, Professor Munaj Ahmed Noor said that the famous engineer of Bangladesh like Fazlur Rahman Khan is not well known among the people of our country even. He made groundbreaking changes in the design of structures, especially in the design of high-rise buildings or skyscrapers. He should be a role model for the young generation of our country, if properly honored. We should teach about him in the curriculum to inform the new generation about his contribution. He also mentioned the establishment of a chair called 'F.R. Khan Chair' at BUET, which will be responsible for creating new researchers for research on high-rise building design. He also called for the launch of a research fund in his name.

Engineer Faizur Rahman Khan said, Khan was a very lively and dreamy man from his childhood. He had a deep love for this country, and

from that affection he was a freedom fighter in the war of liberation in 1971. He set up a fund called "Bangladesh Emergency Fund" in the USA to help the liberation war in 1971. He is known as Einstein of Structural Engineering. He has made the name of Bangladesh bright in history of civil engineering through his deeds.

Engineer Mike Hogan, a veteran civil engineer from USA, who was a contemporary colleague of F.R. Khan during 70s and 80s was also among the speakers. He said that, F.R. Khan is role model among all structural engineers of all time. His contribution to the development of structural engineering will always be remembered. Just as he was a successful man in his career, so he was a role model in his personal life too. Two times Emmy award winner renowned film producer Ms. Laila Kazmi, was another speaker from the USA. Presently, she is preparing a long documentary film on the life and achievements of Engr. F. R. Khan. According to her, being a Chicago dweller, she was always proud of a South Asian American like Engr. F. R. Khan. Not many South Asian or Muslims are there to mention of his kind. So, she decided to highlight him. He requested all to contribute there through information or even

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Teaching International Law Interest Group Elects Law Chair as Co-Chair of American Society of International Law

On March 22nd, 2021, the NSU family received the news of Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam, Professor and Chair, Department of Law, who has recently been elected as a Co-Chair of the Teaching International Law Interest Group (TILIG) of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) for a three-year term (2021-2024).

The TILIG has around 4,00 members from around the world.

The ASIL is a non-profit,

nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by the US Congress in 1950.

ASIL holds Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a constituent society of the American Council of Learned Societies.

The Society is headquartered at Tillar House in Washington, DC.



Professor Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam.

Department of Law Arranges Series of International Webinars

The North South University Department of Law organized an international webinar on the 7th of March, 2021. Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law of Loyola University Chicago, Professor James Thuo Gathii had spoken on the topic- 'Third World Approaches to International Law'. After that, the Department of Law of North South University had held its fourth international webinar on the 12th of March, 2021. A prominent critic of globalization, Professor Jane Kelsey of the Faculty of Law of the University of Auckland, had spoken on the topic- 'The controversy over the digital trade/e-commerce rules'.

Then, the Department organized another international webinar titled "Paradigm Shifting International Economic Law" on 28th March 2021. Adjunct Professor Thomas Streinz from New York University School of Law had spoken on the topic 'Paradigm Shifting International Economic Law'. Afterwards, the Law Department organized another international webinar on the 19th of March, 2021. Professor Fleur Johns from the Faculty of Law & Justice, University of New South Wales of Australia had spoken on the topic 'International Law and the Challenge of the Digital'.

Finally, the Department organized an international webinar on 7th

April 2021. Professor Richard H. Steinberg from the University of California Los Angeles spoke on the topic 'International Law and Policy in the Biden Administration'.

The webinars began following the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Department of Law, Prof. Md. Rizwanul Islam, PhD.

Mr. Saquib Rahman, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Law moderated the events. Mr. Nazmus Sakib, Graduate Teaching Assistant in law was the technical coordinator of these webinars. The attendees included students and faculty members from home and abroad.



Speakers of the international webinar organized by the Department of Law.

Professor Tanvir Ahmed Khan Appointed Cont'd...

namely from the UNDP Fellowship for MURP Degree, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, Commonwealth Scholarship, Land Reform Training Institute (LRTI), Taiwan, Republic of China, and the Galpin Fellowship from Quinnipiac University, USA.

