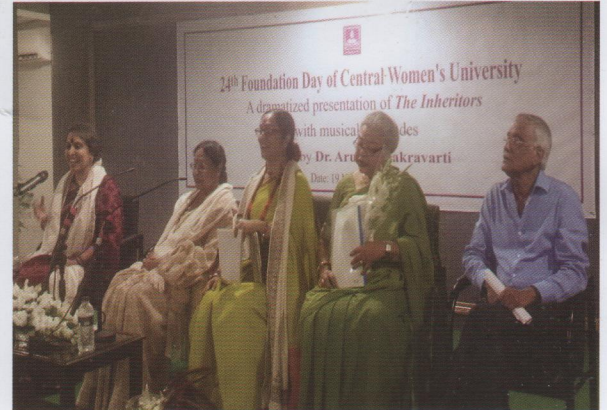
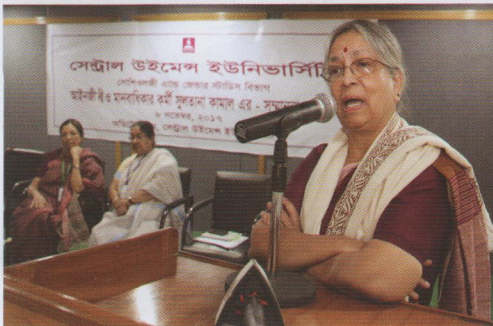


Power to Women

24th foundation day celebrated

CWU celebrated its 24th foundation day in an auspicious manner by organizing a literary presentation and discussion on Indian author Dr. Aruna Chakravarti's novels: *The Inheritors*, *Jorasanko* and *Daughters of Jorasanko*. This ceremony was organized by the Department of English and Modern Languages and hosted by Abdus Selim, the Chairperson of the Department. In the initial session, Dr. Chakravarti answered a few questions about her novels.

After that, the 'story tellers', a group consisting of Minoti Chatterji and Avereer Chauray performed a reading from the novel *The Inheritors* with musical interludes by Jayati Ghosh. It was both an emotional and exhilarating experience for the audience. After the presentation, Jayati Ghosh sang Rabindranath Tagore's, "Aaksh vora surjo tara", celebrating the luminance of life and youth. The ceremony was rounded off by some refreshments.



Sultana Kamal honoured

The Department of Sociology and Gender Studies honoured prominent Human Right's activist, former advisor of the Caretaker Government and Freedom Fighter Advocate Sultana Kamal on November 8, 2017 at the CWU auditorium. At the programme she talked about human rights and the war of liberation. She also answered a few questions asked by the students. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Perween Hasan, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Chairperson of SGSD, Professor Dr. Maleka Begum, faculty members of the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies and students from different departments were present at the programme.

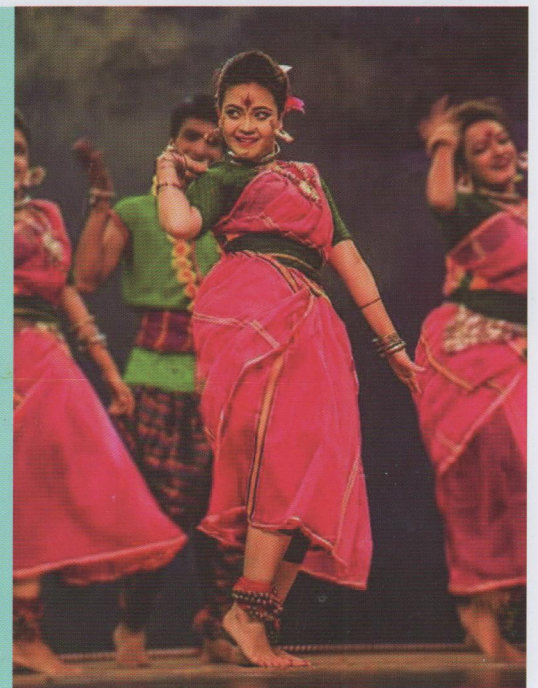
Dancing empowers me

--Moonmoon Biswas, M.A. student, Department of English and Modern Languages

Moonmoon Biswas Moon adores dancing since childhood. She is one of the newcomers in dancing and also a rising talent. She feels that growing up in a cultural environment helped her to choose a career in dancing. It has been her parents who always inspired her to learn this art. "Dancing is a powerful medium to express emotions and thoughts. It is so empowering that it has made me a courageous woman", she said. Moonmoon is an M.A. student at the Department of English and Modern Languages. She loves reading literary texts.

