

# NEWSLY TO SERVE

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#### **Editorial**

Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from Uttara University! We are delighted to present this special edition of our newsletter, capturing key moments from July 2024 to December 2024, a vibrant and productive period filled with academic achievements, cultural events, research milestones and student engagement. These past months have showcased the strength of our community's dedication, creativity and resilience. From successful seminars and workshops to national recognition in various fields, the commitment of our students, faculty and staff continues to drive our mission forward. As we share these highlights, we also look ahead with optimism and purpose, determined to keep pushing boundaries in education, innovation and leadership.

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# Message from the Honourable Vice-Chancellor

It brings me great pleasure to witness the publication of this edition of the Uttara University newsletter named 'Newsly', which captures the vibrant academic and extracurricular journey from July 2024 to December 2024. This period has been marked by notable achievements, inspiring events and continued progress toward our vision of academic excellence. As a community committed to knowledge, innovation and social responsibility, our collective efforts are reflected in every milestone highlighted here. I commend our students, faculty and administrative staff for their unwavering dedication. May this newsletter serve not only as a record of our success but also as motivation for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha
Vice-Chancellor
Uttara University



# Message from the Pro Vice-Chancellor

This newsletter is a testament to the continued growth of Uttara University. Covering through July 2024 to December 2024, this issue reflects our intellectual vitality, cultural richness and community engagement that define our institution. I am especially proud of the collaborative spirit that shaped the events and developments at Uttara University. Our students, faculty members and staff have demonstrated remarkable resilience and creativity, upholding the university's reputation as a center for learning and innovation. I extend my hearty appreciation to all who contributed toward our collective triumph, and I hope this newsletter will inspire our Uttara University family.

Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami
Pro-Vice Chancellor
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# Message from the Treasurer

As Treasurer of Uttara University, I am delighted to see the release of our newsletter, which showcases the achievements and activities from July 2024 through December 2024. This edition clearly shows how our plans are helping the university reach its goals. Strong finances and steady growth are working hand in hand with academic progress. It is encouraging to see how each department has played its role in fostering an environment of progress and accountability. I extend my gratitude to the editorial team for compiling these moments and to every member of our community who contributed to this successful chapter in our university's journey.

Professor Haspia Bashirullah

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# **UU NEWSLY**

# Mission

To document and celebrate the diverse academic, cultural, and social contributions of the Uttara University community. 'Newsly' aims to serve as a vibrant platform that connects students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders by highlighting achievements, fostering transparency, and promoting a shared sense of purpose and pride in our collective journey.



To become a leading university publication that not only chronicles the growth and accomplishments of Uttara University but also inspires continuous learning, innovation, and community engagement. Through comprehensive coverage, 'Newsly' envisions building a lasting legacy of excellence, collaboration, and impact within and beyond the campus.

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# EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH

# Uttara University and Popular Diagnostic Center Limited Sign Collaborative Agreement



In a significant move to foster collaboration between education and healthcare, **Uttara University** and **Popular Diagnostic Center Limited** have signed an agreement today on 3rd July 2024 at the university's permanent campus. This partnership aims to provide special benefits to the university community. Under the terms of the agreement, full-time employees and alumni of Uttara University, along with their families, will receive special discounts at Popular Diagnostic Center by presenting their university ID cards.

The signing ceremony was graced by Mohammad Zahirul Islam, Branch Manager of Popular Diagnostic Center, Uttara branch and Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University. Senior officials from both organizations were also in attendance.

"Education and healthcare are complementary pillars of nation-building," remarked Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami. "We believe this partnership will significantly contribute to the well-being of our community and ultimately, to the progress of our nation." This partnership is a testament to the commitment of both Uttara University and Popular Diagnostic Center to enhancing the quality of life and supporting the holistic development of the community.

For detailed information on the discounts, employees and alumni can log in to the university's ERP and navigate to the offers section. Alumni are required to complete their alumni registration to avail these benefits.

For alumni registration please visit: https://erp.uttarauniversity.edu.bd/alumni-registration



Uttara University and IBN SINA Trust Forge New Partnership

On July 3, 2024 marked a significant milestone as a formal agreement was signed between **Uttara University** and **Ibn Sina Trust**, establishing a collaborative partnership aimed at providing exclusive benefits to the university's community. This strategic alliance enables full-time employees and alumni of Uttara University, along with their families, to enjoy special discounts at Ibn Sina Trust facilities by presenting their university ID cards.

The signing ceremony was a momentous occasion attended by distinguished representatives from both organizations. Notable attendees included **A.N.M. Tajul Islam**, Additional Director of Business Development at Ibn Sina Trust, and Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice Chancellor of Uttara University. The event also saw the presence of senior officials from both institutions, highlighting the significance of this partnership.

During the ceremony, A.N.M. Tajul Islam emphasized Ibn Sina Trust's long standing commitment to serving the nation and its people. He expressed confidence that this collaboration with Uttara University will drive mutual progress and open doors to further opportunities for cooperation. He also assured that additional benefits will be introduced gradually to enhance this partnership.

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The Department of Law, Uttara University, successfully organized "Law Alumni Reunion 2024" for its esteemed former students on the 6th of July 2024. The event took place today from 10 AM at the university's multipurpose hall, gathering approximately three hundred alumni who are now practising advocates.

The reunion was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Justice Naima Haider from the High Court Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court. The main patron of the event was Uttara University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor **Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha**. Among the special guests were Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Uttara University, Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Chief Judicial Magistrate of Gazipur and Shah Monjurul Hoque, Senior Advocate and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. The event was presided over by Prof. Md. Zakir Hossain, Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences and Chairman of the Law Department at Uttara University.

In her speech, Chief Guest, Justice Naima Haider commended the advocates for their dedication to the legal profession and encouraged them to serve the country with integrity, highlighting that this would lead to both honor and success. She also thanked Uttara University for organizing such a wonderful event. Additionally, Vice-Chancellor Professor Lekha expressed her pride in the Law Department's achievements, noting that nearly three thousand students have graduated and are now making significant contributions to the legal field. She emphasized that this is a matter of great pride for the university community.



Law Alumni Reunion 2024 Held at Uttara University

Special Guest Professor Goswami, highlighted Uttara University's role in producing leaders both nationally and internationally, stating that the reunion was a testament to this achievement. Guest of Honor, Shah Manjurul Haque, reiterated the importance of confidence and continuous learning for success in the legal profession. He praised Uttara University for its exceptional educational environment, skilled administration, structural development, and the commendable quality of its graduates.

The event concluded with a delightful cultural program and a luncheon in honor of the alumni advocates.