As a young economist in the early eighties, Professor Khan was a part of the Agriculture Sector Team (AST), a project of CIDA which was instrumental in preparing the Crop Agriculture Sector of the Fourth Five Year Plan. He later worked in the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Comilla, the international organization spearheaded by Magsaysay Award Winner Dr. Akhter Hameed Khan.

His book, *Looking Back: The Implementation of Rural Poor Programs in Bangladesh*, provides an in-depth analysis of the effectiveness of rural programs in alleviating poverty in Bangladesh. Straddling the public and private sector initiatives in the context of rural development in Bangladesh, the work presents a 'mobilizing' NGO where the concept of 'Freire-type conscientization' has been

seen to transcend the limits of present-day thinking of moderate NGOs.

After joining NSU, Professor Khan was appointed as the 23rd Convocation Marshal. The country's first online Convocation during the pandemic where over 4,000 students were conferred their degrees.

He believes that both public and private universities have been significantly contributing to the country's human resource needs: producing graduates who would become employees and making them entrepreneurs who can establish their own companies and provide job opportunities to others. He believes that once again, NSU has taken the lead in spearheading University Research in the private sector, providing incentives and grants to researchers. He trusts that NSU can very soon be ranked in the Times Higher Education (THE) list of universities through such incentives.

As an academic visionary, Professor Khan feels that "Universities like NSU have so many positive attributes. Each unit has a tale to tell, but unfortunately, one unit knows

less of the other. Therefore, an integration of all the units has to take place." He also feels that parallel to their studies, students should be involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to sharpen their communication skills, computer skills, social skills and attributes that the employers look for." Professor Khan speaks from experience as he has been a music connoisseur throughout his life, taking sitar lessons from Ustad Mir Kashem Khan and Ustad Shahadat Hossain Khan. Sitar and squash remained Dr. Khan's longest-lasting favorite pastime, with the addition of Golf at a later stage.

He believes that while NSU has achieved academic and research excellence with its alumni in leadership positions around the world and with a faculty consisting of the highest concentration of PhDs from North America, the UK, and Australia in Bangladesh, NSU must take up the challenge to become one of the top 100 universities of the world. With the BOT members and the Vice-Chancellor providing excellent leadership, this is something that he firmly believes can be achieved.

NSU Holds its 23rd Convocation Cont'd...

Islam said, "North South University is engaged in producing competent and ethical graduates with a global outlook. We provide leaders to think globally and capable of leading locally. NSU graduates will be the leaders of tomorrow's Bangladesh. They will be the pioneers in business, controlling and directing our economic progress."

Abu Mohammad Shabbir Khan from School of Engineering & Physical Sciences (SEPS) spoke on behalf of the graduates.

Among others, Pro-Vice Chancellor, NSU, Prof. M. Ismail Hossain, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business & Economics, NSU, Prof. Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, NSU, Prof. Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean (Acting), School of Health & Life Sciences, NSU, Directors of various departments, Department Heads, senior officials and teachers

were present at the program.

At this convocation, 4,014 undergraduate and post-graduate students got certificates. This year, 02 meritorious students were awarded the Chancellor's Medal and 08 meritorious students were awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal. The virtual convocation was also attended by a large number of parents and students through live broadcasts on North South University's official Facebook page and the DBC News TV channel.



SHEIKH MUJIB



Shosshochitre Bangabandhu: Success Story of an NSU Student

Shosshochitre Bangabandhu will be attempting to break into the Guinness Book of World Records for the World's Largest Crop-Field Mosaic" with an area of 1 lakh 20 thousand square meters.

This is located at Chhonka village of Balenda sub-division, a remote area of Bhabanipur union in Sherpur, Bogra district. 105 bighas of the 120 bigha long land area have already been planted with two varieties of rice seeds in a boxed-layout.