As a child artist she won the gold medal in NotunKuri-2006. She also achieved First Division Certificate from Bulbul Lolitkola Academy. Recently she performed in two different shows: in Sarod Saje Bisswa Ronger Didi-2017 and in Rupan-tor-2017 dance competition.

CWU has a special place in her heart. "I love coming to the university, it is a place where I feel safe and free from all the typical restrictions that a woman has to face on a daily basis", she said. Moonmoon has represented Bangladesh in America, South Korea, Malaysia and India in numerous cultural programmes. "It is an honour to carry my homeland's flag, I will do my best to contribute to the development of my country with my knowledge and art", she said, determination palpable in her voice.



Seminar on higher study prospect in the USA

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering of CWU organized a seminar on "Higher Study in the USA" on October 5, 2017. The seminar was presented by Education USA Program, from the US Embassy, Dhaka. The purpose of the seminar was to inform the students about the procedures for applying to an American University for higher education. Students from different departments participated in the session. The speakers answered questions asked by the students at the end of the talk.



Central Women's University appreciated in the Dhaka Tribune

Central Women's University was recently appreciated in the Dhaka Tribune, where a ranking of the private universities of Bangladesh was published. As part of the ranking process, CWU scored very highly. While the perceptual score was calculated as 46.65, which places CWU outside of the Top 20, its factual score was 67.35 which was second only to that of BRAC University, leading to an overall score of 57.00, which would have placed it in the top ten of all universities ranked.

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CWU: A vision for change

Saudia Arfin
Central Women's University, which started academic activities in 2011, is an institution with a mission. It is located in the conservative neighbourhood of Haddula in Dhaka where many young women do not pursue higher education even if they have the means and the interest. CWU wants these women empowered. All the facilities and activities at CWU are geared towards getting women in the area to enrol in and finish university education.

What is the goal behind establishing a women-only university?
The location of CWU will tell you a lot. If this university was not here, many of our students would not have pursued higher education. This is the only private university in Old Dhaka. Families in this part of town are conservative and often come from middle to low income groups. They are less inclined to educate their girls for a career, but see education as a means to enhance marital possibilities.

What are the challenges you have faced so far?
Marriage is the main reason behind our dropouts, although we try very hard to convince parents not to get their wards married while studying.



What is your progress so far?
We have progressed a lot, but not as much as I would like. Six years ago we started with five students and now we have 415, so there is some progress. We have a new Journalism department and have applied to ECE for the permission to open a Law department. All the courses are designed so that students can learn theory in the light of practical applications. The university highlights general education courses and extra-curricular activities so that students are well rounded and become better equipped to face the future.

Any future plans?
We would like to have a few more departments such as Law, Graphic Design, Architecture, and Pharmacy soon, and also set up a fully equipped gym. With the excellent facilities that we offer, and which we encourage prospective students to visit, we are hopeful that more students will come.

CWU RANKING
Due to the relatively small size of the university - at the time of the rankings it had only 234 students, whereas nine of the other universities in our survey had fewer than 2,000 students - its factual score was proportionately high for its size, leading to a distorted high overall score. It is for this reason that the Dhaka Tribune ranked CWU as second, and it is not included in the Top 20 rankings presented here. Our 46.65 perceptual score & 67.35 factual score were second only to that of BRAC University, leading to an overall score of 57.00, which would have placed it in the top ten of all universities ranked.