# **PROUD MOMENT**

We are proud to announce our university's remarkable accomplishment in the 2024 World University

Rankings for Innovation (WURI).





# Uttara University and Beacon Bangladesh Collaborate for "Lend A Hand 2024" Donation Drive



The Social Services Club of Uttara University, under the guidance of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), has successfully concluded a month-long donation drive titled "Lend A Hand 2024". This collaborative event with Beacon Bangladesh aimed to provide aid to the victims of Cyclone Remal and the flood-affected population of Bangladesh.

Beacon Bangladesh, a youth organization dedicated to empowering youth initiatives to maximize impact across the country, joined forces with Uttara University to ensure the success of this humanitarian effort. The donations collected were handed over to Beacon Bangladesh today at the permanent campus of Uttara University.

The handover ceremony was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests. On behalf of Beacon Bangladesh, founding member Farah Tuba was present. Representing Uttara University were Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami (Pro Vice Chancellor), Professor Haspia Bashirullah (Treasurer), and Samzir Ahmed (Director, OSA), Sonia Rezina (Advisor, Social Services Club), and A.T.M.Gulam Moula (Advisor, Social Services Club) among others.

"We are immensely proud of our students and their dedication to social service," said Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami. "Collaborations like these exemplify the spirit of community and compassion that Uttara University stands for." Beacon Bangladesh expressed gratitude for the collaboration and looked forward to future initiatives that would further enhance their impact.

"Lend A Hand 2024" marks a significant step in aiding those in need and highlights the importance of community engagement and collective action.

# Alumni Reunion Celebrated at Uttara University

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Uttara University celebrated its 2nd EEE Alumni Reunion program on Friday 12th July 2024, at the university's permanent campus. The event was honored by the esteemed Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, as the chief guest. Special guests included Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, and Professor Dr. Kamrul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University. The Dean of the School of Science and Technology, Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, attended as the guest of honor. The event was chaired by Professor Dr. Shakhawat Zaman Sarkar, Chairman of the EEE Department.



In the welcome speech, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, emphasized Uttara University's role in developing leadership and highlighted the EEE Department's contributions to building a smart Bangladesh in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lekha, urged alumni and current students to commit to building a modern Bangladesh and lead the skilled workforce of a smart nation.

The day-long event featured tree planting, technical talks, sports competitions, cultural programs, and a raffle draw, concluding with a prize distribution ceremony.



# Prayer Session at Uttara University for Martyrs and Injured in Anti-Discrimination Movement







On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, a prayer session was held at Uttara University Auditorium at 5:15 PM (after Asr prayer) for the souls of the martyrs of the anti-discrimination movement and for the swift recovery of the injured. The session was attended by the esteemed Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, along with all faculty members, students, staff, and employees of Uttara University.



The Civil Engineering Department of Uttara University hosted a seminar focused on career opportunities for civil engineering graduates

On September 6, 2024, the Civil Engineering Department of Uttara University hosted a seminar focused on career opportunities for civil engineering graduates. The keynote speaker, Ms. Sabrina Rashid Sheonty, founder and director of Tetrabd (https://www.tetrabd.com/) and consultant at Metrix Solutions Inc.





in Canada, shared valuable insights into both local and international career paths, emphasizing entrepreneurship for young professionals. The event attracted over 400 students. During the seminar, Ms. Sheonty verbally assured the department's chairman of potential internship opportunities for final-year students at Tetrabd.

# Free Health Camp Recap Injured in Anti-Discrimination Movement

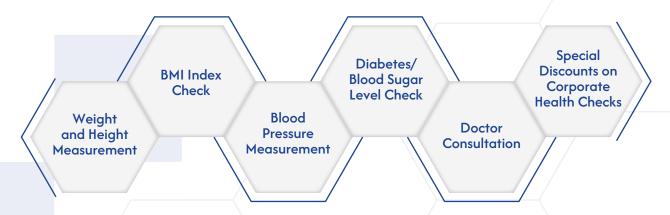
On September 30th, **Praava Health Care**, in collaboration with the Office of External Affairs, hosted a successful health examination program from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 200 of UU.

Our expert doctor offered **free consultations**, and over **200 faculty members and staff**, including Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami and Mohammad Ali, received valuable health services.

Special thanks to Dr. Mafruha Mehzabin and her team for providing excellent care.



#### Free Health Checks Included



Uttara University
Students
Organized Human
Chain to Protest
Environmental
Pollution



Thousands of students from Uttara University & BGMEA formed a human chain in front of the university on Monday, October 7, 2024. They protested against the encroachment of the Turag River, the negative effects on students' education, dust pollution near the university and metro rail area, the narrowness of the Beribadh road and unplanned sand extraction. The event was held under the slogan "Breathe Easy, Live Better: Awareness Against Dust Pollution." Students also took part in a cleanliness drive around the campus.

During the human chain, students shared their concerns stating, "Unplanned sand extraction near the campus puts us at health risk. Both students and teachers are experiencing respiratory problems and other health hazards. Sand extractors have been illegally operating along the Turag River for years and despite many complaints, no action has been taken."







Local hotel owners also spoke out, "We cannot sell food properly because of all the dust and dirt. These activities are carried out with local influence and the administration has not acted against them. Additionally, multiple trucks during sand extraction cause traffic jams and lead to accidents."

The event was attended by important guests, including Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, the Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, deans of different faculties, department chairs and respected faculty members.

Before forming the human chain, the students participated in a cleanliness campaign. This event was organized by Uttara University's Social Service Club and Environment Club to promote environmental protection with support from the Uttara University FDT Alumni Association.

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# Uttara University and Linnas Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

**Uttara University and Linnas Group** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration and opportunities for our students and staff. This partnership will open doors for research opportunities, as well as internship and job placements for students. Moreover, exclusive discounts will be available for university staff and academics on Linnas Group land purchases.

We were delighted to have the representatives of Uttara University, the Treasurer, Professor Haspia Bashirullah, The Controller of Examinations, Mohammad Ali Sir, and Managing Director of Linnas Group present at the signing ceremony. This marks a significant step forward in our mission to provide our students with the best possible education and opportunities.

# Siraat Seminar and Cultural Program Held at Uttara University



A Siraat seminar and cultural program were held at Uttara University to celebrate Siraat-un-Nabi (SA) 2024. The event took place on October 16, 2024, Wednesday, at the university's permanent campus.

**Sheikh Ahmadullah**, Chairman of As-Sunnah Foundation; **Professor Mokhter Ahmad**, Founder Chairman of Tarbiyah Education Network and **Mufti Saiful Islam**, Imam of Masjid Ut-Taqwa Society spoke in the seminar as guest of honor.