This will be the first Guinness Book of World Records portrait featuring a great leader and politician.

Above all, the youth of this nation contributed to this significantly. Through this, a small attempt is made to enlighten the readers about the contribution of all the people who made this masterpiece a resounding success.

On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, this unique activity has been given as a gift to the country and its people.

Although the news about this was published in various newspapers and media sectors; however, an important detail regarding the involvement of NSU may have been glossed over.

Our very own Maxim Gorky Samya, an NSU student, worked on this project directly. He worked as the Core Member of *Shosshochitre Bangabandhu* Core Committee, Member of Shosshochitre Bangabandhu National Committee, Member of the *Shosshochitre Bangabandhu* National Execution Committee, Convenor of Shosshochitre Bangabandhu Youth & Volunteery Sub-Committee, and Adjutant of BNCC Contingent in *Shosshochitre Bangabandhu*.

He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics under the Department of Economics, School of Business and Economics at North South University.

The crop field mosaic of Bangabandhu in Chhonka village, Bangladesh.

Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner Cont'd...

Bangabandhu and the Liberation War to the new generation. At the same time, he mentioned the progress and development of Bangladesh using digital technologies.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, Our deepest respects and best wishes on the birth centenary of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the great hero of the liberation war of 1971. He was the embodiment of our freedom. He led the democratic movement from the language movement of 1952 to the coup d'état of 1969 and he declared the freedom of this country on March 26, 1971. He is not only a leader but also one of the greatest politicians of this subcontinent. This man was equal to the Himalayas in personality and courage. People of our country

have high expectations from Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, daughter of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. To meet these expectations, she is working tirelessly to meet these expectations. At this time, he announced the auspicious inauguration of "Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner".

Freedom Fighter Lion Mr. Benajir Ahmed said, "We are happy to have inaugurated "Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner" at the Central Library within the Mujib Borsho. In the second part of the program, he said awarding honorary teachers for their special contribution in research will encourage researchers to concentrate on such research work in future.

Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam said, "We are sincerely trying to teach the new generation about the life of Bangabandhu, his life philosophy, political thought, social thought, and all the struggles

of his life, whether it is through pictures, books or information, we will pass it on to the next generation. During this time, he also mentioned, for this reason, we have inaugurated Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner at North South University.

Among others, Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor and Former Treasurer, Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Director, Office of Student Affairs, Dr. Norman Kenneth Swazo, Director, Office of Research, Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business & Economics, Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, Prof. Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Acting Dean, School of Health & Life Sciences, Professor Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Faculties, Officials, Students and Media Persons were also present in the program.

Virtual Discussion on the Historic 7th March at NSU Cont'd...

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor M. Ismail Hossain said, "Inspired by Bangabandhu's speech on March 7, the people of this country liberated this country and this speech later served as the policy guide to run the country. We have gained political freedom, but we continue to fight for freedom from hunger,

poverty, illiteracy and disease. The new generation must come forward to solve these problems to make Bangabandhu's dream into reality.

Among others, Professor Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Professor Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean (Acting), School of Health & Life Sciences, NSU, Professor

Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business & Economics, NSU, Ms. Rumana Huq Luva, Faculty Advisor of North South University Shangkritik Shangathan (NSUSS), Directors of various departments, Department Heads, senior officials, faculties and students were also present at the program.

