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CWU Vice-Chancellor Delivers Keynote at "Women, Reform and Religion" Seminar

The Vice-Chancellor of Central Women's University, Dr. Perween Hasan, delivered a keynote address alongside other distinguished speakers at a seminar titled "Women, Reform and Religion," held on June 24, 2026. The seminar was organized by the Department of Global Studies and Governance under the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Independent University, Bangladesh. In her keynote, Dr. Hasan offered a comparative perspective on gender-based interpretations of Qur'anic verses concerning women's rights and roles. Several faculty members and students from Central Women's University attended the seminar.



Women Who Inspire: International Women's Day 2026

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CWU's Gender Club organised a memorable International Women's Day celebration on March 5, bringing together students, faculty, and distinguished guests. The programme opened with a welcome address by Registrar Elias Ahmed, followed by inspiring talks from guest speakers Shahida Begum, Suraya Farhana Rasma, and Fowzia Yasmeen — each sharing personal journeys of perseverance and leadership. Treasurer Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal reflected on the lessons of the speakers' lives, while Vice Chancellor Dr. Perween Hasan closed the event by reaffirming CWU's core mission: to nurture women who lead with purpose. Student performances — a poetry recitation and a musical presentation — added creative energy to an already inspiring afternoon.



Teaching the Future: CWU Faculty Embrace Artificial Intelligence

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Ten CWU faculty members joined a two-day programme on "AI for Teaching and Research" at BCDM, Rajendrapur — part of the GIZ-supported Digital Skills to Succeed in Asia (DS2S) project. Educators from Begum Rokeya University and Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology were also present, creating a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange.

Day 1 — AI in Teaching
Participants explored Generative AI tools, practised prompting strategies, and worked in groups to apply AI directly in classroom contexts.

Day 2 — AI in Research
Sessions covered AI-supported research design, automated literature reviews, scholarly writing, and the ethics of responsible AI use in academic settings.

The programme concluded with group presentations and a feedback session. CWU's participation reflects its commitment to preparing faculty — and ultimately students — for a world where AI is not a novelty but a core professional tool.





Spring in Full Bloom: Pahela Baishakh Returns to CWU

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After six long years, the spirit of Pahela Baishakh returned to Central Women's University in full colour. From early morning, the campus came alive with the beat of dhak and dhol, the fragrance of seasonal flowers, and the vibrant energy of teachers and students celebrating together.

Folk music, dance performances, and a lively Baishakhi fair run by student entrepreneurs filled the day with joy. The Cultural Club, which organised the event, called it a reminder that togetherness is itself a kind of celebration — and that the energy of youth is the university's greatest asset.

Six years is a long time to wait — but this day was worth every moment.



Old Friendships, New Memories: Meet & Greet 2026

The Department of English Language and Literature brought 120 participants together — including 50 alumni and several former faculty members — at The Rooftop Restaurant, Purana Paltan, on April 24. Games, conversations, and shared nostalgia made Meet & Greet 2026 a celebration of the bonds that outlast graduation. The event was a warm reminder of what makes the English department more than an academic unit: a family.

Gender, Climate & Power: A Seminar That Made Students Think

Md. Asif Nawaz, Senior lecturer, ELL delivered a thought-provoking seminar on May 7, exploring the intersections of gender justice, development policy, and climate resilience. Structured around four themes — Gender & Power, Development & Policy, Economics & Empowerment, and Climate & Resilience — the session gave students a rigorous introduction to feminist analysis as it applies to today's most urgent global challenges.





Cyber Defenders 2026: Students Rise to the Security Challenge

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The CSE Department held its Cyber Defenders Poster Presentation Competition on May 3, giving students a platform to tackle real-world cybersecurity problems head-on. Held in Room 308, the one-hour event challenged each presenter to deliver within a strict five-minute format — testing not just knowledge, but the ability to communicate it with confidence and precision.

Industry expert Ms. Fatima Jereen, Manager of Cybersecurity (Sales & Marketing) at Sysnova Information Systems Limited, served as judge — offering professional insight that raised the standard of the entire event and gave participants a direct window into industry expectations.

The competition was organised by Ayesha Siddiqua, Lecturer in CSE, whose academic vision and meticulous coordination ensured a smooth and impactful programme. Cyber Defenders 2026 reaffirms the department's commitment to building skill-oriented, industry-ready graduates.