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Pitha Utsav at the campus

CWU organized its annual 'Pitha Utsav' on the ground floor of the university premise on December 4, 2017. Students from all departments participated with colourful stalls and a variety of pithas, cakes and other food items. The programme started with the National Anthem, after which there was a short cultural programme comprising of country songs, folk songs and dance recitals by students. The chief guest of the programme was the renowned actor and dancer Laila Hasan. She advised students to be more participatory and pro-active in all sectors of their lives.



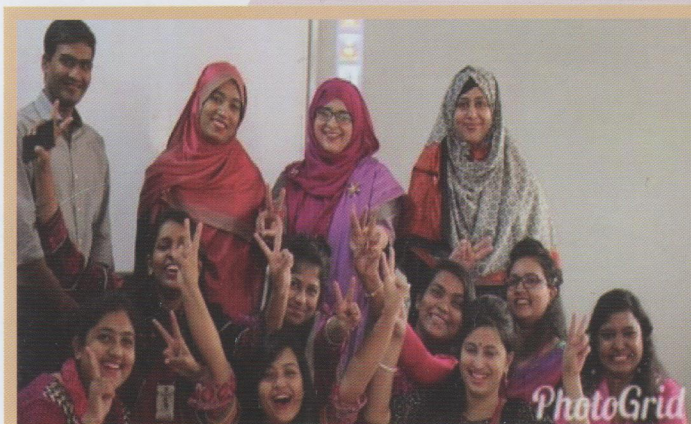
Seminar on road safety

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a workshop titled, "Road Safety: Awareness Building for Teachers, Students and Guardians" on October 19, 2017. The chief guest of the programme was the famous actor Mr. Elias Kanchan, who is also the President of Nirapod Sharak Chai. He put emphasis on the problems that people usually face on the roads, and the required measures to eliminate them. Faculties from all the departments, students, officers and staff were present.



Interactive marketing workshop 2017

For the requirements of the "Consumer Behavior" course, an interactive marketing workshop was conducted on November 9, 2017 at the CWU. The theme of the workshop was 'magical marketing facts and unpredictable consumer behaviour'. About 95 students from the Department of Business Administration attended this workshop. Participants also answered questions from the audience, and quick respondents were rewarded accordingly. The workshop was coordinated by Ms. Asif-Un-Nahar and Mr. Subrata Kumar, faculty members from the Department of Business Administration.



The screening of *Tarunner Kotha*

The screening of *Tarunner Kotha*, a TV programme, jointly produced by the students of Central Women's University and Deepto TV was held at the CWU auditorium on October 15, 2017. The pilot programme gave voice to contemporary issues related to young people. Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Registrar, faculty members and other students attended the screening session. Media personality, Mr. Fuad Chowdhury and Programme Producer, Ms. Tamzida Tuba from Deepto TV were also present.



Meet and Greet '17: celebrating youth and life

The exuberance of youth was celebrated by the Department of English and Modern Languages under the slogan, "Meet and Greet '17" on October 19, 2017. The programme was arranged to bid farewell to the students who have graduated from the department and they were awarded with crests to celebrate the occasion. Both the alumnae and the continuing students of the department participated in the day long cultural programme which was thoroughly enjoyed by students and faculty members alike.



Workshop on Arduino

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a day long workshop on "Arduino" on November 9, 2017. The workshop was conducted by a trainer of BDOSN. Arduino is an open-source platform used for building electronics projects. It consists of both a physical programmable circuit board, often referred to as a micro controller, and a piece of software, called IDE (Integrated Development Environment) used to write and upload computer code to the physical board. Students from CSE department participated in the session.



Students attend 2017 ACM-ICPC Asia Dhaka Regional Contest

A group of students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering participated in the "2017 ACM-ICPC Asia Dhaka Regional Contest" organized by the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Bangladesh, on November 10 and 11, 2017. The goal of this contest was to build the students' knowledge of programming.