Speakers emphasized the importance of implementing the principles of the Prophet (SA), stating that true liberation for humanity lies in following the path shown by him. They noted that the purpose of sending all Prophets and Messengers was to establish Islamic principles in contrast to all other ideologies. They stated that Islam is the only ideal for human liberation &



that the Prophet (SA) demonstrated the practical application of this ideal.

After the discussion, crests were presented to the distinguished guests at the Siraat event. The program ended with a closing statement of gratitude by **Dr. Mostafa Kabir Siddiqui,** Assistant Professor in the Islamic Studies Department (UU). The second part of the event featured a delightful cultural program organized by the band 'Silsila' from Dhaka University, where the students enjoyed Islamic songs and gawwali performances.



## Successful Two-Day Job Campaign by Shomvob Jobs Held at UU

Shomvob Jobs, one of Bangladesh's leading employment agencies, successfully conducted a two-day job campaign at the University of UU in partnership with the Office of External Affairs. The campaign took place on October 23 and 24, 2025, providing graduates and final-year students with valuable opportunities to connect with potential employers.

The event, held on university premises, facilitated CV submissions and direct interactions between students and various companies looking to hire fresh talent. Participants were able to showcase their skills and qualifications, gaining insights into the job market and industry expectations.

Shomvob Jobs representatives were present to offer guidance on CV preparation and interview techniques, helping students refine their approaches to securing employment.

This initiative reflects UU's ongoing commitment to supporting students in their career development and enhancing their employability through practical opportunities.







The university thanks all participants and Shomvob Jobs for making this event a success and looks forward to future collaborations that benefit the student community.

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#### Uttara University Hosts Successful Workshop on Criminal Trials

The Department of Law at Uttara University held a workshop titled "Inside the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Criminal Trial" on October 26, 2024. This event provided valuable knowledge about how criminal trials work, helping law students connect what they learn in the classroom with real-life situations.

The event featured Mr. Tareq-UL-Alam, an Advocate at the District and Session Judge Court in Gazipur, as the keynote speaker. During the workshop, Mr. Tareq provided valuable insights into the various stages of a criminal trial, including courtroom procedures and key legal practices. The event aimed to enhance law students' understanding of the legal process and offered a unique opportunity to bridge academic knowledge with practical skills. Dr. Mafruza Sultana, the Chairman of the Department of Law at Uttara University, also shared her insights on criminal trials. She emphasized the importance of understanding courtroom procedures and the various stages involved in the legal process. The workshop welcomed many participants, including law students, faculty members, and practicing lawyers. Experienced judges and legal professionals led the sessions, sharing their insights and experiences from the courtroom.

The day they started with an overview of courtroom procedures. Speakers explained the stages of a criminal trial, such as pre-trial motions, jury selection, opening statements, witness testimonies, and closing arguments. Understanding these steps is essential for future lawyers, as it prepares them for the challenges they will face in their careers.



A live trial simulation was one of the most exciting parts of the workshop. Participants acted as defense attorneys, prosecutors, and witnesses. This hands-on activity allowed students to experience courtroom dynamics firsthand, giving them a clearer picture of how trials unfold. The simulation was a highlight for many, helping them practically apply what they had learned.

In addition to the simulation, there were panel discussions on important topics in criminal law. These discussions covered legal professionals' current challenges and highlighted the importance of ethics in the courtroom. Panelists stressed that integrity and hard work are vital in pursuing justice, inspiring students to uphold these values in their future work.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Many students appreciated the chance to interact with experienced professionals and participate in an engaging learning experience. One student remarked, "The workshop was beneficial and made me feel more ready for my future in law. The simulation helped me understand what it's really like in a courtroom."

Uttara University's Department of Law is committed to providing students with opportunities that blend theory and practical experience. This workshop is part of a broader effort to improve legal education and prepare students for their careers.

The success of "Inside the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Criminal Trial" shows the Department's dedication to creating an engaging learning environment. As the legal field continues to change, the Department of Law at Uttara University aims to lead in legal education, ensuring students have the skills they need to succeed.



Uttara University
Celebrates Cinema
in a Thrilling TwoDay Movie Fest

Uttara University recently celebrated the art of cinema with a vibrant two-day movie festival, held from October 29 to 30, organized by the Club for Performing Arts. This exciting event showcased four remarkable films, captivating an enthusiastic audience that embraced the magic of storytelling through film.

The festival was a testament to the power of cinema to bring people together, sparking conversations and creating lasting memories. Each screening was met with applause and engagement. The event highlighted filmmakers' artistic talents and fostered a sense of solidarity among students, faculty and local cinema lovers.



Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the incredible team behind the festival. Their hard work, dedication, and creativity ensured that every aspect of the event was executed flawlessly. From organizing screenings to managing logistics, their commitment was instrumental in making the festival successful.

A special thank you is also due to PurePret's generous sponsorship, which played a crucial role in making this festival possible. Their support reflects a commitment to nurturing the arts within our community, and we are grateful for their partnership.

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of the **Brand and Communication team** and the **Office of External Affairs**. Their assistance and collaboration were vital in promoting the festival and ensuring its visibility within and beyond the university.

As we look back on this successful event, we are excited for future initiatives to continue celebrating the joy of film and the performing arts at Uttara University. We can create more unforgettable experiences that enrich our students and community.

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# UU Hosts Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals for a Healthy Planet



Uttara University organized a significant seminar on **Sustainable Development Goals for a Healthy Planet** on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 2:30 PM in the UU Multipurpose Hall. Uttara University's Institutional Ranking Cell (IRC) and the Centre for Research & Training (CRT) jointly conducted this seminar.

The event aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. The seminar brought together experts, faculty members, and stakeholders to explore how global partnerships can drive sustainable development and contribute to a healthier planet. Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University was present as a Special Guest. Professor Dr. Md. Mijanur Rahman, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering and Director of CRT, Uttara University delivered the speech as a Keynote Speaker and Sheikh Yasha Shan, Director, IRC, Uttara University chaired the program.

**SDG 17** emphasizes the critical importance of collaboration across governments, businesses, academia, and civil society to achieve the global sustainability agenda. As part of its commitment to education, sustainability, and international cooperation, Uttara University hosted this seminar to discuss how partnerships can be effectively integrated into educational curricula, environmental policies, and broader frameworks, aiming to create long-term solutions for a sustainable future.

