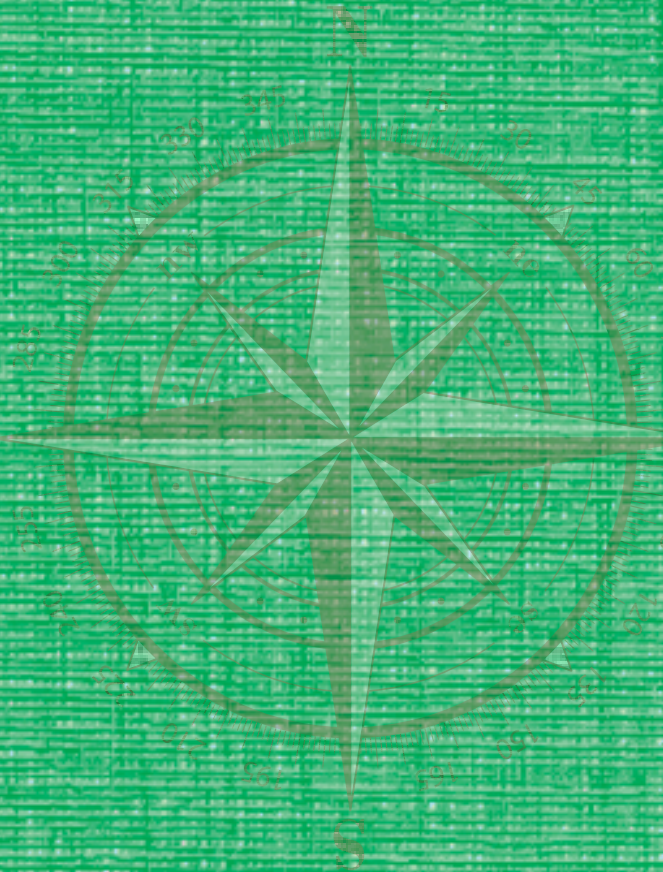




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## Editorial

As the country continues to brace itself while tackling the alarming rates of transmission of Covid-19, we can only hope and pray that each individual can take good care of themselves and the well-being of their near and dearest in these trying times.

For NSU News, our mission has always been to present impactful headlines and stories of our community to inspire us all, especially in these critical periods.

To commemorate the Mujib Year, NSU published "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh." The book is a collection of articles on Bangabandhu by renowned personalities, academics, and journalists. The launch was graced by the Honorable Education Minister, Dr. Dipu Moni. The same month of June also saw the Honorable Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Dr. Hasan Mahmud, inaugurate NSU's T.V., radio, and digital lab, an enormous achievement for any educational institution.

On June 12, NSU welcomed the newly enrolled students in the Virtual Orientation Program of Summer 2021. Honorable Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, M.P., was present as the Chief Guest of the event. It is impressive to observe that NSU can flawlessly organize a virtual orientation ceremony of such magnitude. Thousands of students, parents, and guardians joined the auspicious online program. NSU News wishes the newly admitted students all the very best.



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As we become more entrenched in using the online medium, NSU authorities took a giant leap with a courageous display of our commitment to the virtual platform by launching CANVAS, the most advanced Learning Management System (LMS) in the world. During the launching ceremony, the Honorable Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, as the Chief Guest, iterated on the importance of online education during the ongoing pandemic. The incorporation of CANVAS will undoubtedly assist the teachers and students of NSU. It will allow them to better grasp their online teaching and learning activities, respectively.

With such vision and commitment to education, it is no wonder that NSU retained its top rank among private universities in Bangladesh according to the recent Q.S. World University Rankings. Such rankings attest to the continued commitment of the university family.

In June, the NSU family welcomed Professor Dr. ABM Rashedul Hassan, who joined as the Treasurer. He brings a wealth of experience to the position, which will guide us well in these difficult times.

The NSU News team whole-heartedly thanks our readers for remaining indomitable through this global crisis.

Stay safe,  
-Editor

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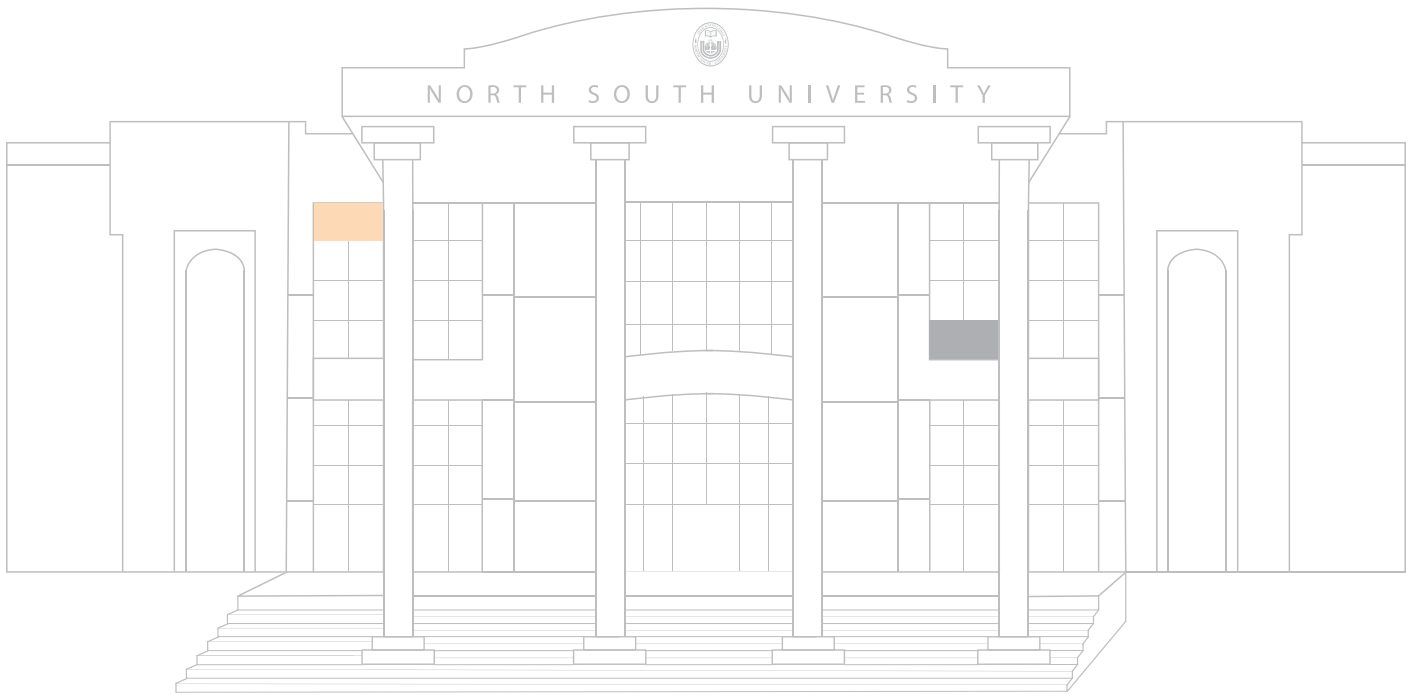


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# Father of the Nation



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## Education Minister Launches Book Titled “Bangabandhu and Bangladesh” Published by NSU



Dr. Dipu Moni M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, and other respected guests at the virtual launching of *Bangabandhu and Bangladesh*.