Business quiz contest 2017

CWU Business Club conducted an exclusive Business Quiz Contest in November, 2017. Fifty students from the Department of Business Administration participated in this contest. The top three teams received crests and certificates. The best performer of the contest was also awarded a certificate. The initiative was taken by Ms. Asif-Un-Nahar, Senior Lecturer of the Department.



Play reading by the English Language Club

The Central Women's University English Language Club held a play reading session on November 9, 2017 at the seminar room of the Department of English and Modern Languages. The second scene of Act two of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* was read out by Bashasha, Azmaeen and Ayesha. The program was attended by students and faculty members.



Cultural programme by underprivileged children at CWU

CWU recently opened their campus for underprivileged children and helped them organize a cultural programme. Thirty-eight students of Switch Bidya Niketon, a group of underprivileged children, performed at the auditorium on September 21, 2017. The Department of Sociology and Gender Studies organized the programme which was attended by Dr. Perween Hasan, Vice Chancellor of the university. Later the Vice Chancellor also received a letter of appreciation from the Switch Bidya Niketon for sponsoring a child personally. The letter thanked the VC for supporting the child as it would help the child to prosper and lead a good life.



CWU 2nd Convocation

CWU is very happy to announce that its 2nd convocation will be held on March 11, 2017 at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh. The Honourable Education Minister, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid is expected to be the chief guest on the occasion.

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Star students of Summer-2017

The students who achieved GPA 4.00 in Summer 2017 are: Zinat Roushan Azmaeen, Nazifa Bashir, Jannatul Bushra Hassan, Jannat Ara Ferdushi, Tabassum Akhtar, Al Faria Nisa, Most. Mubasshira Azad, Jihan Sarker, Muna Noshin Anzum, Eva Chowdhury, Alifa Arifin Rashna, Nusaiba Sultana, Ayesha Siddika Suchi, Sadia Afreen Neela and Tasfia Tanjim.



Faculty activities

Dr. Maleka Begum, Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Gender Studies was chief discussant at a seminar titled, "Three City Feminist Abolitionist Consultations", on November 25, 2017 at AJC Bose Auditorium, Presidency University, Kolkata. Besides, she was a special guest in another seminar titled, "Akrantomukto Chinta" in Moulali Yuva Kendra, Kolkata held on November 24, 2017.

Abdus Selim, Chairperson, Department of English and Modern Languages attended various seminars and workshops throughout Fall-2017. Recently he was a special guest of the 700th presentation of *Konjush*.

Dr. Mehnaz Tazeen Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Modern Languages and **Muktedir Billah Munim**, Lecturer, Department of English and Modern Languages got acceptance letter to present their joint paper titled, "Managing Large Classrooms: Strategies Used" in the International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development at UITS. One of Dr. Choudhury's papers titled "Teacher Autonomy: Perceptions and Practices" has been accepted for presentation in the Asian Conference on Language Learning, Kobe, Japan.

Subrata Kumar, Lecturer, Department of Business Administration, published an article titled, "Impact of Product Support Services on Repurchase Intention of Customers: An Empirical Study on Electronic Industries of Bangladesh", in "IOSR Journal of Business and Management (IOSR-JBM)" in August 2017 (Volume 19, Issue 8).

Md. Asif Nawaz, Lecturer, Department of English and Modern Languages published one of his papers titled, "Connecting Dots: The Role of Critical Thinking and Literature in Bangladeshi Tertiary EFL Classroom" in the Stamford Journal of English (Vol 9, Issue 2); one of his papers titled, "Sultana's Dream: The Eco-spatial and Anti-authoritarian Science Fiction" has been accepted for presentation in the "International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development" at UITS. He also published two book reviews: "Jorasanko: The Poetics of the Ander mahal" and "Daughters of Jorasanko: The Deathless Poet as a Man" in The Asian Age. **Farhan Haq**, Lecturer, Department of Law attended the "2nd International Conference on Genocide and Mass Violence", organized by the Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka from December 14-15, 2017.

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