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Message from the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed



It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Department of English at Fareast International University is publishing its first-ever newsletter shortly. Academic research and periodical publications have always been our priority agenda, which encourage our daily activities to move forward in the correct dimensions. Academic arena that we organized with a lot of noble tasks in the university setting, and if we can utilize such information in an academic and publication manner by our faculty and students, we can come up with a quality publication regularly. As we develop effective teamwork, I believe the publication work will gain further momentum.

I'm delighted to see the enthusiastic motivation and team efforts in providing quality education from our English department since its inception of academic activities. It is very encouraging to see our graduated students are serving at the national and international level with their professionalism. I hope the dynamism and esprit de corps will continue, and we can reach out to a great number of meritorious students to produce valuable human resources in Bangladesh.

I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of all the members of the university to the head of the English department and her colleagues, the editorial team, and all others associated with the publication.

Message from Head of the Department Faria Sultana Assistant Professor



I feel enormous joy to see the newsletter being published from Fareast International University, English department. The publication of the newsletter was our long-cherished desire to come up with a regular publication of a newsletter on the valued academic activities being rendered by our dedicated faculty and other associates of the department. While my full appreciation for the top management of the university and the department colleagues for their arduous efforts in providing quality education to our students. I would also like to recognize the contributions of all other departments in ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the university. Being a

decade-old and leading private university in the country, has an obligation towards research and development as well as quality regular publication, utilizing our highly experienced staff in daily academic activities.

The department started its journey back in 2013. We have two programs: BA (Hons) in English (four years) and MA in English (one year). The BA program brings together three different related areas of study including English Language, Literature, and Linguistics, and the MA program in English Literature. Our MA in English Literature equips students with higher literary knowledge, making them confident in literary analysis and criticism. Besides this, we improve their advanced writing strategies to create scope for them, which develop their linguistic written and spoken quality. We also prepare our students for their professional world through research, criticism, and review, which help them to find new sources of learning in their related field.

We plan to prepare our freshers and sophomores in the bachelor program with the ability of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing through educational equipment that directly helps them to upgrade their linguistic ability in the English language. For the student of English literature, we highlight different genres and periods of English literature to create literary intellect and interest in the history of English Literature.

I would like to particularly thank and appreciate the efforts of the editorial board of the newsletter committee, the authors and contributors for the newsletter, and everyone who worked so diligently to bring out the first newsletter.

How to Prevent Dengue Md. Moshir Rahman Registrar



Dengue is a mosquito-borne disease caused by one of any of the four related viruses: Dengue Virus 1, 2, 3, and 4 known as Serotypes. Dengue viruses are spread to people through the bite of an infected female *Aedes* species. The most common species responsible in transmission of the viruses are *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. As males do not bite, they cannot transmit diseases. Female mosquitoes, on the other hand, need protein from blood for the development of their eggs. To obtain blood, females seek out and bite hosts such as humans, and may transmit disease in the process. A person can be infected with dengue multiple times in his/her life. A pregnant woman already infected with dengue, can pass the virus to her fetus during pregnancy or around the time of birth.



Culex

Anopheles

Aedes

For well-understanding of mode of infection of dengue in human, we need to know some basic facts about various components of human blood and their functions.

Components of human blood and their functions

The 4 basic components of human blood and their functions, in short, are described below:

- 1. Red Blood Cells (RBCs):** Erythrocytes, from Gr. 'Erythros' means 'Red', and 'kytos' means 'Cell', - are cells that carry oxygen to the cells of body. Count: 3.93 to 5.69 million cells per cubic millimeter of blood. Each RBC lives for about 4 months. Hemoglobin is the main ingredients of RBC which plays a vital role in transmitting oxygen to cells of human body in the form of 'oxyhaemoglobin'; 12.6 to 17.5 grams per deciliter of blood for male; 12 to 16 grams for females.
- 2. White Blood Cells (WBCs):** Leucocytes, from Gr 'Luke' means 'White', and 'kytos' means 'Cell',- are part of the body's immune system. Count: 3,300 to 8,700 cells per cubic millimeter of blood. WBCs help fight infections and diseases, i.e. they play a defensive role in human body.
- 3. Blood Platelets (BP) or Thrombocytes:** Thrombocytes derives its name from the term Gr 'Thrombos' meaning a 'thick drop' or 'clot' and 'kytos' means 'Cell', Count:- 1.5 lac to 4.5 lac platelets present in one cubic millimeter of blood. These are cells that help with blood clotting.
- 4. Plasma:** Plasma is the liquid portion of blood that plays a key role in transporting blood cells, nutrients, proteins, waste products, and hormones throughout the body.