The first and the number one ranked private university in Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) organized a virtual launching program of the book, published on the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman titled “Bangabandhu and Bangladesh” on 24 June, 2021. The program was also broadcasted live on North South University’s Official Facebook page.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has re-emerged in our national life during the grand celebration of the birth centenary, ‘Mujib Year’. Today, Bangabandhu is established in his glory by celebrating the year-long ‘Mujib

Year’. In its continuation, North South University has written a book titled “Bangabandhu and Bangladesh” about the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by 47 renowned writers and politicians from home and abroad to inform the new generation and the world about Bangabandhu and Bangladesh. It is published in both Bengali and English considering readers of different languages.

Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University, Former President of

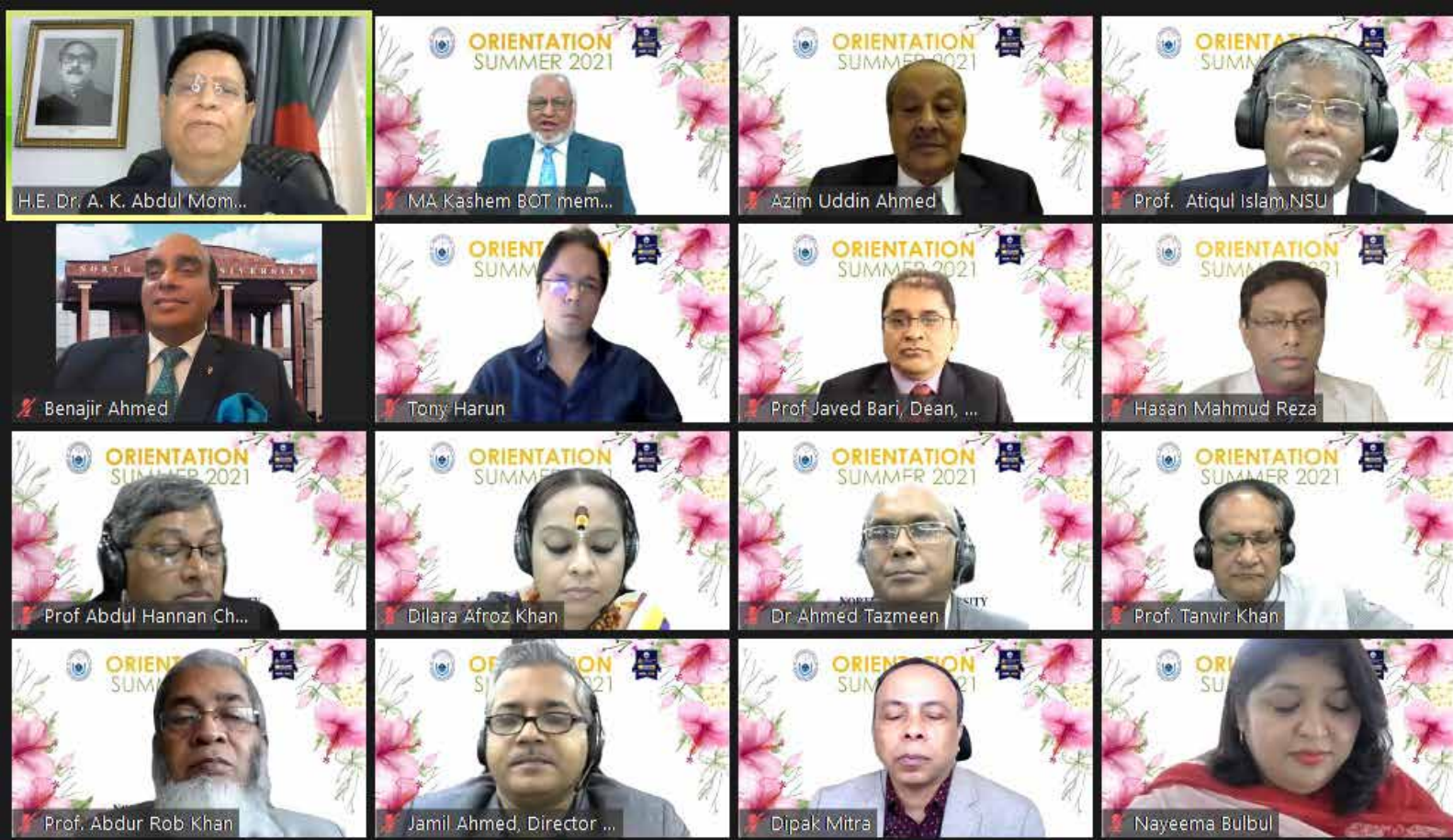
FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem was present as the Special Guest. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, and Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser Members, Board of Trustees, NSU were present as Guests of Honor. Editor of the ‘Bangabandhu and Bangladesh’ book, Dr. Sharif Uddin Ahmed, Professor & Chairman, Department of History & Philosophy, NSU was present as the Speaker. The program was moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, Director - Public Relations Office, NSU, and chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Dr. Dipu Moni stated, We have already received many books on

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## Virtual Orientation Held for Summer 2021 Freshmen



Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Respected Members of the BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, and others attend the virtual orientation program of Summer 2021.

North South University (NSU) organized a virtual orientation for the newly enrolled students of Summer Semester 2021 on Saturday, 12 June 2021.

At the beginning of higher education at the university level, the new students take part in the introductory program in a virtual way. This time more than one thousand and two hundred students have gotten the opportunity to get admission in the graduate (honors) courses in 16 departments of the four schools of the university. The Virtual Orientation Program was broadcasted live on North South University's Official Facebook page.

H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, M.P., Honorable Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the

People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), North South University, Former President of FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem was present as the Special Guest. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU were present as the Guests of Honor. Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU chaired the event.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Honorable Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen said, "I must tell young students, you are very lucky because you get a chance to be admitted to one of the top universities of the country. It is a great institution, possibly the first institution which got some

accreditation from abroad. I am so glad; it is maintaining a very high level of standards and most of the graduates from this university have been well placed in the job market. This is an institution that shows, if there is a will, there is a way. You, young boys and girls, if you are committed, you can excel in life." He also mentioned that, as we learn from books, we learn from teachers, we learn from colleagues, friends and family. He advised students to give importance to networking which will help them to excel in their carrier. During this time, he also mentioned that learning is a passport to the future, if you learn you can excel in life. Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it. You get a good chance to study at NSU, don't

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## Information Minister Inaugurates NSU Campus Radio, TV & Digital Lab



Dr. Hasan Mahmud, M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman BOT, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Ms. Yasmin Kamal and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Members, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU attend the inauguration of the NSU campus Radio, TV and Digital Lab.

North South University (NSU) organized "Inauguration Ceremony of the NSU Campus Radio, TV & Digital Lab" on 17 June (Thursday) 2021.

Campus radio and television offer several benefits, both strategically and pedagogically. Campus radio and TV are strategic tools for reaching out to thousands of current and potential students and their guardians across Bangladesh via online broadcasting. It is a uniform information dissemination process. Campus radio and TV can be a central platform for students to develop and disseminate media skills. Radio broadcasting is a powerful source of learning, as it can be a source of real-life experience and healthy entertainment and enjoyment.

The primary objective of NSU

Campus Radio, TV (NSUCRT) & Digital Lab will be to serve the NSU student community within and beyond campus. NSUCRT will be operated within the campus, but the program will be live-streamed and uploaded online. Though NSUCRT will be operated mainly by students, advisory, the managerial, and technical team will always be there to oversee the production and airing.

Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest during the program. Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University, and Former President of FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem was present as the Special Guest. Mr. Benajir

Ahmed, Ms. Yasmin Kamal, and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Members, BOT, NSU were present as the Guests of Honor. Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU chaired the session. The Program was broadcasted live on North South University's Official Facebook page.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister, Dr. Hasan Mahmud, said, "North South University is one of the private universities in the country which is imparting quality education to our students. Before the establishment of NSU, our students had to go to different countries of the world to study, since NSU started providing quality education, they are no longer forced to go abroad. At present, students from many neighboring countries are also coming to study here. It is not only

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# NSU Launches World's Best Learning Management System, CANVAS



Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser, Members, BOT, and other guests attend the virtual launching of the integration of CANVAS into the NSU online evaluation system.

North South University (NSU) has set a unique example by launching the world-renowned best quality Learning Management System (LMS), CANVAS virtually as the first university in Bangladesh on Sunday, 30 May 2021.

North South University has made an agreement with CANVAS, which is world-renowned as a Learning Management System (LMS). World-renowned universities such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Oxford, and Cambridge have been using CANVAS teaching methods for a long time. With the introduction of this system, North South University will be the only university in Bangladesh and probably in South Asia as well to use the "CANVAS Learning Management System." It will be possible for students, teachers, administration, and parents to formulate, preserve, conduct classes, and evaluate in different

ways openly and transparently using this integrated platform. CANVAS is a student, teacher, parent, and management-friendly system that works online and in the classroom.

Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest. Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), North South University, Former President of FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem was present as the Special Guest. Freedom Fighter Lion Mr. Benajir Ahmed and Chairman of The City Bank Limited, Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser, Members, Board of Trustees (BOT), NSU were present as Guests of Honor. Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU delivered the introductory speech. The session was chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU, and moderated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed, Director, Public Relations Office,

NSU.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Dr. Dipu Moni said, "I am glad to know that, North South University (NSU) has made an agreement with world-class education management system 'CANVAS Learning Management System (LMS)' and through this event, they are launching the LMS system. Undoubtedly, this initiative is a great pleasure for the students, teachers, and parents of NSU and I am happy to share this happy moment with all of you through this virtual. The quality of education of this university, qualifications of teachers, the employment rate of graduates, number, and quality of research and publications have been gaining special recognition in the regional and global rankings among the universities of the country. I am glad to know that world-renowned

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Late A.B.M. Kamal Uddin Khan, Former Chairman of NSU Foundation

Members of Board of Trustees (BoT), North South University (NSU) pray for Late A. B. M. Kamal Uddin Khan on his 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary on 20 May 2021. Late A. B. M. Kamal Uddin Khan was a Founder Life Member of the North South University (NSU) Foundation, now changed to North South Foundation, which established and administered NSU, now run by North South University (NSU) Trust.



Late A.B.M. Kamal Uddin

He was also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the NSU Foundation and a member of the then Parichalona Porshod of NSU. He was a successful industrialist, prominent banker, and enthusiastic philanthropist.

May Allah bless his soul and give the members of his family the strength to keep on bearing the loss.

## Virtual Orientation Held for Summer 2021 Cont'd...

waste your time when you are around here. I am glad, NSU is doing research on Bangabandhu and Bangladesh. He asked the faculties and others to come forward and publish articles and books. He also added, I would expect our faculties of NSU to write and publish research on critical issues besides academic research."

Speaking as the Special Guest, Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, "We have been successfully conducting all the classes of the university online even during the Corona epidemic and the attendance of students in these online classes is 93% which is more than regular classes. To honor the heroic freedom fighters of 1971, so far North South University has been given 1300 students from the families of the freedom fighters the opportunity to study without pay. NSU has provided financial assistance of Tk. 150 crores to the students since its inception. NSU has provided about Tk. 82 crores last three semesters in the form of tuition fee waiver to support the students during the pandemic. In addition, NSU has awarded special consideration scholarships to students whose parents have died

in the Corona pandemic. Education is the backbone of a nation. It is not possible to present a beautiful and progressive country without an educated nation. Education builds values in a nation, develops humanity. For this, in order to develop a country, most attention needs to be paid to the education sector. At present, the government has given the largest budget to the education sector after the health sector. I think this is a very timely decision. The purpose of North South University is to advance knowledge, which is not possible without a safe and comfortable learning environment. The authority of North South University is committed to creating a sense of discipline among students." During this time, he thanked the parents for keeping their trust in NSU and welcomed the newly enrolled students to North South University."

Vice-Chancellor of North South University, Professor Atiqul Islam said, "As a student, you want to learn from scholars, I can assure you, NSU has the most qualified and most caring staff here. NSU programs have all national and international accreditation. NSU is ranked highly in all Rankings. Our business school is in the 351-400 list

of top business schools among the world as in the QS World University Rankings. We do joint research with many prestigious institutions. Based on the latest submission of the University Grant Commission, in terms of research output, the total research of our university is more than the top nine universities together. We have the best educational technology in the country in the form of Canvas. Students come to a university for a good job and NSU graduates enjoy 100% employments. NSU has ranked in the top 500 list among the whole world by the Graduate Employability Rankings. I wish the parents will have a watchful eye so that this journey of the students becomes smooth. He also thanked the esteemed parents for keeping their trust in North South University."

Among others, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Registrar, Dean of four schools, Faculties, Department Heads, Directors, Officials and Distinguished Guests were also present. A large number of guardians and students were also connected in the virtual orientation through a live broadcast on North South University's Official Facebook Page.



## NSU and FBCCI Jointly Organize a Seminar on Industry - Academia Collaboration



Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President, FBCCI, Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman BOT, NSU and Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU at the seminar on Industry and Academia Collaboration.

North South University (NSU) and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industries (FBCCI) jointly organized a seminar on "Industry - Academia Collaboration" on Tuesday, 22 June 2021. The seminar was organized to ensure all the health and safety rules amidst of Corona pandemic.

The main objective of the seminar was to provide timely education to the students through joint research of industry and academia and to involve academicians to solve various problems of the industry. Speakers at the seminar emphasized increasing the bond between industry and educational institutions. The speakers emphasized teaching students in subjects for which there is a demand in the job market. They told universities to open new subjects if required to cope with new demands in the job market.

Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin, President, FBCCI was present as the Chief Guest. Chairman, Board of Trustees, NSU & Former President of FBCCI Mr. M. A. Kashem was present as the Special Guest. Mr. Benajir Ahmed and Mr. Tanveer Harun, Member, Board of Trustees, NSU were present as Guests of Honor. Professor Atiqul Islam, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, NSU chaired the session.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Mr. Md. Jashim Uddin said, The biggest problem in our country is the lack of communication with our industries and educational institutions. Japan, Korea have made progress through Industry Academia Collaboration. Universities should not only teach; they should focus on teaching all the subjects that have demand in the job market. If we want to increase our capacity, we have to make partnerships with educational

institutions. We need to strengthen the bonding between the industry and business community. In the meantime, he praised NSU authorities for their outstanding contribution to the expansion of higher education in the country.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, Our graduates are now working in all the reputed institutions of the world including reputed government and non-government institutions of the country for the development of the country. We think that the biggest task of a university is to participate in research work, our students and teachers are doing research jointly with reputed institutes of the country which are playing a big role in solving various problems of the country. Our duty is to make a student capable in the job market, which is why we encourage students

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## Webinar on Economic Growth During COVID-19 and the Role of Budget 2021-22



Honorable Minister of Planning Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mannan, M.P., Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, BOT, Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Member, BOT, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU and other esteemed guests at the webinar.