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From Campus to Career: Real Talk with Software Engineers

Software engineers Simanta Paul (Cognitus) and Anika Faiza (JustGo Technologies) visited CWU on April 15 to give CSE students an honest look at life in the industry. Organised under the Algorithm and Web & Mobile Programming course curricula, the session covered technical interview preparation, industry culture, and the realities of software development beyond the classroom. The interactive seminar, coordinated by Ayesha Siddiqua, gave students direct access to professional experience — and a clearer picture of the path ahead.



CWU Offers Hostel Facilities

Central Women's University is currently accepting bookings for its student hostel, featuring supervised, secure, and study-friendly accommodation with internet and affordable costs. Contact the Registrar's Office for details.





Welcome, Spring 2026! New Students, New Beginnings

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The Spring 2026 Orientation Programme was held on January 25 in CWU's main auditorium. Distinguished guests included Professor Dr. M. Kaykobad of BRAC University and Mr. Hiroshi Uegaki, Country Representative of Mitsubishi Corporation.

Immediately after the formal programme, the campus hosted the CWU Pitha Utsab — a traditional winter sweet festival that turned a ceremony into a celebration. Mr. Uegaki cut the ribbon to open the fair, and new students had their first taste of campus life at its warmest



A Day of Joy at Subarnagram:DBA Annual Picnic 2026

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One hundred and fifteen students and faculty from the Department of Business Administration spent January 27 at Subarnagram Resort, Narayanganj — a day of rides, food, laughter, and a spirited raffle draw. The DBA picnic was a reminder that learning communities are strengthened by moments of shared joy. It was, by all accounts, a day the department will talk about for years.



CSE Family Picnic 2026

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Central Women's University, organized a family picnic at Jolsiri Central Park, Purbachal, attended by 47 teachers and students. The day featured games, a raffle draw, photography, and quality time together, offering a refreshing break from academic life and strengthening bonds within the CSE family. Heartfelt thanks to all who made the day a success.

Industry Visit to Sysnova Information Systems Limited

On April 28, 2026, ten students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Central Women's University, visited Sysnova Information Systems Limited as part of their System Analysis and Design Sessional. Specialists from Cyber Security, Machine Learning, Web Development, and Android Development shared industry insights and answered students' questions on careers, internships, and emerging technologies. The visit gave students valuable exposure to real-world IT practices and career paths. The Department thanks Sysnova for their hospitality and support.





Creative Voices in Focus

Students of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies presented draft projects—photography, documentary films, booklets, and installations—to renowned photographer Shahidul Alam, founder of Drik and Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, as part of the Slow Journalism: Research and Storytelling in Nonfiction Writing program. ASM Rezaur Rahman, Curator and General Manager of Drik, also attended and gave feedback. Both guests expressed interest in exhibiting the students' work on CWU's campus. Sajeeb Sarker, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department, attended the session, which Lecturers Kazi Nafia Rahman and Asrafun Naher coordinated.

Editorial

A University in Full Stride

An institution in motion is defined by quiet, confident momentum. Reading through this inaugural CWU Newsletter, that energy is unmistakable.

Central Women's University is not just changing; it is moving with a clear sense of direction.

Our outward ambition is anchored by the historic partnership with Universitas Bunda Mulia, Indonesia. This agreement opens vital doors for student exchanges and international research, providing our students with a global platform essential for leadership in the 21st century.

Internal growth is equally vital. Programs like the Faculty Development initiative on AI ensure our educators remain future-ready, directly benefiting students and, ultimately, the nation. Likewise, our leadership in the DS2S digital education hub reaffirms CWU's role in equipping women to lead the digital economy.

Beyond formal agreements, the spirit of CWU lives in the stories of our community: student volunteers witnessing civic leadership, CSE competitors honing industry-ready skills, and alumni returning to a department that still feels like home.

The return of Pahela Baishakh after six years reminded us that belonging is its own education. This cultural vibrancy, combined with the empowering message of International Women's Day, reinforces our core mission: to nurture women who persist, lead, and inspire others.

CWU enters this new chapter with something rarer than ambition — it enters with direction. The MoUs will expand. The digital programmes will deepen. The students will go further than those before them.

That is not a prediction. It is, based on everything in these pages, a reasonable expectation.

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