RBC

WBC

BP

Plasma

Functions of blood platelets:

Platelets are small blood cells produced in the bone marrow and circulate in our blood circulatory system. Their primary function is to prevent and stop bleeding, i.e., anti-coagulating function. If a blood vessel is damaged, the body sends signals to platelets which cause them to travel to the injured area of our body and heal them by stopping hemorrhage.

Why do platelets get low in Dengue?

One of the common complications of dengue fever is a decrease in the number of platelets in the blood, which is called 'thrombocytopenia'. The decrease in platelet count in dengue fever is believed to be due to the destruction of platelets by the dengue virus. The virus infects and damages the bone marrow, where platelets are produced, leading to a decrease in their production. Sometimes the immune system may also produce antibodies that attack and destroy platelets.

What happens when platelets are low?

A platelet count of less than 1.5 lac platelets per cubic millimeter (mm³) of blood is lower than normal. The low platelet count in dengue means the inability of the blood to clot

and the inability to fight infections. Bleeding (hemorrhage) can happen inside the body, underneath the skin, or on the surface of skin.

Symptoms of Dengue:

Many people experience no signs or symptoms of a dengue infection. When symptoms do occur, they may be mistaken for other illnesses- such as the flu; usually begin 4 to 10 days after he/she is bitten by an infected Aedes mosquito. Dengue fever causes a high fever-104 degreeF(40 degree C) and any of the following signs and symptoms occur:

Headache; muscle, bone or joint pain; nausea;vomiting; pain behind the eyes; swollen glands, and rash.

Most people recover within a week or so. In some cases, symptoms worsen and can become life-threatening. This is called severe dengue, "dengue hemorrhagic fever" or "dengue shock syndrome". Severe dengue happens when one's blood vessels become damaged and leaky, and the number of platelets in the bloodstream drops. This can lead to shock, internal bleeding, organ failure and even death. The warning signs of "dengue hemorrhagic fever" usually begin after the fever goes away, and may include the following symptoms:

Severe stomach pain, persistent vomiting, bleeding from gums or nose, blood in urine, stools, or vomit, bleeding under the skin, which might look like bruising, difficult or rapid breathing, fatigue, and irritability or restlessness.

How to increase the platelets once it gets low in Dengue?

The platelet count in a dengue patient can be raised by carrying out regular blood transfusions. Besides this, the platelet count can be increased by consuming foods that help boost recovery. This comprises fruits, green leafy vegetables, papaya leaf extract, and foods high in iron, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin C, vitamin K, vitamin B-12, and related supplements. Healthcare professionals generally recommend the following foods to dengue patients: mangoes, pineapple, papaya, oranges, berries, cauliflower, broccoli, tomato, red & green bell peppers, lentils, pumpkin seeds, dairy products, and eggs.

Prevention of Dengue: What We Should Know!

All four dengue viruses are spread primarily through the bite of an infected species of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* bite during the day and night respectively.

Prevent dengue by avoiding mosquito bites by using the following techniques:

1. Stay in air-conditioned or well-screened housing;
2. Wear protective clothing (wear the right clothing to protect your skin from mosquito bites)
3. Use a mosquito net during sleep both during night and daytime.
4. Use mosquito repellent;
5. Reduce mosquito habitats.

Vaccine: In areas of the world where dengue fever is common, one dengue fever vaccine (Dengvaxia) is approved for people ages 9 to 45, who have already had dengue fever at least once. The vaccine is given in three doses over the course of 12 months. Remember, in such cases doctors prescriptions must be followed.

Some other techniques are suggested to follow for avoiding mosquito bite; in short those are:

1. Certain colors repel mosquitoes- white, light brown, khaki, pastel yellow, and even soft gray are good options.

It's a finding of a research team of the University of Washington, USA.

2. Fragrances, such as perfume, cologne, and scented lotions are a known attractant of mosquitoes. Floral scents are the biggest attraction for mosquitoes. It turns out those lady mosquitoes love a flowery fragrance. So, when you're addressing the issue of body odor, be sure to avoid washing with fragranced body wash.
3. Washing with soap was shown to alter a person's odor profile, making them more or less attractive to mosquitoes. To make yourself less attractive to mosquitoes, you can use mosquito-repellant products namely- picaridin, citronella, lemon, and eucalyptus.

