



BRAC University Bulletin

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10 Years Celebration



BRAC University (BRACU) celebrated its journey of 10 glorious years at its Mohakhali campus on Saturday July 23, 2011. It was a complete festival with various activities organised by the students. **Professor Ainun Nishat**, Vice Chancellor of BRACU was present as the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony. The daylong festival went on with fun activities like movie show, stage drama, games etc. A rally was conducted in Mohakhali; its 'biggest' attraction was an elephant as a participant. The students held various programmed to celebrate the day. They staged a drama and organized stand-up comedy, magic show, snake charming and darts. A nice part of the day was a session with the university alumni. They also took out a colorful procession on the campus. Popular band WARFAZE rocked the floor with their popular music. The joyful festival ended with the blast of fireworks.
Adventure Club



ARC Updates

Study tour

Department of Architecture arranged a study tour under the course Arc 327: History of Art and Architecture of Bengal for the students of 3rd year 1st and 2nd semesters, named 'Explore Ancient North'. The two days long study visit was aimed at intense observation and identification in the Northern part of Bangladesh. 26 students participated in this event. The tour executed with assignment, documentation, lectures and preliminary identification process of historical building. The Varind Track, that is Pundrabardhan-Bogura, Paharpur-Nawgaon, Rajshahi, Choto Sona Mosque, Darasbari, Shah Niamatullah mosque complex at Shibgonj and Puthia Temple complex were the focal points of the study tour. Students will prepare group presentation on the information collected.



Presentation on workshop by Faculty

On July 25, Shakil Ahmad, teaching assistant of the Department of Architecture has conducted a demonstration on two softwares 'VELUX' and 'EcoTech' for day

light analysis of a design to the faculty members of the department. These two softwares are computer based lighting simulations which can aid a designer to analyze the opportunity of daylight of a real time environment and can help to design an eco friendly green building. It should be mentioned Shakil Ahmad took part in a workshop at BUET on computer based lighting simulation techniques on June 17-18, 2011. This demonstration is basically the sharing session of his learning from the workshop.

BBS Update

BRAC Business School received Asia's Best Business School Leadership Award



BRAC Business School is honored to have received Asia's Best Business School Leadership Award presented by CMO Asia with CMO Council as its Strategic Partner and Stars of the Industry Group as a research partner. **Professor Dr Md Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro Vice Chancellor of BRAC University received the award on behalf of the BRAC Business School. The program was held on 22 July, 2011 at Suntec, Singapore. The event was attended by senior leaders, top educational institutes from countries like, Bangladesh, Singapore, Thailand, Sri-Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Oman, Qatar, UAE, South Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Japan, China, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, United Kingdom, USA and HR Heads of various organizations. The recipient of the afore-mentioned award has been selected based on the primary data, student perception, students who passed out and holding positions in different organizations are also considered as source

of information. Social media are used as well to identify professionals and academicians.

BBS Rain & Rhythm



As part of the celebration for the completion of the ten years of BRAC Business School (BBS), the School organized a musical event for its current and former students. The program was highly participative and was organized entirely by the BBS students. **Professor Mamun Rashid**, Director, CED, delivered the main speech at the beginning of the program. The speech was followed by a video show

which portrayed the journey of BBS over the last ten years. The main program featured around a dozen songs from various genres performed by the students and alumnus of BBS. The organization of the program was done by the senior students of BBS and involved active participation from **Ms. Anahita Ahmed, Lecturer, BBS; Ms. Sayla Sowat Siddiqui, Lecturer, BBS; and Mr. Javed Rasel (DCO, EMBA Program)**. The overall supervision of the event was done by Mr. Shawkat Kamal, Assistant professor, BBS.

EMBA Residential Weekend



The residential weekend for the EMBA students was organized by the EMBA Program on the 14th and the 15th of July 2011. Around 40 students from the EMBA Program participated in the event. The program started with a socialization session on the evening of the 14th conducted by **Ms. Samina Anjum**, Lecturer, TLC. On the 15th, three lectures were organized where the students participated

in various discussion sessions conducted by distinguished speakers. In the morning session, two lectures were provided. The first one was by **Professor Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro-VC, BRAC University where he discussed on BRAC and its various activities. Then **Professor Mamun Rashid** conducted a session on the current status and future prospect of Bangladesh Capital Market. In the afternoon, **Mr. Asif Iqbal**, Executive Director, Meghna Group of Industries, delivered a highly interactive session on Brand Marketing. **Mr. Javed Rasel**, DCO, EMBA, organized the event under the supervision of **Mr. Shawkat Kamal**, Coordinator, EMBA Program.