The webinar titled: "Economic Growth during COVID-19 and the Role of Budget 2021-22" was jointly organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) and the School of Business and Economics (SBE) of North South University on 10 June 2021 to discuss the challenges in the formulation and implementation of Bangladesh National Budget 2021-22 during the coronavirus pandemic.

Among the panellist, Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow of CPD, Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow at BIDS, Dr. Salahuddin M. Aminuzzaman, Professor and Advisor of SIPG of NSU, Dr. Mohammad Abu Eusuf, Professor

of Development Studies, Dhaka University, Dr. Helal Ahammad, Professor of Economics, NSU and Dr. Sharif Nurul Ahkam, Professor of Finance, NSU, highlighted different aspects of National Budget such as, Importance of allocation of more fund in health and education sector as well as social safety net program during, Challenges of budget implementation, Necessity of deficit budget, and Budget financing.

Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mannan, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh presented in the webinar as Chief Guest while Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University

honored the event as the Special Guest and Professor Atiqul Islam, the VC of North South University chaired the event.

The event started with the welcome speech of Professor Tawfique M. Haque, Director of SIPG and Chairman, Department of Political Science and Sociology, NSU. Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean of the School of Business and Economics (SBE), NSU moderated the webinar. The event ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Asad Karim Khan Priyo, Chairman of the Department of Economics, NSU.

Later, based on the discussion in the webinar, a policy brief is prepared and circulated as an outcome of the webinar.



# NSU Ranked Number 1 Private University in Bangladesh in the Latest QS World University Ranking 2022



The first private university and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) has been ranked in the latest QS World University Ranking 2022, officially unveiled on 8 June 2021. NSU has proudly held its undisputed spot as the #1 Private University in

Bangladesh and has achieved a rank of 1001-1200.

QS evaluates 1,300 universities across the world according to six metrics: Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Faculty/Student Ratio, Citations per faculty, International Faculty Ratio, and International Student Ratio.

It should be mentioned that NSU has been ranked in the QS World University Ranking for the very first time and thereby becoming the first Private University from Bangladesh to enter the list. In addition to our successes in QS Asia Ranking, Graduate Employability Ranking, and Subjects ranking, inclusion in the QS World University Ranking has solidified our position as a leader in

higher education in Bangladesh. NSU continues to make significant strides towards its goal of being in the top 100 in Asia and the top 1000 in the World.

The QS ranking is the only international ranking to have received the International Ranking Expert Group (IREG) approval, and is viewed as one of the three most-widely read university rankings in the world, along with the Academic Ranking of World Universities and Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

Here is the link for ranking, for more information please visit:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

## Education Minister Launches Book Cont'd...

Bangabandhu, but I think that the book "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh" written by North South University is a significant addition to all those books and it will be considered as a significant addition to existing books on Bangabandhu. This book is written by many academics, researchers and political personalities, journalists, and businessmen who have seen Bangabandhu closely. Editor has tried to highlight various aspects of Bangabandhu's life in this book. There are very few good books written in English about Bangabandhu in our country, which is why our liberation war or our history or achievements are not being publicized at the international level as expected. The more we write in international standard books in English and other foreign languages or translate our Bengali written books into different languages, the more our history will reach the

readers at the international level. For all these reasons this book will be a unique addition. We need to know Bangabandhu, we have to tell the new generation the history of Bangabandhu, how he became a world leader from a national leader. Then we will know our true identity. Bangabandhu was a great man in history. He took place in people's minds. He has not only taken place in history; he has built history himself. He is history, he is Bangladesh. Bangabandhu's contribution is in the midst of all the progress that Bangladesh has made today.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, I have seen and recognized Bangabandhu very closely and I have succeeded in life with his inspiration and ideals in my heart. NSU has always played a special role in sponsoring the history, culture, and liberation war of the country. NSU has honored the children of more than

1300 freedom fighters by giving them the opportunity to study at NSU without pay. North South University has taken many glorious initiatives as part of the national celebration of the centenary of the birth of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In its continuation, North South University wrote a book titled "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh" on the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to inform the new generation and the world about Bangabandhu and Bangladesh. On the occasion of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu, a "Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner" has been launched in the Central Library. It contains a large collection of books and pictures on Bangabandhu as well as the great war of liberation. All the books and pictures kept in this corner can be used for research work on Bangabandhu and the

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## We Remember Professor Partha Pratim Dey

Professor Dey took his last breath in the Lab Aid Hospital at Dhanmondi, Dhaka around 4:30 PM on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Earlier that morning, his elder daughter passed away. It appeared that he could not bear the death of his beloved daughter and then succumbed to the same fate.

Professor Dey joined NSU as an Assistant Professor of the ECE (former EECS) department in 1998.



Late Professor Partha Pratim Dey.

He had been leading the Department of Mathematics and Physics (DMP) since its inauguration in August 2014 as the Chair. He held this position till the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. His death is an irreparable loss to the NSU community. NSU DMP will never be the same without him.

We will always remember Professor Dey as a great scholar, teacher, and academic administrator.

## DEML Hosts Webinar on Post-truth

On Saturday, 26 June 2021, 06:00-07:00 PM BD time/10:00-11:00 PM Australia Time, Dr. Obaidul Hamid, Senior Lecturer in TESOL education at the University of Queensland, Australia spoke at a webinar on "Post-truth challenges and challenging post-truth: Language educators in Bangladesh" organized by the Department of English and Modern Languages (DEML). Dr Obaidul Hamid previously taught in the Department of English at the University of Dhaka. His research focuses on the policy and practice of TESOL education in developing societies. He co-edited Language planning for a medium of instruction in Asia (Routledge, 2014). He has published in a wide range of journals including TESOL Quarterly, ELT Journal, Language Policy, Current Issues in Language Planning, and World Englishes. He is on the editorial board of Current Issues in Language Planning, Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics in Education, English Teaching: Practice & Critique, and Journal of Asia TEFL.

The Chair of DEML Dr. AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan welcomed the speaker to the webinar and thanked him and the audience for joining the session. He also discussed the research activities of the department and explained how the Discourse Series is pushing the boundaries of knowledge in English



Dr. Obaidul Hamid

studies in the country. At the webinar, Dr. Hamid shared that lies have always lived with us in society, but recently they have come to change their identity and claim the status of truth. Post-truth is the name of this new phenomenon

which became the Word of the Year in the Oxford English Dictionary in 2016. Since then, post-truth has attracted a lot of attention in research and scholarly debates in various fields. In the presentation, Dr. Hamid located post-truth in the field of language education and invited language educators and researchers to interrogate this new version of lie/truth. Language academics and researchers need to come forward because post-truth practices are essentially language practices. Post-truths are discursive products of social and political power exercised in the linguistic realm. In the presentation, the speaker addressed practical questions such as "what are the challenges of post-truth for language teachers and researchers?", and "how can we challenge post-truth using linguistic tools and resources?" by developing a conceptual understanding of post-truth in the first place. Ms. Tania Rahman, Coordinator of the Discourse Series moderated the Q&A session.