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Glorious Journey of Fareast International University (FIU)

Mamun Ul Matin
Deputy Registrar



Fareast International University got approval from the Ministry of Education on September 15, 2013, and in the same year October 6, received approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh. The first main campus of FIU was at House-50, Road-11, Block-C, Banani, and the laboratory building was at House No. 19, Road No.-07, Block-F, Banani Dhaka. At present, there are 20 UGC approved programs for undergraduate and postgraduate students. We have five faculties, including - Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Science, and Faculty of Law. Fareast International University is established by a few education enthusiasts. The aim of Fareast International University is to make it well known in the higher education arena following a high-quality education institution and student friendly academic environment through the tireless efforts of experienced teachers and staff.

Within 4 (four) years of its establishment, the Board of Trustees of Fareast International University purchased approximately 2 acres of land in Sector 16/I, Uttara, Dhaka (Plot No. 1, 2, Road No. 1 & 2) to build a permanent campus by utilizing its own fund. The drawing and design of the university building have already been approved by RAJUK. The university authority is determined to start academic and administrative activities in the permanent campus in Uttara within this year. This university has been conducting educational activities with a very good reputation since its inception. The 1st convocation ceremony of the university was held on January 23, 2020, at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center (BCFCC) presided over by the Honorable President and Chancellor of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The Chief Justice of Bangladesh, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, graced the event by attending as the convocation speaker. This is a very memorable event in the history of private universities. In the convocation ceremony, the Honorable President and Chancellor conferred degrees to a

total of 1620 students are graduated at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. No private university in the history of Bangladesh has been able to hold a convocation ceremony in such a short time of establishment. The Fareast International University has been able to organize its first convocation within 6 (six) years of its establishment for the good management and the tireless efforts of experienced teachers and administrative staffs. As a reputed private university, our many meritorious students were able to pursue higher education abroad with scholarships.

Along with education and research, the teachers and students of Fareast International University have been involved in extracurricular activities such as sports, debate competitions, blood donation camps, and various community activities. The FIU football team has achieved the honor of qualifying for the finals 9 times and becoming champions 5 times at the inter-university level, including the Faraz Gold Cup in 2018 and the BSL Inter-University Futsal Championship in 2024. In addition, it has also earned a reputation by participating in national debate competitions. Every year, the Blood Donation Club has been organizing free camps. FIU cultural club organizes various programs to inspire the students. University higher authorities are always caring about welfare of the students, teachers, officers, and other relevant staffs.

Be at Your Best

Binyoy Roy
Lecturer



Every single human life is unique and different with an extraordinary caliber to be one's best self. However, we often disbelieve the concept of becoming our best selves, rather fall into the filthy trap of competing with others than competing with ourselves to be our best selves. This unhealthy attitude of competition with others gradually leads us to frustration and eventually to that failure of life as we are never satisfied with what we are. To the knowledge of all of us, an unprecedented event took place in human history on 20th June, 1969 when Neil Armstrong stepped on the surface of the moon. The entire world was wonderstruck with his success, watched and listened to him with immense praise and amazement as he was seen and heard on TV screens while uttering the words, "that's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind". Armstrong was the first man on earth to step on the lunar surface seconded by his companion Buzz Aldrin. The very feeling of being second to step on the lunar surface brought a pall of frustration over Aldrin. He felt disappointed and crushed down thinking he was a failure in the game of life. Depressed and crushed Aldrin later gave up his career and sought his consolation in alcohol. Aftermath, he remained as a sick man for the rest of his life. For poor Aldrin, all that mattered in life was to be placed before others. In our personal and day to day life, we all, at time and once, think the same as Aldrin and lose our own selves. During the time of our study and career, as

students and job holders we all have the same tendency as Aldrin which we need to overcome and be at our best through self-competition rather than competing with others. This unhealthy rat race bars us from flourishing both as students and job holders as we often are not satisfied with what we are. Therefore, we need to keep in mind that competing with others is an insane approach and hence better keep improving and developing ourselves instead. Every one of us is like a rose and we should try our best to be the most charming and most fragrant rose, and then, be satisfied with our achievement. But if we start pitying ourselves thinking that there is a more attractive rose than us, we will never enjoy life and be happy with our own selves. Depression and failure are sure to grip us and grapple us down. Hence, we should believe in our capability, keep dreaming and shoot higher than what we know and can do. We should not bother to be just better than our fellow students, friends or colleagues. Instead, we should keep trying to be the better versions of ourselves than what we were yesterday. Trying to be better than oneself on a regular basis will for sure lead one to the height of success and make one happy with whatever he/she achieves.