BRAC Business School Introduces "Master Class"



An industry academia synergy can bring a lot for the future leaders of any country like Bangladesh. This is truer when an iconic figure joins the process and shares his/her knowledge with students. This was emphasized strongly by all speakers while BRAC Business School recently launched a unique program named "Master Class" at GDLN Centre. The launching program was attended by the respected Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar and **Professor Mamun Rashid** of BRAC University. From Dhaka Bank Limited the distinguished individuals were the Managing Director, Deputy Managing Directors and Senior HR executives. **Ms. Afsana Akhtar**, Assistant Professor and In-charge of Master Class spoke on the course curriculum which will take place each month including 7 sessions in total. The entire session is supported by Dhaka Bank Limited. For the master class sessions, renowned academicians and industry experts, both from home and abroad will be invited to speak on marketing, understanding macro indicator, understanding balance sheet, human resources, global and local management challenges, entrepreneurship, and business ethics.

Master Class at BRAC Business School



The first session of Master class of BRAC Business School, supported by Dhaka Bank Limited, was held on July 27, 2011 at UB 0223. The topic for this session was Human Resource Management. The session was divided into two parts. In the first part of the session, renowned global consultant, **Dr. Syed Saad** made his presentation on "Trends in Human Resource Management Practices in the

US" and "Strategic HR Management." The second part of the session was conducted by **Mr. Arif Shahriar**, COO-Corporate and Group Head of HR of Rahimafrooz Group. He gave his lecture on "Evolving HR and future" and "HR at Rahimafrooz." MBA, EMBA and BBA students of BRAC Business School having completed the Human Resource Management course and the HR people from Dhaka Bank Limited attended the session with great enthusiasm. Pro-VC **Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, **Professor Mamun Rashid**, **Md. Jabir Al Mursalin**, Lecturer, BBS were also present on the occasion to encourage the students. At the end of the session, **Afsana Akhtar**, In-Charge Master class and **Mr. Saif Hossain**, Joint Coordinator of Master class thanked all for joining the session.

EMBA Program Guest Lecture

The EMBA Program arranged a guest lecture for the students of the Managerial Finance course on 22 July 2011. The guest speaker was **Al Imran Hossain Khan**, Vice President, Corporate Amanah banking, HSBC. The discussion included various aspects of Islamic banking concepts and myths. As the speaker also worked as investment banker in the Middle East, private equity markets and other forms of investment banking practices were also discussed during the session.

BBA Program Guest Lecture

Ms. Syeda Shaharbanu Shahbazi, Senior Lecturer of Business School has organized two sessions with Guest Lecturer from the corporate worlds for her classes of Organizational Behavior and Introduction to Business. The Head of Operations Assurance of LM & Ericsson Bangladesh Ltd, **Mr. Ali Hasan Abedi** gave a talk on Employee Management System on grooming up leaders and nurturing right organizational behaviors across the whole organization. In Ericsson this system is popularly known as "It Begins with Us"; as it strongly believes in empowering its employees. While, for the class of BUS 101 **Mr. Tashfeen Ahmed**, Director IFAD Groups made an astonishing presentation on "Challenges and Opportunities of entrepreneurs in Bangladesh". He drew the examples of Samson H Chowdhury of Square; **Mr. Mostafa Kamal** of Meghna Groups, **Mr. Fozlur Rahman** of City Groups and some more other prominent local entrepreneurs of Bangladesh along with **Marc Zuckerberg and Sir**

Richard Branson in order to introduce the students to the real world of business in Bangladesh and beyond.

Mr. Ehsan Aziz, Marketing Manager of Incepta Pharmaceuticals, gave a talk on "Exploring Export Market for Pharmaceuticals" as a guest lecturer of one class of International Marketing course. **Mr. Aziz** is looking after international marketing from 2005 till to date. In the session, he covered various aspects of pharmaceutical business in the country, informed students about how our pharmaceutical companies started exporting to foreign countries and discussed the concept of branded generics. He also shared his experience of visiting different countries for exploring markets of his company's product.