## Where is Humanity over Israel's Atrocity against the Palestinian?



Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary, H.E. Yousef S.Y. Ramadan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the State of Palestine, Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU and other guests at the webinar.

The ceasefire is not enough for tackling the future violence in Palestine; rather, the immediate establishment of the State of Palestine based on a two-state solution should be the core of all collective efforts, said the Foreign Secretary of People's Republic of Bangladesh Ambassador Masud Bin Momen in a webinar on 26 May. The webinar titled "Israel's atrocity against the Palestinians: Where is the Humanity" was organized by the Center for Peace Studies of SIPG at NSU. Ambassador Momen mentioned that an independent international commission must be formed to take appropriate legal action against the Israeli authority for crime, and atrocities on the Palestinian people. While sharing his views on Bangladesh's unwavering support and solidarity with the Palestinians, Ambassador Momen mentioned that Bangladesh's position is clear and unambiguous since our father of the

nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, stood up on international platforms to show Bangladesh's unflinching support for Palestinian rights.

Professor Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), NSU, mentioned that various peace talks like David Accord; Oslo Peace Process had taken place, but the overwhelming overpowering Israel backed by global powers intensified the conflict. Professor Khan touched upon the historical Perspective of the Israeli atrocity against the Palestinians and the peace process and asked the audience how long the international bodies will let this history continue.

While critically assessing the role of media in the current escalation of the Israel-Palestine Issue, Mr. Zafar Sobhan, Editor, Dhaka Tribune, mentioned the one-sided media narrative, primarily by the US and UK over the years. However, this

view has changed over the years where just western media no longer dominate media; rather, social media has democratized and opened space for bigger narrative with the age of visual media. Mr. Sobhan also stated that the crisis has to be seen from the humanitarian perspectives rather than seeing it as a conflict between the Muslim and Jewish community.

H.E. Yousef S.Y. Ramadan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the State of Palestine, Dhaka, started by asking "where is the humanity?". Human rights have been neglected in the cases of Israel's atrocity against the Palestinians. Due to the lack of possible justice, the sufferings of the Palestinians have increased over the period. In addition, the entire process of peace talks in the last three decades did not produce anything for the Palestinians. The more the dialogue, diplomacy, and negotiation continued in the previous several decades, the

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## Professor Dr. ABM Rashedul Hassan Joined as Treasurer of NSU

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, Professor Dr. A B M Rashedul Hassan joined North South University (NSU) as Treasurer.

Dr. Hassan did his Bachelor's and Masters in Management from the University of Dhaka and a DBA from Lincoln University College in Malaysia.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Hassan held important positions in the banking, government, and diplomatic sectors.

After that, he moved into teaching and academic administration.



Professor Dr. ABM Rashedul Hassan.

He has held various positions at different universities, including Professor and Treasurer at Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology, Professor and Treasurer at Northern University Bangladesh, Professor and Treasurer at EXIM Bank Agricultural University Bangladesh.

Finally, before joining NSU, he served as Vice-Chancellor (Designate) and Professor at the EXIM Bank Agricultural University Bangladesh.

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necessary to impart knowledge to the students, but also to develop them as full-fledged human beings by combining values with merit, patriotism with values and sense of humanity with patriotism. In the meantime, he said, it is necessary to be modern, but in order to be modern, we should not blindly imitate the culture of the West. We should not lose our social and family values by blindly imitating the culture of the West. Today the world has become a global village because of the connectivity. Internet-based radios and televisions are playing an important role behind this. Many people in the country are opening online or IP based TV's and operating them for different purposes. They are showing various kind of issues which do not go with our society and culture. These are misleading the young generation. We will take appropriate action against them. However, we appreciate organizations such as universities that will operate Internet-based TV, which will play

a role in expanding education and developing students' talents. In the meantime, he said, "I have high expectations from NSU that, NSU will not only provide world-standard education but also work to make world-standard people.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), NSU, Mr. M. A. Kashem said, North South University has signed an agreement with Canvas to meet up the plan of the Digital Bangladesh of our government, which is world famous for its Learning Management System (LMS). I am feeling very proud that, NSU is probably the first among the universities in Bangladesh and South Asia to introduce world-standard Canvas learning management system. Campus radio and TV are strategic tools to reach thousands of current and potential students and their parents through online broadcasting. The primary goal of the NSU Campus Radio, Television (NSUCRT) and Media Lab will be to serve the NSU student community

on and off campus. The NSUCRT will be conducted on campus, but the program will be streamed live and uploaded online. The NSUCRT will be completely "non-profit" and "non-political". He said that, North South University has successfully taken more than 3,000 online classes per week during the Covid-19 pandemic and the attendance of students in these online classes is 93% which is even higher than the normal time. North South University has taken many glorious initiatives as part of the national celebration of the centenary of the birthday of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. NSU has launched a "Bangabandhu and Liberation War Corner" in the Central Library on the occasion of Bangabandhu's birth centenary. To further encourage research, NSU selected the top 3 researchers from each of the four schools as the winners for the research award by evaluating them and distributed gold medals and huge cash prizes among them. NSU is publishing a book on the life of

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## Professor Siraj Awarded as a Distinguished Speaker of Bangabandhu Chair Dialogue Panel Discussion at AIT, Thailand

Professor Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam was selected as one of the distinguished speakers of the Bangabandhu Chair Dialogue Panel discussion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development (DRSD-2021), 24-25 June 2021 at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok. In 2018, the "Bangabandhu Chair" Professor and Doctoral Research has been endowed to the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in honor of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The paper title of Professor Siraj in the Symposium was 'Development of a Disaster and Climate Risk Atlas in Bangladesh: Methodology for Quantification of

Risk'. The paper was an outcome of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) project 'Action on Climate Change in South Asia', written in



Professor Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam.

collaboration with the principal coordinator of the research project Dr. Nurun Nahar, Joint Chief, Programming Division, Planning Commission of the

Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh. Professor Siraj, a veteran expert in the field of climate change and disaster management, has contributed a large number of national and international level studies, report and collaborative works in the field. He is a contributor to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in a number of reports as Expert Reviewer. He also served United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a research Fellow.

Professor Siraj also presented another paper with his capstone project students as "A Risk Based Approach of Assessing Cyclone Shelter Locational Needs in the Coastal Region of Bangladesh". Both the papers were selected for publication in the special edition of the Elsevier journal 'Progress in Disaster Science'.

## Education Minister Launches the Book Cont'd...

liberation war of Bangladesh. North South University has been involved in this great initiative as a knowledge partner of the 100-day "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Quiz" competition organized with the support of the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC). He also announced the launch of the North South Medical Research Institutes and Nursing Study Institute in near future and requested the Hon'ble Minister of Education to allow the introduction of a PhD program at North South University.

Professor Dr. Sharif Uddin Ahmed said, "I came to know more details about Bangabandhu

from his childhood to his death while editing this book. He has fought all his life for the liberation of the neglected people of this country. I am a student of history. I think Bangabandhu was a greater leader than Mao Tse-tung. In all the countries where there are still deprived and neglected people, they can gain independence with inspiration by reading the history of Bangabandhu." At this time, he sought the overall cooperation of all in the study of the history of the country.

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU said the centenary of Bangabandhu's Birth and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

independence, we undertook a massive program. Of all the works we have done, we are proud of this book on Bangabandhu most. There is no end to knowing Bangabandhu. In this regard, we have tried to talk about the life, ideals and philosophy of Bangabandhu.