The Art of Understanding Human Behavior

Fariha Tabassum
Lecturer



As a valuable ability, it helps to penetrate one step further than verbal communication to understand somebody's thinking. The myriads of emotions and actions coupled with unconscious signals that emerge from human behavior convey much more depth than most people typically recognize. Human behavior serves as an emotional and mental reflection that communicates more effectively than spoken words. Relationships together with communication and decision-making perform better when people learn to recognize subconscious nonverbal messages. Patrick King in his book *Read People Like a Book* declared that "Human behavior is a reflection of the mind and emotions, often more telling than any words can convey."

Body language stands as a key indicator which reveals important information during human social exchanges. King stresses that the human body serves as an honest messenger because it never develops fake displays. He said, "People may lie, but their body never does." People inevitably show their real emotions through the way they stand, the way their face looks, and the movements of their eyes. Crossed arms combined with eye averts typically expresses defensive feelings but a smile that reaches the eyes stands as a genuine sign of happiness. According to King, "A simple gesture can tell you more than an hour of conversation." As Albert Mehrabian, author of *Silent Messages*, famously stated, "The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said."

Human emotional intelligence serves as the key factor that enables persons' psychological comprehension beyond simple physical movements. Patrick King explains how to understand

people through more than their direct statements when their implied expressions are also considered. The complete meaning behind communication emerges through the tone of voice selected words and periods of unspoken moments during speech. According to Kings, "The key to understanding people is not just in what they say, but in what they don't say." True feelings are frequently communicated indirectly—through tone of voice, choice of words, or even pauses in speech. "The unspoken is often the most powerful part of any conversation". The observation of subtle signs enables someone to form better responses that generate deeper meaningful relationships. In his book *Blink* Malcolm Gladwell writes, "The key to good decision-making is not knowledge. It is understanding. We are swimming in knowledge, but we are starved for understanding." Goleman describes empathy as the combination of listening to others creating space and refraining from judgment which enables emotional connection and delivers the healing concept of shared feelings of loneliness.

Human behavior alongside thinking patterns influences the responses that appear in different situations. King demonstrates to his readers that people display predictable human behavior because their current behaviors predict what they will do next. Human minds make choices through the amalgamation of past events paired with cultural factors along with personal preference bias though they may not detect the way these elements shape the results.

Reading human behavior represents a therapeutic skill that enables true understanding between people rather than any form of manipulation. People reveal their true selves through actions rather than words according to the advice of Patrick King from *Read People Like a Book*. According to him, "Behavior is the key to unlocking someone's intentions, not just their words." He added, "To truly understand someone, observe what they do, not just what they say". Observing these silent voices yet forceful signals allows people to establish authentic connections through better communication. Stephen Covey published *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* where he stated "Seek first to understand, then to be understood."

The true nature of people reveals itself beyond deceptive words when we evaluate their actions together with their expressed emotions. King states that relationships grow stronger when observation methods increase the amount of understanding people. Behavior reveals everything about us because words frequently conceal the truth according to King. He states, "The more observation takes place, the greater the understanding—and the stronger relationships become." He reminds us, "Words can deceive, but behavior speaks the truth." As Maya Angelou famously said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

The Artist of Nature and Emotion

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Lecturer



The artist I admire is William Wordsworth. He is the first poet I ever truly appreciated. He writes with a profundity that touches me. He has written several poems on the beauty of nature. Hereafter, he is usually known as a poet of nature. He describes the beauty of nature in simple language. Simplicity was the guiding principle of his life. He became a real lover and worshiper of nature. He believed that nature never betrays a lover. He also advises us to enter the world of nature. Whenever I read his poetry, I feel something different that I had never felt before. His poetry is full of affection for nature. His poems are very inspiring and realistic and I loved that aspect of them. He reminds me to enjoy the time I have on this earth; he reminds me to find magic in the little things. William Wordsworth, born on April 7, 1770, in Cockermouth, Cumberland, is one of the central figures of English Romanticism. His work, marked by a profound love of nature and a deep reflection on human emotions, has earned him a lasting place in the literary canon. As someone who appreciates the beauty of the natural world and values the exploration of human emotions, I find Wordsworth's poetry particularly resonant. His poems invite us to reconnect with nature, appreciate the beauty in everyday moments, and understand the depths of our feelings. In an age where the pace of life is increasingly rapid and disconnected from the natural world, Wordsworth's poetry offers a soothing balm, reminding us of the enduring truths and simple pleasures that can be found in our surroundings and within ourselves. Wordsworth's life, his poetic philosophy, and the major themes of his work, demonstrating why his poetry remains essential for anyone seeking a deeper connection to nature and a greater understanding of the human experience. Wordsworth's poetic philosophy is rooted in the belief that poetry should be a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" and that it should originate from "emotion recollected in tranquillity." He believed that poetry should reflect ordinary life and the natural world, expressed in language that was accessible to all. He believed that by focusing on common subjects and using everyday language, poetry could capture the essence of human experience. Wordsworth's poetry is characterized by several recurring themes, the most prominent of which are nature, childhood, and the interplay between memory and imagination. Wordsworth's reverence for nature is evident in many of his poems. He viewed nature as a source of solace, inspiration, and moral guidance. In "Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey," he describes the restorative power of the natural landscape, reflecting on how nature has been a constant source of joy and comfort throughout his life. Wordsworth believed that nature had the power to teach and