Ms. KuIsum Popy arranged a session with a guest lecturer for Organizational Behavior class on 30th July. The distinguished speaker for the session was **Mr. Ashraf Bin Taj**, Business Director of ACI Consumer Brand. In this session, his main focus was on "The role of leaders in organization to ensure productivity, motivate employees and keep superior profitability." It was an interesting and enlightening session for the students.

Mr. Nawsher Iqbal Siddiqui, one of the admired Territory Sales Manager of Reckitt Benckiser--Bangladesh, came to BRAC Business School for sharing his own exposures and experiences related to the field of Supply Chain in the course of Principles of Marketing. He shared his practical view related with importance of supply chain, its present condition, problems and their possible solutions in Bangladesh. He presented different practical examples of how different organizations, both multinational and local, were trapped in supply chain catastrophe and how other organizations took that as opportunities and grabbed the market. Students asked different questions about implication of different theoretical aspects with the practical world. All of their queries were mitigated in the light of sensible marketing practice in Bangladesh. In response to questions regarding sales job prospect, **Mr. Nawsher** identified different dimensions to become a perfect candidate for their dream job.

Md. Tanvi Newaz, faculty of BBS arranged a guest lecture session for MGT - 301 and MGT - 425 course students. **Mr. Mehboobur Rehman**, former Head of Human Resource Division of Standard Chartered Bank and former President of Bangladesh Society for Human Resource Management was invited to BRAC Business School to provide a lecture on Human Resource Management on 14th July, 2011. **Mr. Rehman** discussed several HR issues especially role of line managers and current HR practices in Bangladesh. A number of BBS faculties and students were present in the session.

BDI Updates

PATHWAYS OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME, BDI

"Revisioning Women's Empowerment: New Horizons" Conference

The "Revisioning Women's Empowerment: New Horizons" organized by BRAC Development Institute (BDI) from July 26-28, 2011 showcased the work of the Pathways of Women's Empowerment Research Programme South Asia Hub over the past five years. The three-day closing conference aimed to generate debate and discussion around the findings of the Pathways researches and their

implications for the different actors working on women's empowerment.

The conference highlighted the positive changes and new opportunities in women's lives in personal, familial, cultural, social, economic and political spheres along with the challenges to women's empowerment. Various research findings of the Pathways of Women's Empowerment research programme of BDI were presented at this conference.

Professor Naila Kabeer of School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UK, delivered the keynote speech at the opening day. On the basis of her thirty years of research experience with women in Bangladesh, she spoke of the positive and at times unexpected changes that have come about in women's lives from a historical perspective. She believes that despite the increased participation of women in socio-economic and political spheres contemporaneous to development trends in Bangladesh, the status of women at the family, society and state levels has not changed as much as it should have.



Professor S M Hashemi, Director, BDI presented the various activities carried out in the institute. He said that BDI is extremely conscious of conducting new research to initiate new ways of thinking and analyzing issues of poverty, inequality and social justice. He believes that the research that Pathways has been conducting for the past five years are important in reshaping policy and rethinking existing laws.

In the afternoon of the same day there was a panel on women's economic empowerment chaired by the Director ILO, Mr Andre Boqui where a paper on "*Does Paid Work Provide a Pathway to Women's Empowerment: Empirical Findings from Bangladesh*": was presented by **Professor Naila Kabeer and Sakiba Tasneem** and another on "Community Health Workers in Bangladesh: Continuity and Change" was presented by **Maheen Sultan**. These papers used a combination of survey data and qualitative interviews to explore the impact of paid work on various indicators of women's empowerment ranging from shifts in intra-household decision-making processes to women's participation in public life. They found that forms of work that offer regular and relatively independent incomes hold out the greater transformative potential.

In the second day **Dr. Sohela Nazneen and Maheen Sultan** presented a paper

on feminist organizing in Bangladesh. This presentation explores the strategies and choices made by feminists for organizing voice and mobilizing support in post authoritarian Bangladesh. **Professor Amena Mohsin** also presented a paper on Women's Citizenship, Security and Peace- the Case of Chittagong Hill Tracts. The paper examines the ideas of citizenship, security and peace in the context of the role and perception of women in the post conflict situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh. Simeen Mahmud in her paper titled Gender and Citizenship argues that the social disadvantage of gender can be overcome to a great degree, through the initiatives of organized civil society.