Among others, Professor M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Dr. ABM Rashedul Hassan, Treasurer, NSU, Deans of different schools, Researchers, media representatives, Faculties and students, Directors and Officials of NSU were also present in the program.

## NSU Signs an Agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to Provide Group Insurance



Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Mr. Ala Ahmad, General Manager of MetLife Bangladesh and Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of NSU attend the virtual signing ceremony between NSU and MetLife.

The first and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) signed an agreement with MetLife Bangladesh to provide group insurance services to all faculty members and employees.

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Mr. Ala Ahmad, General Manager of MetLife Bangladesh, and Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor of NSU were present at the virtual signing ceremony.

Group Life insurance enables organizations to provide financial support to their employees against death and accidental disability through customized solutions, and through this agreement, more than 950 faculty members and employees of NSU will have life and

accidental insurance coverage.

From now on, faculties and employees of NSU will get the advantage of MetLife's longstanding experience of providing customized, world-class insurance services. It is worth mentioning that, being the leading life insurance company in the country, MetLife also serves over 1 million individual customers.

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor, NSU said, "Providing financial protection through customized and international standard insurance helps an organization demonstrate that it truly cares for its people, and at the same time it also differentiates the organization from other employers. The importance of having financial protection has intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic, and

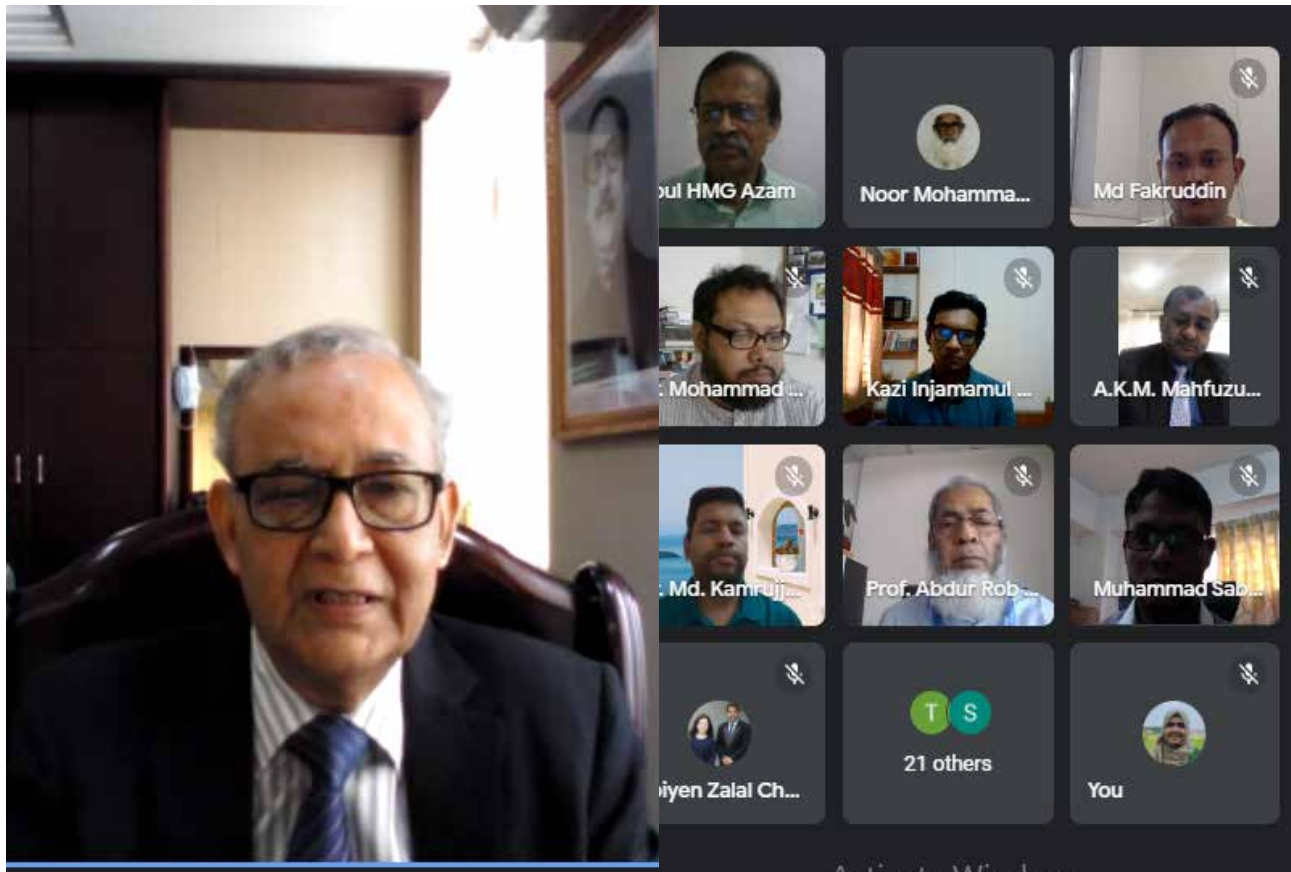
we are very happy to work with MetLife in providing life and accidental insurance coverage to our faculty members and employees."

Mr. Ala Ahmad, General Manager, MetLife Bangladesh said, "Group insurance solutions enable organizations to stand beside employees and their families in their time of need. We are proud to be extending our world class insurance protection to North South University faculty and employees as they collectively contribute to building a stronger nation through education."

Among others, Mr. Mohammad Sayed Ahmed, FCA, Director, Finance & Accounts, NSU, other faculty members, and senior officials of both organizations were present at the virtual signing ceremony.



## Two-Day Long Virtual Faculty Orientation and Development Workshop Summer 2021 Held



Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of NSU, speaking at the virtual Faculty Orientation and Development workshop in Summer 2021.

Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the first and the number one ranked private university of Bangladesh, North South University (NSU) organized a two day-long virtual Faculty Orientation and Development Workshop for Summer 2021 on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Due to the current pandemic situation, the orientation program was conducted online via Google Meet platform. The orientation program was well attended by new faculty members from nine departments.

The Orientation workshop began with a welcome address by IQAC Director, Professor Dr. Nazmun Nahar. The respected Deans from the School of

Engineering and Physical Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and School of Health and Life Sciences were present on the second day of the workshop, talked about their respective schools, and discussed the importance of the faculty training program.

Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of NSU, also took part in the deliberations and discussed the concepts of ethics in teaching. He also appreciated the effort made by the IQAC team for organizing this type of orientation workshop at NSU.

In the span of two days, there were different sessions focusing on administrative rules and

regulations at NSU, teaching and research philosophy, effective teaching and assessment methodology, Outcome Based Education (OBE) and curriculum development, tools and techniques for preparing course outline, Blooms Taxonomy, faculty code of conduct and ways of dealing with students.

There was a special segment on the usage of library resources and medical and psychological services available at NSU.

The program ended with a Vote of Thanks from the director and coordinators of IQAC. The participants also thanked the NSU authority and IQAC for organizing the orientation program.

## International Webinar on Justice and Accountability for the Rohingya Held



Mr. Vincent de Graaf, Legal Counsel at the Netherlands, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor Tawfique M. Haque, Director SIPG and Chair PSS, Ambassador, Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow of SIPG, and others at the International Webinar on Justice and Accountability for the Rohingya.