elevate the human spirit, a belief that is also evident in his poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," where the sight of a field of daffodils lifts his spirits and fills him with joy. Wordsworth often explored the relationship between memory and imagination in his work. He believed that the memories of past experiences, particularly those connected to nature, could provide a source of inspiration and emotional sustenance. Wordsworth's influence on English literature cannot be overstated. His emphasis on the importance of personal emotion and his celebration of the natural world helped to redefine the purpose and scope of poetry. He paved the way for future poets to explore new subjects and forms, expanding the possibilities of poetic expression. William Wordsworth's contribution to literature has always struck me as both profound and enduring. His innovative approach to poetry, with its focus on nature, emotion, and the human experience, has left an indelible mark on the literary landscape. In conclusion, Wordsworth's poetry invites me to see the world with fresh eyes, to find beauty in the ordinary, and to appreciate the deep connection between humanity and the natural world. His work not only reflects his own inner life and philosophical beliefs but also speaks to universal themes that continue to inspire and move me. Reading his poetry has been an enlightening journey, and I believe it holds the same potential for anyone who delves into his words.

Pranab Banik: A Journey of Excellence



Pranab Banik received the Board of Trustees Gold Medal in 2017 from Fareast International University for his exceptional educational achievement. His ID 01615000545 represents the combination of his exceptional dedication with intellectual excellence that others should aspire to match.

Since his employment at City Bank PLC, he has risen to become the Branch Manager while maintaining his role as Senior Executive Officer. Through his journey from studious student to professional excellence, he proves how determination, joined with hard work, generates exceptional achievement.

Reminiscing My Journey Through FIU

Tania Jeny

In 2016, when I finished my HSC exam, I thought of going for higher studies in one of the private universities in Dhaka. My family was completely against it since they thought attending a private university would be too expensive. Regardless of their opposition, I was set on getting a degree in Dhaka. I looked at a few universities, and as much as I wanted to study there, the fees were very high. My brother and I were at home one day watching television when an advertisement announcing admission of students into Fareast International University came up. All we had to do was call the provided mobile number,

and the rest would be done for us. I encountered some difficulty storing the number on my device, but after three attempts, it was saved. I placed a call to the university, and Mamun Sir took the call. He asked me to meet him at the university to 'discuss the matter', a statement that encouraged me to take my older brother with me. I was so shocked by the amount and tuition fees that my brother decided to get me registered.

Let me guess—now you are thinking “Was my brother actually rich”? Or “Was an English Honors degree ridiculously inexpensive”? For me, the answer was shocking. I didn't believe studying at such a reputed university in Dhaka could be so cheap.

When I started my journey in Fareast International University, I can confidently say that it was the best time of my life. I made close friends from other departments and even enjoyed a good rapport with the Head of the Department. The Faculty and Staff were very genuine and helpful.

Once I returned to attending classes for a Master's Degree at a different university, I found something rather curious. The textbooks for that particular course were the same ones I had already taken in my Honors at Fareast. You're probably thinking, how was that possible? Am I some sort of a hoarder? Not even close! The irony was that these schools had designed their Honors programs around them, which gave me a good head start. Since I had preserved my books well, I was the only Master's student who possessed them.

In the first session, I was very involved with the class, and to my shock, teachers always seemed to be blown away by the information I had. And I was equally bluffed to tell them how well Fareast had set me up. This particular background made it possible for me to do quite well and surpass the majority of my peers. The sense of accomplishment I gained from studying at Fareast was something else.