In the last day of the conference **Professor Firdous Azim** and **Dr. Samia Huq** presented a paper titled Women Negotiating Islam in Bangladesh. The paper share insights into how women conceptualize religion, the norms and concepts through which they understand what it means to be religious and the manner in which these concepts and ideals are brought to bear on the construction of the feminine self.

On a panel on Meida, Professor Firdous Azim and Samia A. Rahim presented a paper Engaging Women: Reinterpreting Television Watching. This research looks at how Bangladeshi women engage with television and the meanings and choices they derive from it. In her Hill Media paper **Sahida Khondaker** explores the relationship between minority women of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and mainstream media as well as local media. This paper also analyses how hill women are portrayed in the hill media.

Professor Perween Hasan presented a paper titled Women Writing the Nation. This is an attempt to understand the historical antecedents of the contentious relationship between state, religion, and modernity that were integral to the formation of the 'the new Bengali Muslim woman'.

Through plenaries, conversations, film screenings, panels, digital stories and more, the conference successfully brought together academics, activists, practitioners, media professionals, policy makers and development partners to engage with researches on women's work, constituency building, representation in the media and participation in nation building. Pathways Programme commenced in 2006 with a five year funding provided primarily by UKaid's Department for International Development.

Synthesis Report

The Pathways of Women's Empowerment Research Programme at BDI has published its final Synthesis Report in July 2011. The report gives an overview of the research and communications work of the Pathways South Asia Hub over the past five years. The colourful and informative report features project descriptions, Programme highlights as well as quotes and a list of bibliographic resources. A copy of the report can be requested for from the BDI office.

BDI Working Papers out

A number of BDI Working Papers have been published over the past weeks. These papers highlight the research done by the Pathways Programme at BDI. BDI Working Paper II- Religion and Muslim Women by Samia Huq and Sahida

Khondaker was published in June 2011

BDI Working Paper III- The National Discourses on Women's Empowerment in Bangladesh: Continuities and Change by Sohela Nazneen, Naomi Hossain and Maheen Sultan was published in July 2011

BDI Working Paper IV- Pahari Media o Nari: Bastobata abong Attonirman by Sahida Khondaker and Aanmona Priyadarshini published in July 2011

Special Issue of IACS Journal "Islam, Culture and Women in Asia"

A special issue of the Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Journal titled "Complex Terrains: Islam, Culture and Women in Asia" has been published. This issue brings together articles presented at a panel organized by the Pathways South Asia Hub at BDI at the IACS 2009 Conference in Tokyo as well as contributions from other scholars. Firdous Azim, Lead Researcher at the Pathways Programme has edited the issue. **Samia Huq**, Assistant Professor at BDI, also has an article in the issue titled "Piety, music and gender transformation: reconfiguring women as culture bearing markers of modernity and nationalism in Bangladesh". The editorial introduction "Islam, culture and women, written by **Firdous Azim**, can be read at: www.informaworld.com

Building Capacities and Creating Communities: towards a Multi-Sector Initiative in Urban slums of Bangladesh

The multi-year, multi-site action research program that BRAC Development Institute (BDI) is conducting has begun on 2010 and will continue until 2013. This research program will include a range of interventions to address the multidimensional nature of the problems that slum dwellers face. Five treatment slums in five district towns have identified to carry out these interventions. In order to intervene to the hurdles slum dwellers face, BDI has partnered with UPPR project of UNDP and WaterAid. The duration of intervention period of BDI is 2011 to 2012. As per the project design, intervention has already begun in all the five treatment slums. In order to document all the intervention activities, BDI is currently conducting a Process Documentation Research (PDR). The time duration of this PDR is two years. In the field, the PDR researchers of BDI document all the events/activities of intervention process, according to the methodology mentioned in our PDR design. A periodical report of PDR is prepared in every three months during the project time. The first PDR interim report has been completed and is going to be sent in due time to Rockefeller Foundation.

The following picture represents one of the interventions, related to infrastructure improvement, in one of the treatment slums.



An interventions in one of the treatment slums: building sanitary latrines

Updates on Academic Programs



BDI organized field visits for both MDMP and MDS students. MDMP students visited Kapasia, Gazipur to see one of the projects of Nature Conservation Management (NACOM), a partner organization of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The aim of this visit was to show the students how local community can be mobilized to preserve natural resources. MDS students visited Bangladesh Academy

for Rural Development (BARD) as part of their Rural Development course. The aim of this visit was to have an overall idea about rural development in Bangladesh.

