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International Mother Language Day and Shahid Dibash observed

Central Women's University (CWU) observed International Mother Language Day and Shahid Dibash on February 23, 2017 at the university auditorium. The Cultural Club and Cinema Club of CWU jointly organized the event. After the national anthem a patriotic song was performed by a student. In the second session, students along with the faculty members watched 'Jibon Theke Neya' directed by Zahir Raihan, a renowned filmmaker of Bangladesh.



A student performing a patriotic song

Independence Day celebrations

Central Women's University Cultural Club observed National Independence Day on March 30, 2017 at the CWU auditorium with patriotic songs sung by the students. An essay competition was also held earlier on "Amar Chokhe, Amar Sadhinota" to commemorate the occasion. In the second part of the program there was a prize giving ceremony of various competitions. Later on, students arranged food stalls on the ground floor titled "Pitha Utshab." They not only celebrated the last month of the Bangla year but also welcomed the new year.



Pitha Utshab at CWU

Bangabandhu's birth anniversary celebrated

The 98th birth anniversary of the Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was celebrated on March 16, 2017 at CWU auditorium. The program was organized by CWU Cultural Club. Students read articles and essays of Bangabandhu. His autobiographical writing *The Unfinished Memoirs* was also read out in part. After that a discussion was held on Bangabandhu's life and works.



Father of the nation's birthday celebration

VC receives Anannya award

Dr. Perween Hasan, Vice-Chancellor of Central Women's University received "Anannya Shirshodosh 2016" award as an educationalist in recognition of her contribution to the education sector of Bangladesh.

Every year Anannya, a fortnightly women's magazine of Bangladesh, felicitates noted women of Bangladesh for their contribution in various fields. Dr. Perween Hasan is one of the 10 women who were felicitated by "Anannya Shirshodosh 2016" award announced this year. The award was given in a program on 6th May, 2017 at the capital's Krishibid Institute, Bangladesh.



Dr. Perween Hasan

I always feel confident about myself

- Shamima Sultana, CWU alumnus

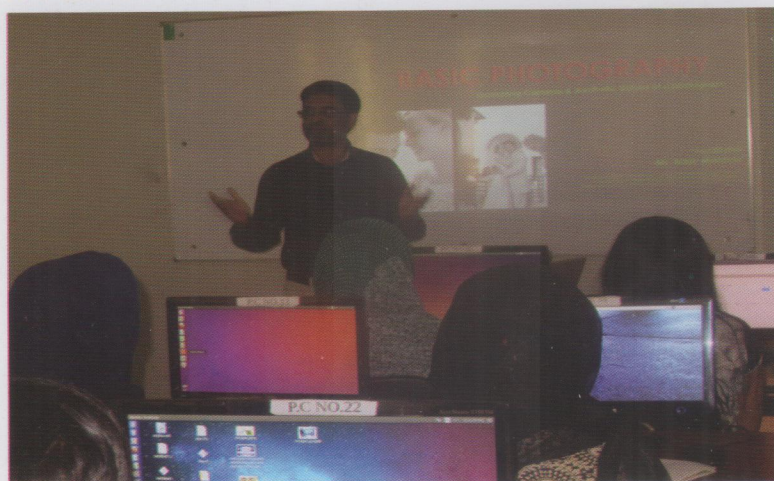
Shamima Sultana has been working as a reporter at Deepto TV since 2015. Apart from reporting, she hosts a popular program *Deepto Krishi*. She graduated in 2015 from Sociology and Gender Studies Department, CWU. Shamima dreams of becoming a highly skilled professional in media sector. She strongly believes CWU's education has helped her much to be confident in the professional arena. She thinks the dream of all students should be to find a good job after completing their education. And to do so students have to be careful about developing professional skills from the beginning of their university life. In a conversation with CWU newsletter she says, "I always feel confident about myself. I believe it is necessary for all CWU students to feel confident if they want to be professionals." As an alumnus she greatly appreciates CWU's initiative to make professional women. She dreams of those days when CWU graduates will be able to contribute to the greater development of the country.



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Workshop on Basic Photography

A workshop on Basic Photography was jointly organized by the Business and Media Clubs of Central Women's University on February 16, 2017. Mr. Nasir Mahmud, Controller/Chief Cameraman (News) of Bangladesh Television (BTV) and adjunct faculty, Department of Television, Film and Photography & the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka conducted the workshop.