The university life had one of its most notable components in the annual picnic event. Chairman Sir, together with the trustees, strengthened the event by their attendance, which made the celebration more special. I still cherish those moments. The chairman first touched me directly at a picnic because his talk openly demonstrated his deep Bengali cultural association during the speech. Fareast University served as a vital force that guided me toward establishing my photography career. I accepted every photography role at the university during my early days as a student then grew into a familiar figure on the campus. The students produced a school magazine named MUSE through annual collaborations for events such as International Mother Language Day (21 February), Independence Day (26 March), Pahela Baishakh, and Victory Day (16 December). The celebrations united us as students through photo sessions and writing activities in addition to the traditional saree dress. Since my Fareast International University days, I have kept every experience stored in my mind through mental images. During those years, education played only a supporting role as my development into my current self, along with new friendships, created a collection of lasting memories.

English Reverie Roesky Zafir Bakshe

Does a mirror not merely reflect? Some say literature is a mirror. Perhaps, instead, a door that swings open with hymns of a page, revealing not just the world as it is, might have been, better or worse, as it was always meant to be. Initially, before ink kissed the parchment, there were only whispers of words. The words became so vast, weaving themselves through the

fabric of time, threading through the minds of philosophers, poets, kings, vagabonds, rebels, and dreamers. The sealtian where Socrates drank the hemlock, through shadows when Hamlet saw ghosts of his father, blurred wind torn skies where Milton's Lucifer fell, not carrying a cry, but with a purpose.

The moon of English seems to wax and wane, sometimes golden with Shakespeare's summer riveries, sometimes through Shadow lines and exiles and empires. Did Prospero really set Caliban free? The answer, like the wind felt by Midnight's Children, shifts with every turning page. Libraries are filled with hopes and ghosts, here Flecknoe laughs while Dryden sighs. The origin of language with riddles of definition winks as if the poets are always right. A reader wanders through, a writer weilds the wind, both shape words into whispers, into echoes, into a voice that outlasts for forever. Perhaps English is no mere study of words, the transformation of ink into eternity, an alchemy of thoughts. The written words are the only true magic we have ever known, still, we often forget that we are the keepers, inheritors, and conjurers. An eternal world of imagination, here dead poets and unborn authors share tables, slipping metaphors and awes and the list goes on and on and on

In Protest against Sexual Harassment Wakibur Rahman Sujon

Even though there are strict laws, yet sexual harassment is a growing problem in our country now. The increase on the number of such cases is alarming and is a threat to the society. According to Bangladesh Ain o Salish Kendra, in the first two months of 2025, 294 women were sexually harassed of whom 44 girls were below 18. If we look back, according to Human Rights Support Society(HRSS) between 2020-2024, at least 11758 women were sexually harassed, 6305 of them being raped and 3,471 of these rape victims are under 18 (8 march 2025, the Daily Star). It is all the more shocking that a lot of victims don't even report to Police Station due to the fear of social shame.

In Bangladesh, the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act 2000 includes the death penalty as the highest punishment but cases take a very long time. Therefore the victims feel pressure from society and don't make a report out of fear. Moreover, the complexity of fighting the case and its lengthy process are also among the reasons for which the victims and their families do not report.

As a solution to this problem, a separate fast judicial court could be set up, where the deadline for investigation reports could be set for maximum 15 days and the deadline for execution of the verdict could be set within 60 days. The name and photos of convicted could be displayed on a huge digital billboard in front of the Supreme Court. Like in many Muslim countries, if the criminal is hanged in front of the Supreme Court, people will be scared of committing crimes. Besides legal actions, society must raise awareness and support the victims. Students, teachers, imams, priests, local politicians, chairmen, and members should also work together to make people aware. Everyone must unite in educational institutions, workplaces, and government offices to fight against this heinous crime. Above all, the government should also be careful while amending laws to ensure justice and prevent misuse of sensitive laws.

Honoring the Legacy of Md. Rasel Hossain: A True Warrior on and off the Field

All members of Fareast International University mourn the early demise of Md. Rasel Hossain who was loved as both a student, a military soldier and an outstanding athlete. During his time as a student in the 27th batch, Rasel Hossain experienced sudden death because of cardiac arrest last year. His death brings sorrow to his loved ones while devastating the community at Fareast International University and the Bangladesh Army since he served these organizations with dedication.



The people of Sreepur, Gazipur, thought of Rasel as a person who embodied discipline together with perseverance and dedication in equal measures. His deep sense of leadership, combined with the responsibility that first appeared at a young age, drove him to join the military forces of his country. Rasel managed to successfully multitask between military responsibilities and educational requirements while remaining with remarkable dedication to both commitments. His university presence defined him through his humble behavior, combined with sincere respect toward others and constant willingness to make positive contributions.