CfL Updates

"Meet the Employers" held at Savar Residential Campus

Centre for languages arranged a successful seminar for the students of Residential Semester, Summer- 2011 on necessary career guidelines titled "Meet the Employers" on 02 July, 2011 at Savar residential campus. It was a great program indeed as the employer representatives from BRAC Bank Ltd., Incepta Pharma, Save the Children, Robi Axiata and ACI Cropex visited the residential campus, shared their ideas with students about the current job market and gave necessary suggestions. An instant mock interview session for professional

recruitment was also arranged where **Mr. Rezaul Amin**, Head of Recruitment, Compensation, and Benefits, BRAC Bank, gave valuable feedback to the participating students.



The corporate guests were all impressed with the intelligent participation of the students as well as the overall arrangements. The program was effective because just after three days of the seminar Incepta Pharma asked the Head of RMO, BRAC University to send some of the senior students' profiles to them as they are really interested to recruit some of the students of BRAC University.

Synergy with SEL

As a part of the synergy between BRAC and BRAC University, CfL is working together with BRAC Learning Division to develop a training module on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). The purpose of the proposed module is to infuse SEL in all professional layers of BRAC and BRAC University. This collaboration has been brought into account following an initial meeting chaired by **Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed** on 17 July 2011. Deputy Program Coordinator and in-charge of Learning Division, BRAC, **Mr. Abdur Rahman** was also present there. Speakers in the meeting talked about the importance and the process of incorporating SEL towards creating a sound work and learning environment in the respective institutions. Later, a core group of facilitators was formed including two faculty members of CfL to help develop SEL materials and implement those further.

A preparatory course for BRAC-Rai Foundation Scholarship recipients



Ten female students of BRAC-Rai Foundation Scholarship-2011 received a preparatory course from CfL, BRAC University under Medhabikash of BRAC Education Programme (BEP) before leaving for India for further studies.

The content of this course was designed to raise awareness and adaptability

for multicultural dynamics with core emphasis on academic writing and presentation skills. Actually, this two week course was a glimpse of what the scholarship recipients would experience in India. **Ms. Samina Nasrin Chowdhury**, a senior faculty member of CfL supervised the course with the

cooperation of other faculty members.

While going through the course, the participants met the Director, CfL, **Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed** on 5 July at DevPro Centre. They also spent some time with her while she advised them to study properly to keep the reputation of Bangladesh as well as BRAC.

Staging drama at DevPro Centre

The participants of BEP Teacher Training program staged four short dramas in English on July 5, at Devpro Centre, Gulshan. Since this activity was a part of their course, the participants themselves wrote the scripts, directed and performed accordingly. A team of faculty members from the Centre for Languages (CfL) helped the trainee teachers in this regard. The dramas were Life of Fuli, The Rights of Physically Challenged Children, Say No to Superstition and Women in Negligence. **Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed** was present there as the chief guest and after the performance shared her feelings with the audience.



A similar program was also arranged on July 28 at DevPro Centre while another four dramas, Fake Pir, Stop Torture on Housemaids, Fatwabaz and Problems of Large Family were performed. The names of the plays suggest that they were designed to focus on various socio-cultural issues of Bangladesh. Thus, the performances served double purposes; one is the demonstration of speaking skill of the participants and the other is encouraging them to be active in bringing positive changes in the society.

Tennessee University graduate interns at DevPro

Zach Kolp is a finance graduate of 2009 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA and also a TESOL certified English Teacher. He came to work as an intern to teach English language at DevPro which is a training program for Dev-managers of BRAC under CfL. He took classes there from 3 June to 25 July, 2011 on pronunciation and spoken English and communications in multi-cultural environment. Therefore, learners were highly benefited and shared their satisfaction at the end of Zach's classes.

Integration Lectures at Savar Campus

With a view to enhance real life understanding and valuable practices among learners a series of lectures were arranged at BRAC University residential campus

under Savar Integration. Accordingly, **Professor Dr. Samdani Fakir**, Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC University conducted the first class on "Personal Development: Habits of Highly Successful Students" on 19 May, 2011. The session inspired the participants to cultivate effective habits that are believed to help them flourish in their personal and professional lives.