"The previous administrations in Myanmar, as well as the international community are both enablers of the crimes," said Ms. Yasmin Ullah, a Rohingya Social Justice activist in a webinar on June 2, 2021. She also stated that the ongoing suffering of her community did not just come about without any prior indication. Ms. Yasmin Ullah stated that there needs to be a seismic shift through critical analysis of the understanding that cultural relativism is not just an option, it is direly needed, and it is vital for the future of the citizens of Myanmar.

The webinar titled "International Webinar on Justice and Accountability for the Rohingyas" was organized by Utrecht University's Centre for Global Challenges (UGlobe) and North South University's Center for Peace Studies (CPS) to assess Myanmar's

recent report submitted to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) whether it is abiding by the decision of ICJ and acting in conformity with international law, and the overall response from the international community to hold the Myanmar government accountable for failing to prevent the genocide of the Rohingya community.

Ambassador Laetitia van den Assum, an independent diplomatic expert and former member of the Rakhine Advisory Commission headed by Kofi Annan, said that since the February 2021 coup, the prospect of half a million Rohingya who is in Rakhine has worsened as the military who is responsible for the 2016 and 2017 horrific attacks is in power now. "Bangladesh can't be alone in shouldering this responsibility. The best gift will be if Bangladesh with support from

the international community can provide formal education to the Rohingya that prepares them for return to Myanmar", she added.

Mr. Vincent de Graaf, Legal Counsel at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, explained what steps the Dutch parliament members and the Government has taken to strengthen their support for the Gambia, the Rohingya community, and the host country- Bangladesh. And he also ensured that his government will be strongly engaged with the ICJ and other multilateral forums to support the accountability process in this case.

Professor Payam Akhavan, a Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague said, "We must ensure sustained attention to the accountability issue among competing priorities

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## DEML Hosts Webinar “Challenge, Aspire & Inspire #ChooseToChallenge”

On 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, the Department of English & Modern Languages (DEML) organized a webinar titled “Challenge, Aspire & Inspire #ChooseToChallenge”. The Department invited Dr. Tonima Tasnim Ananna, a Bangladeshi astrophysicist who gained recognition for her research on black holes using artificial intelligence; she shed light on the darkest black holes, informing about their growth and impact on their environment. Her research as garnered her the top position in the list for “The 2020 Science News Magazine: Top 10 Scientists to Watch”.

The session was organized mainly to acknowledge and appreciate women’s contribution to the society. The webinar, held on Google Meet, was led by Shahneela Tasmin Sharmi, a lecturer of DEML. After some opening remarks from the host and a poem recital by Munia Islam, a current DEML student, the Chairperson of DEML, Professor Dr. AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan, welcomed Dr. Ananna and invited her to take the virtual floor. Dr. Ananna spoke about how she aspired to reach her goals and how she finally achieved them. She opened her

talk by expressing her astonishment towards the great cosmos from a very early age, sharing with the audience how she fought through societal shackles and reached her current position. Additionally, the crowd got a greater insight into her latest work on black holes. At the end



Dr. Tonima Tasnim Ananna.

of her talk, questions came pouring in for the guest, and right after an animated discussion followed.

The webinar brought into perspective how women still tend to face scrutiny from the society even at this day and age. Using her own experiences as examples, Dr. Ananna highlighted how it is crucial for women to uplift each other,

especially in professional settings, so that their voices do not get drowned amidst the male voices in the room. Furthermore, she emphasized the need for supportive male figures in a community, ones who can motivate and encourage the women in their lives, explaining that there are men “who are genuinely invested in mitigating it (discrimination)” and that such awareness is important.

The webinar was brought to close after a few remarks from Dr. Deena P Forkan, a Professor at DEML. She has been a part of the DEML family for over two decades and has made significant contributions to departmental as well as university activities. Dr. Forkan discussed how the passage of time has opened new opportunities for women. Now, women can explore many avenues which were unavailable to them in the past; She thanked her male counterparts who have made contributions along the way to make this possible. Dr. Forkan’s words of inspiration moved the attendees greatly - “If you want it bad enough inside you, if you believe in yourself that you can do it- you can do it anyhow...even if you have to fight twice, don’t grudge- go ahead and just do it!”

## Where is Humanity over Israel’s Atrocity Cont’d...

more the Palestinians lost their land and lives. Now the resistance is the only viable option for the Palestinian people.

Former Foreign Secretary Ambassador Shahidul Haque, now a Professorial Fellow of SIPG at NSU, said that the United Nations and International Community should take a strong stand in resolving the Crisis’. He elaborated on the role of the UN, OIC and ICC in trying to bring viable solutions. Though Israel has a history of detesting

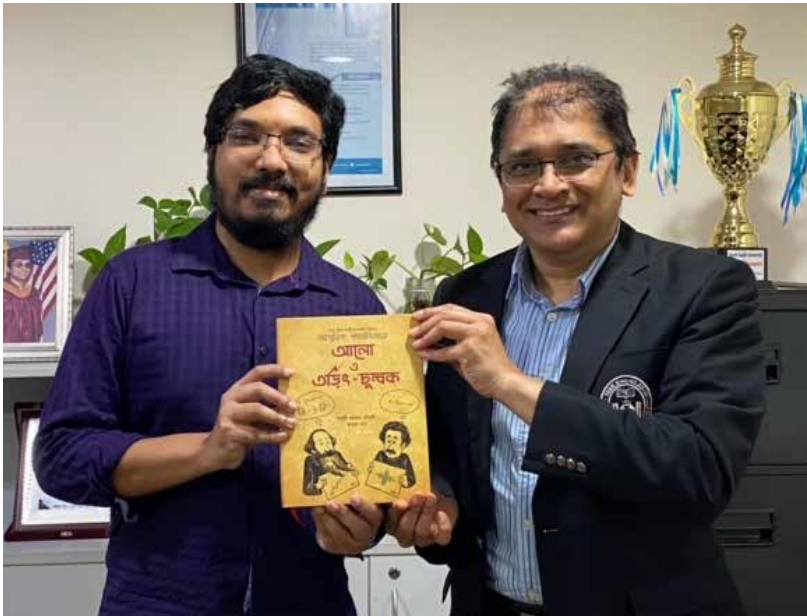
any multilateral intervention, new investigations such as that of ICC should give the international community to build its motions. He further added that now, the voice of Humanity is coming from home to those trying to protect Israel.

Professor Atiqul Islam, the Vice-chancellor of NSU, mentioned in his concluding remarks that the Palestinian issue is an emotional issue, not just as Muslims but as a person with any sense of justice, equity, freedom for people, and

human rights. He believes justice will prevail, even if not in the near future, but the Palestinians will get their land, freedom, and livelihoods back in the foreseeable future.

The webinar begins with the welcome speech of Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, an Associate Professor and a member of CPS. Professor Tawfique M. Haque, Director of SIPG and Chair of the Dept of Political Science and Sociology, was the moderator of the webinar.

## Dr. Mahdy's Bangla Book on "Optics and Electromagnetism" Published



Dr. Mahdy Rahman Chowdhury, Associate Professor, ECE, NSU, and Professor Dr. Javed Bari, Dean SEPS.

Dr. Mahdy Rahman Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, NSU, has co-written with Ratul Khan a nice book on "Optics and Electromagnetism" in Bangla. They have explained the complex matters of the topic in a fun

way. Optics and Electromagnetism is an undergraduate course that many students find difficult to understand. Reading the book from a different perspective and in a fun way can help students grasp this complex topic easily. Books written

in Bangla like this one, which present complex science topics in a fun way, create interest among young readers which are scarce in Bangladesh.