Rasel showed his deepest commitment to football among all his academic and military duties. He used his incredible skill with unwavering determination and wholehearted passion to lead the Fareast International University football team as an essential part of the roster. The field displayed his undeniable talent through his exceptional speed, together with strategic abilities and athletic conduct, which earned him a respected place on the team squad. Throughout practices and competitive games, he used his high energy to motivate both his teammates and himself to reach maximum potential. To him, football was greater than a casual sport since it perfectly showed who he was as a person. His sportsmanship displayed precisely the same determination and courage that distinguished him throughout his existence. The team members remember him as an encouragement who led them with determination while living up to every challenge that came his way.

The sudden loss of Rasel was heartbreaking for all who knew him. His passing serves as a reminder of how precious and unpredictable life can be. Yet, his memory continues to inspire us. His strength, together with his perseverance and commitment, continues to shine in the hearts of all his teachers, friends, and teammates. People remember Rasel as more than just a student but an athlete and soldier, because throughout his life, he showed true fighting spirit. The nation and our university will always honor his contributions as well as his patriotism.

Rest in peace, Rasel. You will always be remembered, both on the field and beyond.

An Iftar and Doa Mahfil alongside a Felicitation Ceremony held at FIU-2024

An Iftar and Doa Mahfil, a religious gathering held during the holy month of Ramadan, was organized by the Department of English at Fareast International University (FIU) premises with the primary goal of fostering unity, spirituality, and a sense of fraternity among the teachers and students of the English Department and the departments beyond. Alongside the spiritual aspects of the gathering, a felicitation ceremony was conducted in honor of Md. Moin Ahmed, a renowned footballer whose remarkable performance in BSL Inter University Fustal- 2024 brought a great honour to the University.



The event took place on 4 April 2024, at FIU premises, and was attended by the honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed, Dean Prof. Dr. Mahmodul Hasan, Ms. Faria Sultana (Head of English Department), Finance Director Mr. Sheikh Mosadeq Kabir, Heads and teachers of the other departments along with admin officers and staff. The gathering began with a prayer followed by the felicitation of Md. Moin Ahmed highlighting his extra-ordinary achievement by the Master of Ceremony. Subsequently, the Honorable Vice Chancellor and Ms. Faria Sultana, Head of the English Department delivered their valuable words concerning the significance of the Ramadan and their words of appreciation to Md. Moin Ahmed. The felicitation ceremony was followed by the observation of fast-breaking (Iftar) at sunset. The atmosphere was filled with spiritual reverence as individuals engaged in collective prayers, invoking blessings for peace and prosperity for the country and the entire world.

Fareast International University's Department of English Hosts Iftar Mehfil-2025

The Department of English at Fareast International University held an emotional Iftar Mehfil on March 19th, 2025. During the holy month of Ramadan, the event united students with faculty members and distinguished guests. The occasion began by welcoming all participants to start the event before the Head of the department Ms. Faria Sultana gave an inspiring speech followed by the Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Social Science Prof. Dr. Mahmodul Hasan who delivered another speech—during their address faculty members emphasized the three focal aspects of the month of Ramadan which include self-examination while maintaining self-control and demonstrating generosity. These leaders requested the development of stronger ties between university members



and the maintenance of core values such as compassion and gratitude.

The Maghrib prayer announcement marked the start of breaking the fast-enabling people to drink water and eat dates before they moved to enjoy the planned Iftar dinner. The restaurant served as a soothing atmosphere for the gathering, which allowed participants to have meaningful conversations as they shared their breaks. Students and faculty used the occasion to fulfill their duties of breaking the fast, yet simultaneously maintained bonds while spreading positive feelings between each other.

The gathering concluded with a special prayer and Dua section that focused on asking for peace and prosperity, and the good well-being of all present. During those sacred moments, the atmosphere drowned the participants in spiritual satisfaction that highlighted the divine gifts of Ramadan and appreciation for everything we have. The event concluded with a positive tone because those present formed memorable feelings from an evening that brought them together through warmth and reflection. The Department of English hosted the Iftar Mehfil, which showcased Fareast International University's commitment to building academic harmony within its community.

Celebration of Falgun with Colors and Joy at FIU

The English Department of Fareast International University hosted an event to celebrate Pohela Falgun. This wonderful event brought together the FIU faculty Members, students and distinguished guests for a day filled with festivities. The event was blessed with the presence of the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed along with the



Treasurer, Exam Controller, and Deputy Registrar, making the occasion more special as they unveiled the English Department's Wall Magazine, which displayed the creative works of students. The students set up stalls like food, clothing, and jewelry to add more colour to the event. Faculty members and students from different departments participated in the event by visiting the stalls and supporting through their purchases. The event was concluded with a wonderful cultural program organized by the students. Their stunning performances reflected our rich bangali traditions and joy of Falgun. With the spirit of Falgun in the air, the event not only tells the story of our culture and tradition but also brings together the students and faculty members to strengthen their bond.