The second session was on "Gender Ethics" held on 16 July. **Sheepa Hafiza**, Director, Gender Justice, Diversity and Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC conducted the session. The objectives of that session were to make learners understand the basic gender associated concepts with relevant terminologies and the relation between ethical values and gender justice. It was a successful supplement to Bangladesh Studies and English courses as they include various gender related issues.

Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-Vice Chancellor, took another session on "Ethical Dilemma" on 28 July. The key features of the lecture included ethical decision making frameworks, experiential issues and related case studies. Thus, the students learned about the art of ethical behaviour and agreed on practising those in their practical lives.

CSO Update

Job Placement Mock Interview Session at BRAC University



BRAC University (BRACU) organized a mock interview session at the university campus on Saturday, 30 July, 2011. The event was welcomed by **Ms. Ismat Shereen**, Head of Career Services Office (CSO). She mentioned that the goal of Career Services is to provide efficient, effective, and personalized services to BRAC University students, alumni, and employers. Career Services interfaces between the campus and the employment community to facilitate student work, career development through professional practice programs, and career employment. As such, CSO offered this program to give the students an essence of real-life job interview experience, so that they feel competent for facing the employers while appearing for job. This program mainly composed for students who are in their final semesters and preparing for getting internship in their subject relevant companies. Interviews were taken by 22 officials from leading companies like: **Grameen Phone, Airtel, tech One Global Ltd, British America Tobacco, Standard Chartered Bank, BRAC Bank, Square Pharmaceuticals, Incepta Pharmaceuticals, ACI Cropex, Advanced Data Network Systems Ltd., Flora Telecom, Novotel, Palmal Garments, Dhaka University, Save the Children, ShishuPalli Plus, Fhi 360, Research Computing Private Ltd. and BRAC.**

A number of 130 students have participated in the event for assessment. The program was highly appreciated by the interviewer as well as students who participated and recommended such events in future. **Professor Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BRACU and Head of Accounts **Mr. Monojit Kumar Ojha** with other BRACU officials were also present during the program.

IED Updates

Research and Development



A Training of Trainers (ToT) was held from 10th to 14th July 2011 at IED-BRAC U. That was the second and last part of the ToT on Inclusive education to the teachers of Government Primary Schools (GPS), Registered Non Government Primary Schools (RNGPS) and non

government secondary schools. A total of 12 teachers from these schools from 4 upazilas participated in the ToT. The key points of this training were positive learning environment, classroom discipline, handling slow learners, social emotional learning, and co-curricular activities. The purpose of the ToT was to disseminate 3 day training on inclusive education to about 250 teachers from 39 selected schools in different batches. After receiving the ToT the teachers along with the field level researchers will disseminate the training at the field level.

The School Efficiency Team of the Research and Development Group has been working with the women leaders in 10 upazilas in 9 districts of Bangladesh to improve the attendance rate in schools, increase awareness regarding importance of education amongst the mothers etc. During this month 523 women leaders were provided with 2 days training on child development. The training was conducted by the field level researchers e.g. Field Researchers and Community Researchers. Some women leaders who were trained as co-facilitators also conducted the training along with the field level staff.

A two day workshop on Classroom Organization and Management was organized for the head teachers and assistant teachers of Registered Non-Government Primary Schools (RNGPSs) at different TARC in Mymensingh, Modhupur and Rangpur. A total of 311 teachers (67 female) were trained in 13 batches. The contents that were covered in the training are classroom discipline, positive learning environment, small group-large group formation and activities, fast and slow learners development and school readiness.



A two day sharing meeting was held with **Dr. Mainus Sultan**, Adjunct Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst on principles of adult learning.

A ten day training course on English Language was organized for the staff members of the group with the objective of capacity building of staff in writing, reading, listening and speaking. The course was facilitated by CfL. A total of 14 staff both from field and head office were present in the course.

Professional Development

AUEO Training



The professional development group trained Assistant Upazila Education Officers (AUEO's) (25 participants), from 2nd to 7th July. The short course was on 'How to Make the Schools work'. This was the last batch from the 4 batches under the pilot project. The participants were selected from all divisions by DPE. The training focused on whole school development and cluster planning for the

AUEOs. Modules that included were Beliefs & Assumptions about Teachers & Children, Good School: Difficulties & Challenges, Academic Supervision, Curriculum, & Textbook, Text books and Materials, ICT, Assessment, Teaching/Learning Methods & Activities, Motivation & Feedback, Community Mobilization, Collaborative planning and Leadership, Visioning of a Good School, Positive Classroom Environment, Own Cluster Planning. The Participants had to share their own cluster plan and two participants were chosen to present theirs on the closing day ceremony. The Training included a field visit of schools where the Head Teachers had received training from IED. This enabled the group to follow up and maintain a relationship among both the parties.