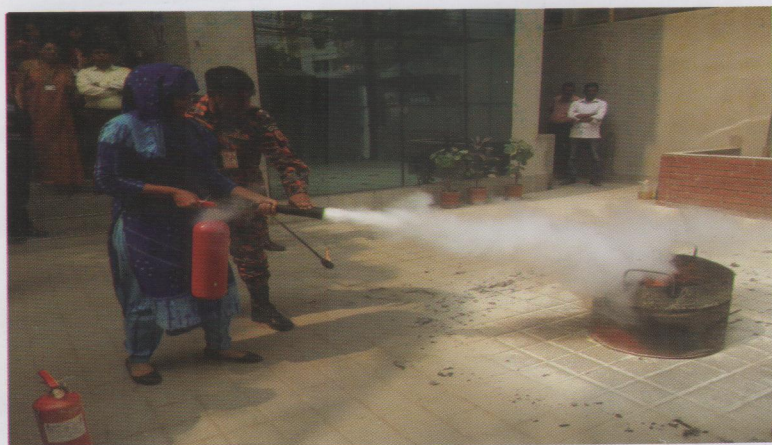
Session on photography

VC emphasizes tolerance

On April 14, 2017, an Interview of Dr. Perween Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, CWU and former Professor, Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Dhaka, was published in The Daily Star. She spoke to Naznin Tithi about the importance of defeating religious intolerance by continuing to celebrate our national and cultural events. She stressed on the importance of acknowledging the diversity within our culture and lamented the fact that intolerance of other people's beliefs and practices has become prevalent everywhere in Bangladesh. She added that there cannot be a definitive cultural policy because culture continuously incorporates new things.

Workshop on fire safety and earthquake management

Business Club of Central Women's University organized a workshop on "Fire Safety and Earthquake Management" on 16 February 2017 as a first step to sensitize the students to earthquake and fire safety issues. The workshop was conducted by Khandoker Abdul Jalil, Deputy Assistant Director, Bangladesh Fire Service and Md. Shakhawat Hossain, Community Training Instructor at Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defense.



Fire safety demo at CWU

Annual picnic at Proshika HRDC

The annual picnic of Central Women's University was held at "Proshika Human Resource Development Centre" situated at Satoria, Manikganj on Tuesday February 14, 2017. The journey started at 7:30 AM from the University premises. On reaching the picnic spot, various events were conducted throughout the day with the participation of all members.



Annual picnic of 2017 at Satoria, Manikganj

CWU felicitated Dr. Najma Chowdhury

On January 26, 2017, Central Women's University felicitated Dr. Najma Chowdhury, Professor Emeritus, University of Dhaka, for her outstanding contributions to women's education and women's movement in Bangladesh. Chief guest Professor Dr. A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, presented the crest and sash (uttorio) to Dr. Najma Chowdhury. After the welcome speech by Mrs. Firdous Ali, Registrar CWU, Professor Dr. Maleka Begum, Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Gender Studies read out the note of commendation. In her concluding remarks Dr. Perween Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, Center Women's University, reminisced about her time spent with Dr. Najma Chowdhury.



Felicitation program of Dr. Najma Chowdhury

Meeting Professor Seung-Hee Jeon

The Department of English and Modern Languages, Central Women's University and the Department of English and Humanities, BRAC University jointly organized a meeting with Research Professor Dr. Seung-Hee Jeon, The Kim Dae-Jung Presidential Library and Museum, Yonsei University at the GDLN Conference Centre, Brac University on February 15, 2017. Professor Seung-Hee Jeon, talked about her upcoming translation of the Bangla novel 'Talaash' by Shaheen Akhter



Professor Seung-Hee Jeon with faculty members at BRAC university



CSE students at Curzon Hall, University of Dhaka

On January 27, 2017 four students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering participated in the 2nd Bangladesh Electronics Olympiad held at Curzon Hall, University of Dhaka. All students received certificates at the end of the competition.

CSE students in Inter University Computer Programming Contest (IUPC)

A team of three students named cwuCodors from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering participated in the Inter University Computer Programming Contest (IUPC) at the campus of City University on February 2, 2017.



CSE students in IUPC, City University

Talk on diaspora

On March 9, 2017 the Department of English and Modern Languages organized a talk at the CWU campus on Life in Diaspora: Educated Bangladeshi Women in 21st Century Britain. The speaker was Dr. Rifat Mahbub, Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Humanities, BRAC University, Dhaka.



Dr. Rifat Mahbub delivering her speech

Exhibition of recycled products

The Business Club of Central Women's University organized an exhibition of recycled products on March 09, 2017 as a first step to elicit potential green business ideas from students. Nine groups of 44 contestants participated in the competition. A panel of judges decided the best four groups and they were declared champions on March 30, 2017.



Students showcasing their recycled products

CWU students vow to change society

A program titled "আমরা বাংলাদেশের নারী, সমাজ বদলাতে পারি" was organized by the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies of Central Women's University on April 5, 2017. Mrs. Tasmima Hossain, Acting Editor of the Daily Ittefaq was present as the Chief Guest of the program. Apart from the Chief Guest and VC of CWU, Dr. Soumitra Sekhar (Head of the selection committee for competition) addressed the audience. The welcome speech was given by Prof. Maleka Begum, Chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies. Besides, chairpersons, faculty members and students of different departments of the university were present in the program.



Chief Guest Mrs. Tasmima Hossain delivering her speech

CWU alumni in the Industry

Nazmun Nahar

Department of English and Modern Languages
Teacher, Heaven Grammar School

Sara Mehnaz

Department of English and Modern Languages
Teacher, British Standard School

Samsun Nahar

Department of Business Administration (Major in Marketing)
MIS Executive
Ifad Autos Ltd.