During the keynote address, Professor **Dr. Md. Mijanur Rahman** discussed the essential role of partnerships in achieving SDG 17. He highlighted the need for collective action, bringing together stakeholders from diverse sectors to share resources, expertise, and solutions. The discussion centred on fostering meaningful collaborations between universities, industries, government agencies, and international organizations to create synergies for sustainable development.

Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, also shared his thoughts on how Bangladesh has made significant progress, especially in the fields of education, infrastructure, and public health. He stressed the importance of continued collaboration in building a better future for the nation. "Bangladesh has come a long way in terms of development, but the journey is far from over," he remarked. "By working together, across sectors and borders, we can continue to build a more prosperous, sustainable future for all."

Sheikh Yasha Shan, eDirector of IRC and Program Chair, noted that the seminar provided an essential platform for intellectual exchange among faculty members, students, and stakeholders. He remarked, "This seminar is a vital opportunity for our university community to engage with global sustainability goals and contribute to positive environmental and social change. The dialogue initiated here will help strengthen our collective commitment to SDGs and foster action-driven solutions." The event concluded with a call to action, encouraging all attendees to take tangible steps toward fostering global partnerships and contributing to a healthier, more sustainable planet.





UU Hosts
Successful
Thalassemia
Awareness
& Blood
Donation
Program

On November 5th, 2024, Uttara University, in partnership with the Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation and the Blood Donor's Club, successfully organized a Thalassemia Awareness & Blood Donation Program on its campus. The event drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, with participants coming together to raise awareness about the genetic blood disorder and contribute to life-saving blood donations.

The program featured informative sessions designed to educate students, faculty, and the broader community about Thalassemia, a hereditary condition affecting millions globally. Experts from the Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation delivered key talks, emphasizing the importance of early detection, preventive care, and the critical role of regular blood donations in managing the disease. These expertled discussions aimed to provide the university community with the knowledge to understand better the challenges faced by individuals living with Thalassemia and how we can collectively support their care. In addition to the educational sessions, the event also served as a platform for blood donation, with numerous participants volunteering to donate blood. Thalassemia patients rely on regular blood transfusions to manage their condition, and the blood collected during the program will go a long way in helping ensure a steady supply for those in need. The overwhelming response from the university community highlighted a deep commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by Thalassemia.

The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of public health awareness and community engagement. By joining forces, Uttara University, the Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation, and the Blood Donor's Club were able to raise awareness about a critical health issue and mobilize support for individuals who rely on regular blood transfusions for their survival.





The success of this program stands as a testament to the collective efforts of the university community in addressing public health issues. It also highlights the significant impact that awareness campaigns and community-driven initiatives can have on improving public health outcomes. Uttara University extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the event, acknowledging their valuable contributions to the awareness campaign and the blood donation drive. This event marks a significant step forward in supporting individuals with Thalassemia and fostering a culture of compassion, solidarity, and

responsibility within the university community. The continued efforts to raise awareness and provide critical resources will help ensure a healthier, more informed future for those affected by Thalassemia and other similar health challenges.



# Department of English at Uttara University Hosts Inspiring Freshers' Reception

The Department of English at Uttara University officially welcomed the incoming class of 2024 with a vibrant Freshers' Reception held on November 7 at the university's Multipurpose Hall. The event, which was themed "Seize the Day," set an encouraging and uplifting tone for the new students as they began their academic journey.



The ceremony, attended by faculty, staff, and students, aimed to inspire the freshers to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead in their university life. The distinguished guests delivered powerful speeches emphasizing the importance of education, personal growth, and the vast potential of each student. Prof. Dr Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, inaugurated the event with an inspiring address, urging the new students to focus on their academic success grow as individuals and contribute meaningfully to society.

Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice Chancellor of the university, gave an encouraging speech, elaborating on the institution's vision of fostering a holistic learning environment where students are empowered to excel both academically and personally. He emphasized that Uttara University is committed to ensuring that students are equipped with the necessary skills and resources to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.

Other notable speakers included Mr Mohammad Ali, Controller of Examinations, who spoke about the importance of maintaining academic integrity; Prof. Faez M. Serajul Hoque, Advisor, who reminded the freshers of the responsibilities they would be taking on as members of the university community; Mr Kazi Mahiuddin, Registrar, who highlighted the importance of effective communication and collaboration; Dr. Md. Masudul Hasan, the Proctor, addressed student welfare and discipline; Dr. Shah Ahmed, Chairperson of the Department of English and Acting Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences shared his excitement about the bright futures of the new students. Together, these leaders encouraged the freshers to make the most of their time at the university, urging them to embrace challenges, push boundaries, and take full advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

Adding a touch of creativity and energy to the event were lively cultural performances by current students of the Department of English. The performances included a mix of singing, dancing, and dramatic presentations, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm that make the department unique. These performances entertained the audience and highlighted the department's diverse and vibrant student body. It was a reminder that university life is not just about academic achievement but also about creative expression and personal growth.

The event's theme, "Seize the Day," resonated deeply with the freshers, urging them to take full advantage of their time at the university and positively impact both their lives and the world around them. The theme encouraged students to approach their studies enthusiastically and develop a resilience and optimism mindset. As the event drew to a close, the freshers left the hall filled with excitement and anticipation, ready to take on the challenges of university life and pursue their dreams with passion and dedication.

The Freshers' Reception 2024 was an inspiring start to what promises to be a transformative academic year for the Department of English at Uttara University. The department looks forward to supporting its new students as they embark on a journey of learning, creativity, and success, and is committed to guiding them every step of the way.



# UU Law Department Welcomes Freshers with a Spectacular Cultural Reception

The Department of English at Uttara University officially welcomed the incoming class of 2024 with a vibrant Freshers' Reception held on November 7 at the university's Multipurpose Hall. The event, which was themed "Seize the Day," set an encouraging and uplifting tone for the new students as they began their academic journey. Uttara University's Department of Law held an exciting and vibrant Freshers' Reception on 8 November 2024 at the University Auditorium, welcoming its new batch of law students. The event, designed to introduce the freshers to the university community, was filled with warm speeches and cultural performances.

The reception started with a welcoming speech by Dr Mafruza Sultana, Chairman of the Department of Law, who addressed the freshers with encouragement and advice. Dr. Sultana emphasized the importance of hard work, dedication, and the pursuit of knowledge in shaping successful legal careers. She also spoke about the university's commitment to creating an inclusive, supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

The Chief Guest for the event, Hon'ble Justice Khizir Ahmed Chowdhury of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, delivered an inspiring address. He welcomed the new students to the legal profession and encouraged them to approach their studies with integrity and responsibility. Justice Khizir Ahmed Chowdhury also highlighted the significance of law in upholding justice and building a fair society. In addition to the speeches and performances, the event saw the participation of university leaders, including Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, and Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor, who both offered their congratulations and shared their best wishes with the freshers. They assured the new students that the university would provide all the necessary resources and guidance to help them succeed academically and professionally.