Presentation and its Effectiveness

Knowing how to present self is one of the best presentation skills that is crucial for academic and professional success. In today's competitive job market the employers from renowned organizations are demanding graduates with excellent communication skills this is why presenting self through presentation in the classroom becomes an important element in delivering positive learning and the critical objectives of presentations improves communication skills and to train an individual to talk to a group of people. To prepare our students for their future we tend to give importance to make them smart enough to present themselves in a proper way that will focus on their use of language, presenting self with a polite gesture and connecting with others. For this we schedule time

each semester for their behavior improvement, communication skills and presentations skills that cover a variety of subjects and topics in a particular course. Presetting self through the skill of communication, etiquette and linguistic use are some vital skills for students that improve their capability to communicate with others properly. Presentation skills cover not only the ability to speak in public but also enhance the capability to organize thoughts, engage the audience, and convey information properly. Not only for academic growth but also presentation skills help in professional growth. By improving presentation skills students could contribute to their personal growth where it also helps to build confidence, enhances critical thinking and improves the way of expressing their ideas to other individuals and this is how a student with effective presentation skills are considered a better performer not only in the classroom but also at the job market as well.



A Theatrical Journey with The Merchant of Venice

On September 10, 2024, the Department of English at Fareast International University hosted a stage performance which was on the famous play *The Merchant of Venice* written by the renowned author William Shakespeare and this stage performance was held as a part of the "Introduction to Drama" course. The event was attended by our honorable Head of the Department, Faria Sultana madam and other faculty members as well. In the performance, the students from English department have demonstrated their dramatic capabilities under the direction of the course instructor Moumita Akhter Mukta. The students have brought Shakespeare's classic play to life with true passion and creativity by their stage performance. Not only they have proven their acting abilities through the performance but also showed their deep understanding of the play's complex themes. This initiative aims to improve students' gratitude for classical literature by providing hands on experiences. The students have learned important lessons on dialogue delivery, stage presence, and emotional expression by putting themselves in the shoes of Shakespearean characters from this event. The performance also highlighted teamwork, self confidence, and appreciation for the dramatic arts. The event concluded with an interactive discussion in which students discussed their personal experiences and perspectives on Shakespeare's themes. This successful event has shown Fareast International University's commitment to dynamic and experiential learning. The response from students and faculty tells that theatrical performance is also an important part of the curriculum.



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15	Pronab Banik	15205011	2017
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27	Taniya Sultana Jeni	17105011	2020
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29	Simun Jarin Mumu	18105005	2021
30	Sharmin Jahan Shimu	18105010	2019
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33	Amita Rani	18105015	2021
34	Arif Billa Md. Fuad Anwar	18105016	2022
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36	Md. Hasibul Hasan	18105019	2021
37	Md. Imtiaz Shahriar	18205002	2022
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39	Mirza Sakib Ahmad	18305003	2023
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41	Anayet Ullah Shifat	19105002	2023
42	Ranjit Chandra Das	19105005	2020
43	Nowshad Jahan Kanchon	19105008	2021

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45	Md Jahidul Islam	19205001	2023
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47	Md. Nazmul Hasan	19205005	2021
48	Yasir Akhter	19205007	2021
49	Md. Abul Hosen	19205008	2022
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13	S.M. Moynul Islam	16313004	2017
14	Mohammad Monzurul Hoque	16313006	2018
15	Md. Kamal Hosain	17113001	2017
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17	Mst. Minara Begum	17213003	2018
18	Ponkaj Chandra Das	17213004	2019
19	Sema Akter	17313002	2018
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21	Zannatul Ferdous	18213003	2019
22	Mohasin Khan	18213007	2019
23	Bulbul Ritchil	20113001	2021
24	Israt Jahan Koli	21313001	2022
25	Yasir Akhter	21313002	2022
26	Mahedi Abdullah	0722210002163005	2023
27	Md. Hasibul Hasan	0722310002163003	2024
28	Md. Mufazzal Hosain	0722230002163002	2024



Annual Picnic



Education Fair At BOU



Honourable VC Sir, Visiting the Stalls



Celebrating Traditional Foods



Football Tournament



Iftar Mahfil 2025



Felicitating Our Football Player



Joyful Moment of Students



M.A. Thesis Submission



Celebration of Pohela Falgun



On the Occasion of Pohela Boishakh



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