## Virtual Workshop on "Online Odyssey: From Delivering Content to Designing Interactive Teaching and Learning"

On 18<sup>th</sup> May the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) along with the IQACs of two other leading universities of Bangladesh namely: Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and United International University (UIU) jointly organized a virtual Workshop on "Online Odyssey: From delivering content to designing interactive teaching and learning and learning" recently. Advance HE, UK, a leading global expert in teaching and learning enhancement and leadership development, facilitated the

workshop. Ms. Kathy Wright, Assistant Director of Advance HE, UK, gave a brief presentation on how both the teachers as well as students are responding to this pandemic situation, the current challenges that they are facing, and some tools and techniques that can be used while conducting interactive online teaching and learning.

She also conducted some polls and surveys to find out how the instructors are currently engaging their students and what could be done differently to have a positive impact regarding the learning

experiences. Towards the end of the workshop, the participants were divided into smaller groups and were asked to discuss some critical issues in the breakout rooms.

The online workshop was well attended by the academic leaders and a large number of core faculty members of the NSU, IUB and UIU. The session was highly interactive and lively benefiting all the participants. It is to be mentioned that Advance HE, UK conducted this taster session in Bangladesh for the very first time.



## An Edited Volume Published by Palgrave Macmillan as an Outcome of SIPG Research Project

An edited book titled "Policy Response, Local Service Delivery, and Governance in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka" has been published by Palgrave Macmillan in June 2021.

Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, PhD and Dr. Hasan Muhammad Baniamin, two faculty members of SIPG, NSU are the co-editors of the book. This book analyzes contemporary issues in governance, policy management, and policy performance both at the central and local levels in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The focus is on some central social issues such as empowerment, the inclusion of minorities, institutional trust, policy implementation, and local service delivery. Although these three countries have recently opted for democratic governance, the journey to establish and consolidate



The title of the book, *Policy Response, Local Service Delivery, and Governance in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka*.

democracy as well as enhance governance capacity has been painful and filled with challenges. The chapters in this volume are country specific studies based on empirical data both quantitative and qualitative collected for several years and presented in readable prose. This does not, however, rule out the general applicability of the findings to other contexts within and beyond the borders of these countries. Despite huge differences in South Asia, the policy and governance issues and challenges that are explored, highlighted and analyzed also have commonalities with other South Asian countries.

The book is the outcome of the joint research program among the NSU, University of Bergen Norway, and Tribhuvan University Nepal.

## NSU Launches World's Best Learning Management System Cont'd...

universities like Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Oxford, Cambridge and more have been using CANVAS Learning Management System for a long time. With the introduction of this system, NSU will probably be the only university not only in Bangladesh but also in South Asia to use Canvas for the first time. When Corona outbreak on the March last year, educational institutions were unable to continue the classes. NSU has successfully completed the ongoing three semesters through online classes and assessments. NSU has used technology in education systems, classrooms, administration, and infrastructure from long ago. With the introduction of the CANVAS, North South University took themselves to a new height by using more advanced and effective teaching methods."

Speaking as the Special Guest,

Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), Mr. M. A. Kashem said, "NSU has always been providing all kinds of facilities and conducted classes by international standard teachers to provide international quality education to the students. I am very proud that NSU is the first among the universities in Bangladesh and South Asia to introduce a world-class CANVAS Learning Management System - LMS". At the same time, he mentioned that in the last three semesters, a total amount of almost Tk. 102 crore has been waived as tuition fees to help students of NSU during Covid-19 pandemic. He mentioned that, there are more than 200 Ph.D. faculty members in NSU who have the capacity to teach Ph.D. programs. During this time, he requested the Honorable Minister of Education to give permission to offer Ph.D. programs at the NSU."

Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam said, "NSU has never put a cap on how much can be spent on research, it is limited only by the number of meritorious research proposals. And the number of researches of NSU faculties is more than any universities in the country. NSU is committed to providing international standard education, for this reason, NSU is always prompt to adopt any new technology which is used by renowned universities of the world. In continuation of that, NSU launched Canvas Learning Management System which will help to make online teaching and learning experiences more efficient."

Among others, Deans of different schools, Directors of various departments, Department Heads, senior officials, teachers, students and alumni of NSU were also connected at the virtual program.

## NSU and FBCCI Jointly Organize a Seminar Cont'd...

to do joint research with the Industry. I would like to thank the FBCCI for showing their interest in conducting joint research with North South University. I think this joint effort will help our students to become skilled in the job market as well as help the industries to find skilled people and solve various problems. He said to the young generation, if you love the country, if you do your job honestly, no one can take you away from your goal. Addressing the industry representatives of the country, he said, "Tell us what kind of skilled graduates you need, we will teach

our graduates accordingly."

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of North South University said, A university has two jobs. Number one is knowledge creation which is related to research activities. In this regard, we are the number one research active university in the country, we have joint research activities with the government, with industry, with professionals and with outside research institutes. The second number is the dissemination of knowledge. We are committed to providing international quality education to our students. Students

come to a university for a good job, 100 percent of NSU graduates are in a good position in the job market. We always encourage research between Industry and Academy. I applaud North South University (NSU) and Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industries (FBCCI) joint "Industry - Academia Collaboration".

Among others, Vice Presidents, Directors of Association & Chamber, FBCCI, Deans, Directors of various departments, Department Heads, Senior officials, Faculties were also present at the program.

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## International Webinar on Justice Cont'd...

in the global agenda". We cannot take it for granted as both the ICC and ICJ are engaged in the accountability process which is in fact unprecedented to have both courts involved.

Former Foreign Secretary of the Bangladesh government Ambassador Shahidul Haque, now a Professorial Fellow of SIPG at NSU, said that the international community has failed to invoke the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine the way it did in the case of Libya and Syria. While critically assessing the role of the UN which failed to address the long-predictable and preventable

genocidal acts against Rohingya, he seemed hopeful that the UN and other international actors can still do something to protect the rights of the Rohingya.

Dr. Brianne McGonigle Leyh, Associate Professor of Human Rights Law & Global Justice at Utrecht University started with the welcome speech and provided the participants with a brief overview of the discussion topic and touched upon the situation of the Rohingya in the camps located in Bangladesh. Dr. Cedric Ryngaert, Professor of Public International Law at Utrecht University and Professor Tawfique

M. Haque, Director of South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS), NSU jointly moderated the webinar. And the event ended with the Vote of Thanks and concluding remarks of Dr. M Jashim Uddin, an Associate Professor of the department of PSS and a member of CPS, NSU. He thanked M. Riaz Hamidullah, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Netherlands, all the speakers and participants. Lawyers, academics, journalists, and students were present among the participants.

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Vice-Chancellor, NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam said, "We are trying to establish Media and Journalism

Department at North South University, in fact, we have submitted our course curriculum for approval to University Grants Commission (UGC). So, this is the right step in the right direction. During this time, he mentioned the benefits we are enjoying for the digitalization of our country and explained how the campus radio and television will help the students of NSU."

Among others, Dr. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU,

Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Dean, School of Business & Economics, Professor Dr. Javed Bari, Dean, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, Professor Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean, School of Health & Life Sciences, Professor Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Directors, Department Heads, Faculties, Officials, Students and Media Persons were also present in the program.







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