The Freshers' Reception concluded with a lively interaction session, allowing new students to ask questions and interact with faculty and senior students. This informal session helped to foster a sense of community and connection among the freshers, faculty, and senior students. This year's Freshers' Reception began the student's academic journey at Uttara University. It reaffirmed the university's dedication to providing a well-rounded educational experience that blends academic rigour with cultural and personal development. The freshers were also treated to a series of captivating cultural performances by the Department of Law students. Traditional dance and music performances brought a festive atmosphere to the event, showcasing the vibrant cultural life at Uttara University and the diverse talents of its student body.

#### Uttara University Hosted a Free Dental Checkup Camp

In collaboration with Update **Dental College and Hospital**, Uttara University organized a free dental checkup camp on November 12, 2024, to promote oral health awareness and provide free dental services to students and the local community. The event was held on the ground floor of the university's main building from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and received a strong and positive response from participants. The event was organized by the Office of External Affairs at Uttara University.

Experienced dentists and healthcare professionals staffed the camp from Update Dental College and Hospital, who offered free dental checkups, consultations, and screenings. Participants received advice on maintaining proper oral hygiene and information on preventive dental care. Educational materials were also distributed to help attendees understand the importance of regular dental checkups and good oral health practices.



The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of oral health as a critical aspect of overall well-being. With the rising prevalence of dental issues in the community, the camp provided an accessible opportunity for students to receive professional dental care at no cost. The event was well-received by attendees, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to consult with dental professionals and gain valuable knowledge on maintaining oral health.

The success of the event underscores the growing need for accessible healthcare services, particularly in the realm of dental care. It was designed to provide immediate care and educate participants about preventive dental practices, such as proper brushing techniques, flossing, and regular dental checkups. It is part of Uttara University's ongoing efforts to engage with the community and support public health initiatives.

#### Uttara University Holds "Career Pathways for Success" Seminar

On 13th November 2024, Uttara University, in collaboration with the Office of External Affairs and Skill Jobs, hosted the "Career Pathways for Success" seminar. The event, which took place on campus, was designed to help outgoing students and fresh graduates chart their professional journey and gain valuable insights from industry experts.

**Dr. Md. Zahidul Islam,** Director of the MBA Program and the **Office of Student Affairs (OSA)** at Uttara University, opened the seminar with an insightful address. More than **300 students** from various disciplines participated in the event, eager to learn strategies for navigating the professional world and achieving their career goals.

Industry leaders also shared their knowledge and experience at the seminar. Mr. Shantanu Ray, Head of Group HR, Anwar Group, and Ms. Aleya Akter, Chief Human Resources Officer, Desh Group, were guest speakers, offering practical advice based on their extensive careers in human resources. Their insights gave students a deeper understanding of what employers look for in candidates and how to succeed in the competitive job market.



Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, attended as a special guest. Drawing from his extensive experience as an international economist, educator, and administrator, Dr. Goswami delivered a lecture that highlighted the importance of developing global perspectives and critical skills to thrive in today's fast-paced world. The seminar concluded with a lively Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to engage directly with the speakers, ask questions, and gain further clarity on career planning.

Uttara University remains committed to supporting the professional development of its students, and the "Career Pathways for Success" seminar is just one of many initiatives aimed at equipping graduates with the tools they need to succeed in their careers.

School of
Business Holds
Freshers'
Reception at
Uttara University



The School of Business at Uttara University hosted an exciting and vibrant **Freshers' Reception** on November 14, 2024, marking the beginning of a new academic journey for incoming students. The event was significant, welcoming the freshmen while highlighting the university's dedication to academic excellence and holistic student development.

The reception was graced by a distinguished group of guests, including Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University; Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice-Chancellor; and Prof. Dr. A.S.M. Shahabuddin, Dean of the School of Business. These esteemed leaders addressed the gathering with inspiring speeches, offering guidance and encouragement to the new students.

In her speech, Prof. Dr Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor, motivated the students to strive for excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities, urging them to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset. She emphasized that the university provides ample opportunities to cultivate innovation and leadership, encouraging the students to take bold steps towards becoming future entrepreneurs. Similarly, Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice Chancellor, encouraged the students to explore diverse opportunities for personal and academic growth, focusing on the importance of entrepreneurship in today's world.

The event was also attended by Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam, Assistant Professor and Director of the MBA & EMBA Programs; Dr. Soeb Md. Shoayeb Noman, Assistant Professor and Director of the BBA Program; and Kazi Tareq Ullah, Associate Professor of the School of Business and Director of the Office of Admissions, Uttara University.

Their presence added to the event's significance, reinforcing the university's commitment to providing students with a comprehensive education combining academic rigour and real-world skills. Additionally, all faculty members of the School of Business were present, demonstrating the collective support of the academic community in fostering the success and growth of the students.

With inspiring speeches from the university leadership and the students' vibrant cultural celebration, the Freshers' Reception at Uttara University's School of Business was a resounding success. The event not only marked the beginning of a new academic journey but also underscored the university's commitment to nurturing creative, entrepreneurial, and leadership qualities in its students.

### Textile Engineering Department Welcomes Freshers at Uttara University



The Textile Engineering Department of Uttara University hosted a vibrant **Freshers' Reception** on November 15, 2024, welcoming its newest batch of students with joy, cultural performances, and inspiring speeches from distinguished guests. The event, held at the university's main auditorium, was a memorable occasion designed to motivate and energize the future textile engineers.

The program was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, and Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor. Both leaders shared invaluable insights, encouraging the students to pursue their academic and professional aspirations with passion and dedication.

A special highlight of the event was the participation of Md. Shafiqul Islam, Deputy General Manager, QAD, Square Apparels Limited. As a special guest, he shared industry insights and delivered a powerful message of encouragement, emphasizing the vast opportunities within the textile sector.

Dr. Md. Sultanul Islam, Dean of the School of Civil, Environment and Industrial Engineering, and Dr. Syed Rashedul Islam, Chairman of the Department of Textile Engineering, also addressed the audience. Their speeches underscored the importance of hard work, innovation, and a growth mindset in achieving success both academically and professionally.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances that showcased the talents of the students, adding a festive touch to the occasion. Faculty members were present in full force, contributing to the warm and welcoming atmosphere that made the reception a truly memorable experience.