Israt Jahan

Department of Business Administration
Human Resources Officer
Alpha Distribution Company Ltd.

Reshma Akter

Department of Business Administration
Finance Officer
Metlife Alico Bangladesh Ltd.

Samira Rahman, MBA Alumnus
Assistant Officer, NCC Bank Ltd.

Nusrat Jahan

MBA Alumnus
Junior Officer
City General Insurance Company Ltd.

Tasnim Rezwana

MBA Alumnus
Teacher
St. Gregory's High School and College

Maushume Khanam Rakhe

Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
Intern, Department of Brand and Activation, The Daily Prothom Alo.

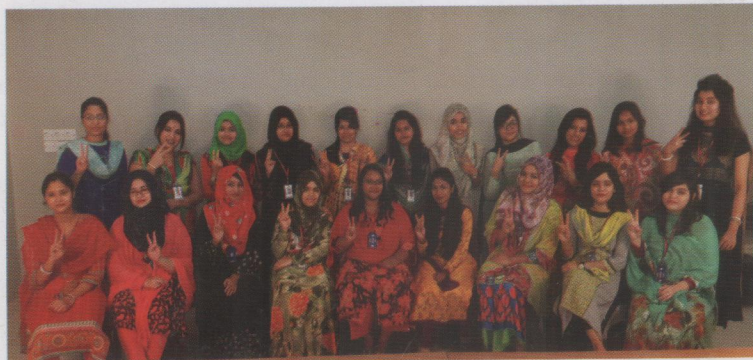
Sanjana Dhar

Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
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Shamima Sultana

Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
Production Assistant
Program (Agriculture), Deepto TV.

Stars of Fall-2016



Stars of the term Fall 2016 are: Nipa Datta, Natasha Islam, Fathama Tuj Zohora, Sams Syrin Jeetu, Niger Sultana, Fatema Akter, Farha Noor Pia, Simi Ahmed, Tabassum Akhtar, Al Faria Nisa, Arpita Das Rupa, Mahinur Akter, Jihan Sarker, Eva Chowdhury, Kamrun Nahar Smrity, Alifa Arifin Rashna, Sunzia Sultana, Ayesha Siddika Suchi, Tasnima Ahmed, Sadia Afreen Neela.

(Some students are not present in the photograph).

Faculty activities during Spring 2017

Abdus Selim, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of English and Modern Languages (DEML) presented a paper in the seminar titled **Literary Translation: Translation of Literature** on February 13, 2017 at Bangla Academy. Besides this he participated in a panel discussion on literary translation at the **International Literary Conference** at Bangla Academy on February 3, 2017 and was a key note speaker on "Literature and Performing Art" on March 3, 2017 at Stamford University. He was also a panel discussant at a seminar titled **Difficulties Faced by Bangladeshi Learners in English Pronunciation** at Daffodils University on March 11, 2017. Moreover, his translated play "Our Country's Good" was staged at the Shilpakala Academy on February 8, 2017 and his translation of the poem "My Universities" by Yevgeny Yevtushenko was published in bdnews24.com on April 4, 2017.

Tusar Talukder, Assistant Professor, DEML published *Lorca Theke Dilan-EK Jiboner Biplob O Anyanyo*, a collection of essays on February 10, 2017. He has translated Albert Camus's *The Outsider* into Bangla from English and the Bangla translation is titled *Achena* which came out in February, 2017. He has also translated Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *Big Mama's Funeral and Other Stories* into Bangla and the Bangla translation is titled *Boro Ranimar Seshkrityanusthan O Anyanyo Galpo*, which came out in February, 2017

Sher Shermin Azmiri Khan, Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science and Engineering and **Asif-Un-Nahar**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Administration participated in a certificate course on teaching methodology during 5-7 January, 2017 in Dhaka. The course, titled 'Teaching for Active Learning (TAL),' was conducted by the fLTR (Foundation for Learning, Teaching and Research) and Green University Center for Teaching and Learning (GUVTL). Thirty eight faculty members from nineteen different public and private universities of the country attended the course.



CWU faculty members in a course on Teaching for Active Learning

Bashabi Barua, Assistant Professor, DEML presented a paper at the international conference on "Sabd aur Sangeet : Unravelling song-texts in the Indian context" organized by the Centre for South Asia at Flame University, Pune, India from January 21 to January 22, 2017. Her paper titled "The idea of Erotic in the female tradition of Bangla Viraha genre" was a part of her M.phil dissertation.

Jobaira Biswas, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies, Central Women's University translated (jointly with Dr. Niaz Zaman) Canadian Nobel Laureate Alice Munro's short story 'Passion' into Bangla which was published in February 2017 in Alice Munro : *Nirbachito Golpo* (Edited by Papree Rahman and Niaz Zaman). The book was published by Mowla Brothers, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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