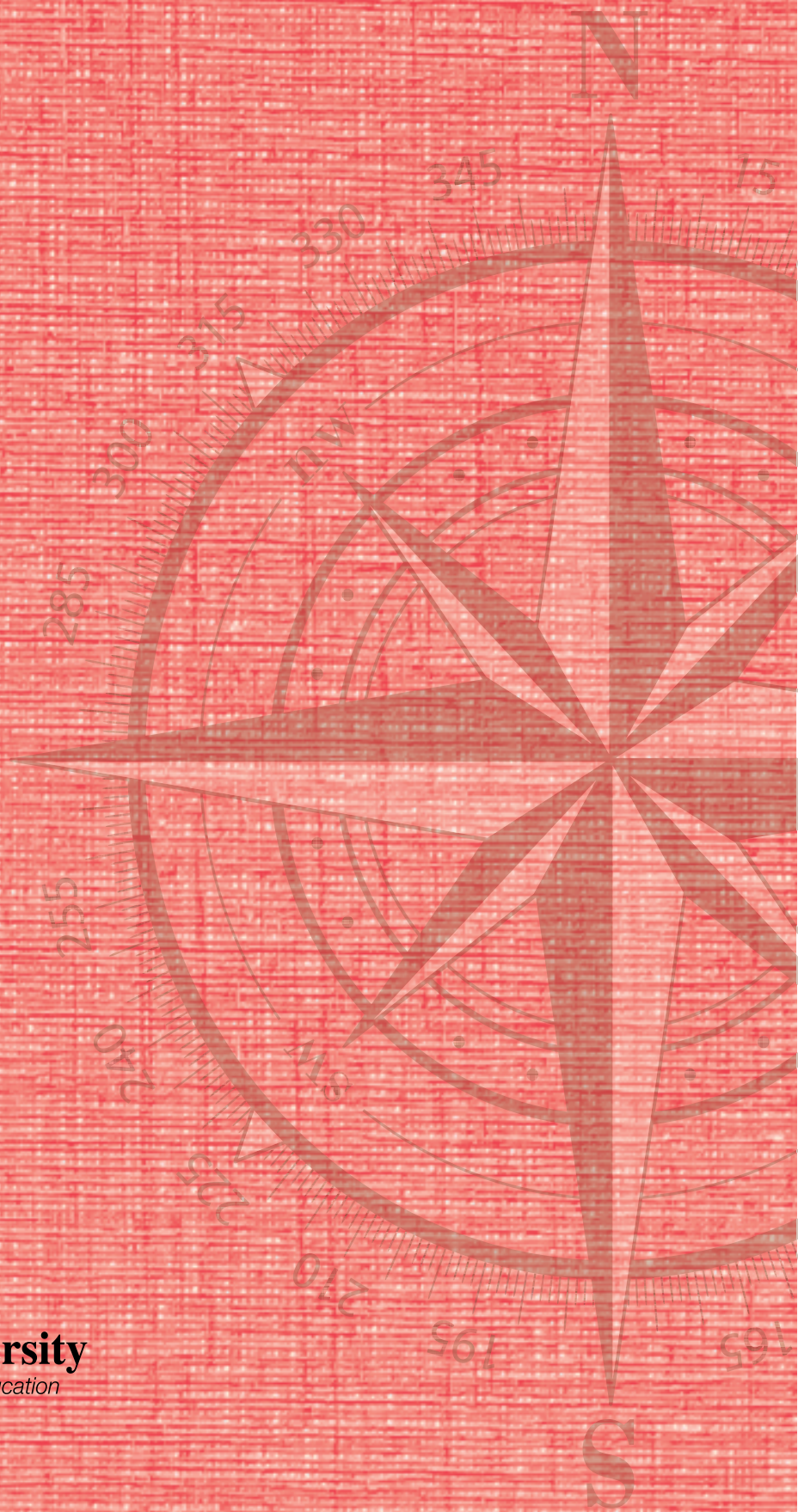
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financial support.

Among others, Prof. Dr. Javed Bari, Dean of the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences spoke on the session. In his concluding remark, Prof. Dr. Ismail, Pro Vice Chancellor of NSU appreciated the initiative of CIRS to remember

Eng. F R Khan. He also said that NSU always set example ahead of the nation, and remembering F R Khan was one of them. He said that building house is something a basic need for human being, and he may even like if the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

prepare a GED course on 'How to make house?' and introduce in it curriculum so that students from all disciplines can take it. Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), Prof. Dr. M Nazmul Islam offered vote of Thanks to all.



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