The Freshers' Reception was a significant milestone, marking the start of an exciting academic journey for the new students. With the support of the university's dedicated faculty and leadership, these aspiring engineers are set to thrive in their studies and future careers.

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Mathematics
Department at
Uttara University
Welcomes
New Students



The Mathematics Department of Uttara University hosted a vibrant and joyful **Freshers' Reception** on November 18, 2024, to warmly welcome its new students. The event was an exciting celebration, bringing together students, faculty, and distinguished guests. The reception marked the beginning of a new academic journey for the freshers and set a tone of encouragement and support for their time at the university.

The event was graced by several notable figures from the academic world. Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, served as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice-Chancellor, attended as the Guest of Honor. Prof. Dr. Shahansha Khan, Chair of the Mathematics Department, organized and chaired the program, ensuring its smooth execution. Other distinguished guests included **Prof. Dr. Moqbul Hossain, Prof. Dr. Nurul Alam Khan** (Adviser to the Mathematics Department), and Kazi Mohiuddin, the Registrar of Uttara University. Their presence underscored the importance of the occasion.

In her opening speech, Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha warmly welcomed the freshers, encouraging them to explore the vast world of mathematics. "Mathematics is not just about numbers," she remarked, "it helps us solve problems and think clearly." Her words emphasized the significance of mathematics beyond academic learning, highlighting its relevance in daily life and its potential to develop critical thinking skills.

Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami also spoke to the students, expressing his excitement about the new academic journey ahead. "This event marks the start of a wonderful journey for our new students," he said. He reassured the freshers that the university community would be there to support them throughout their academic endeavors, encouraging them to work hard while enjoying their time at Uttara University.

The program was not only about speeches and academic encouragement but also included cultural performances that showcased the diverse talents of the students. Music and dance performances added a festive spirit to the occasion, making it an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone in attendance.

As the event concluded, there was a sense of optimism in the air. The freshers, inspired by the speeches and performances, left with renewed excitement and anticipation for the academic year ahead. The Freshers' Reception served as a perfect introduction to university life, setting a positive and welcoming tone for the students' journey at Uttara University.



## Uttara University's Department of Islamic Studies Hosts a Grand Freshers' Reception

Uttara University's Department of Islamic Studies recently held a colourful and engaging Freshers' Reception on November 19, 2024, marking the start of the new academic year. The event welcomed new students and provided a platform for them to connect with faculty, senior students, and distinguished guests.

The reception was honoured by several distinguished guests, whose presence and speeches added immense value to the occasion. The event was graced by Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, the Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, who served as the Chief Guest. Her speech was a source of inspiration for all new students, emphasizing the importance of education, integrity and personal growth. She urged the students to pursue academic excellence, contribute to their communities, and embrace the diverse opportunities available at the university.

Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, also attended as the Guest of Honor. His words of encouragement resonated with the new students, highlighting the university's commitment to fostering an inclusive, intellectually stimulating environment that nurtures both academic and personal development.

The event was further distinguished by the presence of several other notable figures from the university community, including Dr. Shah Ahmed, the Dean of the School of Arts and Social Science, and Anupama Afroz, the Assistant Professor and Program Chair of the Department of Islamic Studies. Their support and guidance are pivotal in shaping the academic experiences of students within the department, and their speeches underscored the values of discipline, respect, and hard work in the pursuit of knowledge.



One of the most memorable parts of the reception was the Islamic cultural program presented by the students. The program, which was deeply rooted in Islamic traditions, featured Quranic recitations, Nasheeds, and other spiritually enriching performances. The students' heartfelt presentations not only showcased their talent but also highlighted the cultural richness and spiritual depth of Islam.

The program added a profound and meaningful touch to the event, reminding everyone of the importance of faith, unity, and community.

The Freshers' Reception at Uttara University was not just a formal event but a celebration of new beginnings, academic aspirations, and cultural unity. It provided the incoming students with an opportunity to

connect with their peers, faculty, and the leadership of the university, setting the tone for a successful and fulfilling academic journey ahead.

This event reinforced the university's commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching environment where students can thrive both academically and spiritually.

### Uttara University Welcomes Fashion Design and Technology Students with Freshers' Reception

Uttara University's Department of Fashion Design and Technology (FDT) organized a colourful and engaging **Freshers' Reception** on 20th November 2024 to warmly welcome its newest batch of students. The event at the university premises set the tone for an exciting academic journey, fostering enthusiasm and a sense of community among students and faculty members.



The presence of several esteemed dignitaries graced the program. Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, delivered an inspiring address, encouraging students to embrace their creativity and take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the university. Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the importance of innovative thinking and the vital role of fashion design in shaping global industries.

The event also featured Dr. Md. Kamrul Hasan Khan, Chairman of the FDT Department, who outlined the department's commitment to nurturing creative talent and equipping students with the skills to thrive in the dynamic fashion industry. Professor Farruque Mohammad Masud, Associate Dean of the School of Civil, Environment, and Industrial Engineering, and Dr. Md. Sultanul Islam, Chairman of the Civil Engineering Department, added their voices to the chorus of encouragement, urging students to pursue excellence and collaboration.

The reception was a blend of academic inspiration and cultural celebration. Following the formal addresses, students and attendees enjoyed a captivating cultural performance, showcasing the creative spirit that the Department of Fashion Design and Technology embodies. This segment featured a mix of music, dance, and artistic displays, highlighting the university's commitment to fostering holistic development alongside academic growth.

The event successfully set the stage for new students to feel welcomed and motivated, beginning an exciting chapter in their educational journey as one of the leading departments at Uttara University, the FDT department remains dedicated to creating an environment that nurtures talent, innovation, and a strong sense of community.

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## Uttara University's Civil Engineering Department Hosts Freshers' Reception and Farewell Ceremony 2024

The Department of Civil Engineering at Uttara University held its Freshers' Reception and Farewell Ceremony 2024 on 22 November, embracing the theme "Civil Engineering 4.0: Shaping a New Era of Civilizations." The event brought together students, faculty, and distinguished guests to celebrate the past, present, and future of civil engineering innovation.

The event featured prominent dignitaries, including Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, Professor Dr Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, and Dr. Md. Sultanul Islam, Dean of the School of Civil, and Environment and Industrial Engineering. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Khondaker Shakil, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering at the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), who inspired students with his insights on innovation and leadership in modern civil engineering. The event was chaired by Dr. Md. Saiful Islam, Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering, who underscored the significance of equipping students with knowledge and tools to lead in an era of rapid technological advancement.

A notable feature of the ceremony was a live demonstration of drone mapping technology by Edifice Consultancy Ltd., offering students a glimpse into the transformative potential of cutting-edge technologies in civil engineering. This demonstration reinforced the department's commitment to preparing students for the evolving demands of the industry.



The day's festivities also included a dynamic cultural program, highlighting the vibrant spirit of Uttara University. Performances by students added a celebratory touch, fostering camaraderie and showcasing the creative talent within the university community.

In her address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Eaysmin Ara Lekha emphasized the pivotal role of innovation and technology in shaping modern civil engineering. She urged students to embrace their responsibilities as future leaders in building resilient and sustainable civilizations.

The program concluded with heartfelt farewells to the outgoing students, coupled with a warm welcome to the freshers, symbolizing the department's dedication to nurturing academic excellence and fostering a thriving community of future engineers.

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Uttara University's CSE Department Hosts a Memorable Freshers' Reception

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at Uttara University held an unforgettable Freshers' Reception on 21 November 2024, welcoming the new group of students for the academic year. The event, organized at the university campus, served as an inspiring introduction to the academic and cultural vibrancy of the institution, ensuring the freshers felt warmly embraced by their new community.

The program was graced by esteemed guests whose speeches motivated and encouraged the new students. Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, inaugurated the event with a heartfelt address, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence and the role of innovation in shaping future leaders. Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor, highlighted the university's commitment to equipping students with the skills needed to excel in a dynamic technological landscape.



The event also featured an address by Dr. Mohammad Amanul Islam, Chairman of the CSE Department, who spoke about the department's dedication to fostering a supportive and innovative learning environment. Prof. A.H.M. Saifullah Sadi, Associate Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of embracing challenges and creativity in the field of technology.

A major highlight of the day was the vibrant cultural program, which showcased the immense talents of both freshers and senior students. The performances, including music, dance, and dramatic pieces, reflected the department's ethos of unity and creativity while celebrating the diversity of its community.

The program also included addresses by Prof. Dr. Md. Mijanur Rahman, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, and Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University. They both shared words of encouragement, emphasizing the value of academic excellence and personal development in the years ahead.



The reception provided an ideal platform for the newcomers to connect with their peers, seniors, and faculty members, creating a sense of belonging and excitement for the journey ahead. The event also reaffirmed Uttara University's commitment to fostering a holistic learning environment where students are encouraged to excel both academically and personally.

Dr. Mohammad Amanul Islam expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in making the event a success, stating, "This reception is more than just a welcome; it's the beginning of a transformative journey for our students. We are dedicated to empowering them to become pioneers in technology and innovation." The Freshers' Reception concluded with an atmosphere of enthusiasm and optimism as students eagerly looked forward to their promising academic journey at Uttara University.



Uttara University's Bangla Department Shines in Freshers' Reception 2024

Uttara University

Freshers' Reception 2024

The Department of Bangla at Uttara University hosted its muchanticipated **Freshers' Reception** 2024 on November 28, a joyous occasion that warmly welcomed the incoming batch of students. The event showcased a blend of academic excellence and cultural vibrancy, setting the stage for an inspiring journey ahead.



The event was honoured by the presence of Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, as the Chief Guest. In her address, she highlighted the department's commitment to fostering intellectual growth while preserving the cultural heritage of the Bangla language. "This reception is not just about welcoming our students but about integrating them into

a rich tradition of knowledge and culture," she said.

Joining her as the Special Guest was Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, who underscored the importance of academic rigour and student engagement in shaping future leaders. The distinguished panel also included Dr Shah Ahmed, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Salah Uddin Quader, Acting Chair of the Department of Bangla, both of whom extended their heartfelt greetings and advice to the freshers.

The reception's highlight was its colorful cultural program, reflecting the spirit and vibrancy of Bangla traditions. Students captivated the audience with mesmerizing performances, including traditional songs, poetry recitations, and dramatic pieces inspired by renowned Bangla literature. The cultural showcase was a testament to the talent and creativity thriving within the department.

The freshers expressed their excitement and gratitude for the warm welcome. "It feels wonderful to be part of a department that values both academic excellence and cultural heritage," shared one of the students. The event also served as a platform to foster interaction between new and senior students, promoting a sense of camaraderie and community. The senior students shared their experiences, offering valuable insights and guidance to help the freshers navigate university life.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks and the distribution of refreshments, leaving everyone in high spirits. The Freshers' Reception 2024 not only marked the beginning of an academic journey but also celebrated the enduring legacy of Bangla literature and culture.



#### HR Summit 2024 held at Uttara University

Uttara University hosted the **HR Summit 2024**, bringing together Chief Human Resource Officers from the **top 20 companies** in the country on Saturday, November 30, 2024. Senior HR professionals from various industries, including banking, insurance, garments, pharmaceuticals, and corporate offices, joined the event alongside students, faculty members, and experts from the university.



The summit began with a keynote speech by Professor Dr. Musharrof Hossain, Head of HRM at ICDDR'B. The central theme of this year's event was "Industry-Academia Collaboration and the Role of Universities in Creating Industry-Standard Graduates." Following the keynote presentation, two roundtable discussions were held, where HR specialists participated in engaging dialogues and a Q&A session. The event aimed to explore how students can

develop industry-relevant skills and identify the competencies necessary to excel in the job market.

The Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University, Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, graced the occasion as a distinguished guest. She expressed her joy over Bangladesh's transition from Industry 3.0 to Industry 4.0 in both the



industrial and educational sectors. She emphasized the importance of sustaining such initiatives at both individual and institutional levels and expressed hope for future collaborations. The summit was inaugurated by the university's Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami. The event was also attended by deans of various faculties, department chairs, esteemed faculty members, and students from multiple disciplines.

The event was organized with support from the School of Business and the Office of External Affairs at Uttara University, in collaboration with the Federation of Bangladesh Human Resource Organizations (FBHRO).



## Workshop on Growth Mindset: The Fuel for Entrepreneurial Innovation

On November 19, Uttara University hosted a workshop titled "Growth Mindset: The Fuel for Entrepreneurial Innovation," aimed at equipping students with the knowledge and tools to explore entrepreneurship. Organized by the Innovation and Incubation Program in collaboration with Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) Bangladesh, the workshop was led by Md. Abir Ul Islam, Chief Facilitator of GEN Bangladesh. He emphasized how adopting a growth mindset can unlock entrepreneurial potential and foster innovation in both personal and professional domains. Participants were encouraged to embrace challenges and view failures as stepping stones to success.

The event featured distinguished guests, including Mr. Kazi Tareq Ullah, Acting Dean of the School of Business; Dr. A S M Shahabuddin, Director of IQAC; Dr. Soeb Md. Shoayeb Noman, Director of the BBA Program; and Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam, Director of the MBA Program.

A key focus was equipping students with essential entrepreneurial skills. Attendees learned techniques for identifying market needs, building business models, and pitching ideas effectively. The workshop emphasized the importance of adaptability, creativity, and leveraging technology to streamline operations and amplify impact in modern entrepreneurship.

Interactive sessions engaged participants in teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Students mapped personalized learning pathways to refine t heir entrepreneurial ambitions. A highlight of the event was a hands-on project session where students developed and presented idea profiles for potential ventures, gaining valuable feedback from mentors and peers.

The event featured distinguished guests, including Mr. Kazi Tareq Ullah, Acting Dean of the School of Business; Dr. A S M Shahabuddin, Director of IQAC; Dr. Soeb Md Shoayeb Noman, Director of the BBA Program; and Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam, Director of the MBA Program.

Uttara University hosted Fall 2024 orientation for EEE and Physics freshers

Uttara University hosted an inspiring orientation program for the Fall 2024 batch of freshers on December 6, 2024, organized jointly by the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) and the Department of Physics. The event aimed to welcome the new students and introduce them to the university's academic environment and vibrant campus life.



The program was attended by several distinguished guests, including Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Md. Tareque Aziz, Chairperson of the Department of Physics. The event was chaired by Prof. Dr. Md. Shakowat Zaman Sarker, Chairperson of the Department of EEE.

In her welcome address, **Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha** encouraged the freshers to aim for academic excellence while embracing the holistic development opportunities at the university. She emphasized the importance of engaging actively in campus life and exploring academic and extracurricular activities. She said, "Your time at Uttara University will be a transformative journey that enhances your academic knowledge and prepares you for future leadership roles."

Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro-Vice Chancellor, spoke about the university's academic programs and the collaborative spirit across its departments. He urged students to build strong relationships with faculty and engage in the university's research and development initiatives.

Dr. Md. Tareque Aziz, Chairperson of the Department of Physics, shared insights into the department's innovative programs and encouraged students to pursue research and scientific inquiry. Prof. Dr. Md. Shakowat Zaman Sarker, Chairperson of the Department of EEE, outlined the department's focus on practical learning, advanced technologies, and real-world applications in electrical and electronic engineering.

The event also featured a lively cultural program, including music, dance, and drama performances by the students, which added to the festive atmosphere. The performances showcased the creative talents of the freshers and fostered a sense of community among the new students.

The orientation concluded with an exciting sense of anticipation as the freshers officially became part of the Uttara University family, marking the beginning of their academic and personal growth journey.



## Uttara University Successfully Hosts "Pathways to a Sustainable Future"



Uttara University proudly organized an impactful program titled "Pathways to a Sustainable Future" on Wednesday, 11th December 2024. This program was organized by the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) in collaboration with the Sustainability and Leadership Club. The program aimed to foster innovation and raise awareness about critical global issues such as climate action, zero-carbon initiatives, e-waste management, and sustainable development.

The program was graced by the presence of Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, and Professor Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Pro Vice Chancellor of Uttara University, who delivered inspirational speeches highlighting the importance of sustainability and leadership. Both speakers emphasized the university's commitment to nurturing environmentally conscious students and fostering a culture of innovation and ethical responsibility.

The event featured a series of enlightening speeches by distinguished guests. Professor Dr. M. Rezwan Khan, Chairman of Power Grid PLC Bangladesh and former Vice-Chancellor of United International University, provided a thought-provoking address on zero-carbon initiatives. A S M Marjan Nur, Climate Change Policy Manager and Accredited Climate and Environment Advisor, delivered valuable insights into climate action and mitigation, underscoring the urgent need for collaborative efforts. Professor Dr. Kazi Shahdat Kabir Rimon, former Pro Vice Chancellor of City University, Bangladesh, spoke on sustainable development practices from an ethical perspective, while Professor Dr. Nowshad Amin, a renowned scientist in solar photovoltaic technology and Professor in the Department of EEE at AIUB, shared his expertise on e-waste management and its significance in achieving sustainability goals.

The event began with a vibrant Poster Presentation and Documentary Screening, where students presented their innovative solutions to pressing sustainability challenges. Khan Thamid Hasan, Lecturer in the Department of EEE and Moderator of the Sustainability and Leadership Club introduced the club, highlighting its mission to inspire leadership and sustainable practices among students. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Professor Dr Shakowat Zaman Sarker, Chairman of the Department of EEE, Uttara University. A Prize and Certificate Distribution Ceremony followed, recognizing the exceptionalcontributions and achievements of participating students.



# Uttara University's CSE Department Hosts a Memorable Freshers' Reception

Uttara University, in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the Office of External Affairs, successfully launched the Reflective Self-Assessment Program, an initiative aimed at boosting students' employability skills. The event, held on December 10, 2024, bridged the gap between academia and industry, equipping students with the tools they need for professional success.

Focused on self-reflection and skill development, the program helped students assess their current competencies, identify areas for improvement, and align their abilities with the demands of the job market. The event featured a keynote address by Dr. Saleh Ahmad, Associate Professor in the Department of English at Uttara University, who provided valuable insights into evaluating skills and meeting industry standards.

"Self-assessment is a crucial step towards professional growth. It helps students recognize their strengths and areas for improvement, ensuring they are well-prepared to face workplace challenges," said Dr. Ahmad, emphasizing the importance of self-awareness and continuous learning for long-term career success.

In addition to skill assessment, the program offered specialized courses in English proficiency and frontier technologies for students in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) department. These courses were designed to enhance language skills and provide technical knowledge critical to excelling in today's competitive job market.

The Reflective Self-Assessment Program not only equipped students with the tools to improve their technical and professional skills but also fostered confidence through hands-on problem-solving activities. Students were encouraged to reflect on their strengths and areas for growth, ensuring they were ready to meet the evolving demands of the professional world.

"We are proud to launch this initiative in collaboration with the **UNDP** and the **Office of External Affairs.** The Reflective Self-Assessment Program bridges the divide between academic education and industry requirements, helping students gain the skills needed for a successful career," said a spokesperson from Uttara University.

Uttara University expresses its sincere gratitude to educators, industry partners, and students for their active participation and dedication to advancing this initiative. Through this program, Uttara University reaffirms its commitment to shaping a future where academic excellence translates seamlessly into professional success, preparing graduates to thrive in the global workforce.



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As we wrap up this edition, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the past months meaningful and memorable. Your passion, dedication and continued support keep the spirit of Uttara University alive and thriving.

Stay inspired, stay connected until the next issue!

– Uttara University Newsletter Team