Visit to Sri Lanka

A team from the professional development group went to a study tour of Sri Lankan Education System from 9th July to 18th July. The main aim of the visit was to gather knowledge about the Sri Lankan Primary Education System and the Teacher Training Institute/s. The team stayed in Colombo first and then visited Kandy. The team visited AMI Montessori at St. Lawrence's School (Primary Section). It included Montessori school, Grades 1 - 13. There was a presentation by **Dr. Suranimala Lekamge**, Director, Dept. of Early Childhood and primary Education, NIE (National Institute of Primary Education). He discussed the aims and objectives of primary education in Sri Lanka, the structure and basis for developing the primary curriculum.



The next day the team visited the Provincial Department of Education (Western Province) and there the provincial structure of Sri Lanka was discussed by **Ms. Swarna Jayawrdana** and Team, Director Education Planning, Western Province. The team left for Kandy on July 13th and visited the Mahaveli College of Education, Katugasthota.

On the 15th the team visited a rural Primary School - CP/DENU/ Sadikkavatte Primary-School, Wattappola, and another semi-urban school - Eriyagama Pusphadana School and to wrap up tour the group got an opportunity to visit Zonal Office in Denuwra.

The visit also included a sightseeing session to Nuwara Eliya - Mackwoods Tea Estae, Victoria and Randenigala Damns. This was about 24,00 ft above sea level and the whole journey was awesome with breathtaking views of the tea gardens, often shrouded by the clouds, dotted with numerous big and small waterfalls.

ENH Updates

ENH faculty attended a meeting in Nepal

Prof. Firdous Azim, Chairperson of ENH attended a meeting on "Gender Knowledge Production" held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 15th -16th July 2011. This meeting was hosted by Maitrayee Mukhopadhyay of the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) based in the Netherlands and Sahayog based in New Delhi.

Creative writing workshop

On 21st July, a creative writing workshop was organised by **Ms. Rukhsana Rahim Chowdhury**, Senior Lecturer, ENH, for students interested in contributing to the second issue of Resonance, BRAC University's bilingual online

journal of creative writing. The workshop was conducted by **Ms. Nausheen Naz Eusuf**, Lecturer, ENH. The theme of the this issue of Resonance is 'Celebration', and the workshop focused on finding ways to celebrate people, places and things that surround us in our everyday lives. Submissions can be sent to enhcrt@live.com

ENH hosts a seminar

On 21st July Department of English and Humanities (ENH) jointly with Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) of BRAC University hosted a seminar comprising two consecutive lectures titled "(Under) Development and (Post-)State-Socialism" by **Prof. Jozsef Borocz**, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, USA and "Being Modern together: Muslim and Hindu women in Early 20th century Kolkata" by **Mahua Sarker**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Asian & Asian American Studies, and Women Studies, Binghamton University, USA.

Faculty member leaves on Fulbright scholarship

Abu Sayeed Mohammad Noman, Lecturer, ENH has left for his second M.A. at Temple University, Philadelphia, USA under the Fulbright Scholarship 2011-2012 on 30th July 2011. His area of concentration in this two years masters program will be African American Literature.

Publication of International Conference Proceeding

A paper entitled "Interpreting Bangladeshi and Australian Print Advertisements" presented by **Sabreena Ahmed**, Lecturer of ENH at the 10th International Literature, Language and Stylistics Symposium 03-05 November, 2010 organized by Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey was published in the conference proceedings this month.

ESS Updates

Seminar Organized by ESS Department

In the month of July, department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) organized two seminars:

The first one titled, "WTO Doha Round Negotiations and Bangladesh Trade Policy: Issues of Interest, Concerns and Strategies" was presented by **Professor Mustafizur Rahman**, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), on Thursday, July 21, from 11:00-13:00 at UB0223.

The later one titled, "Monetary Policy and Exchange Rate issues in Bangladesh" was presented by **Professor Salehuddin Ahmed**, Ex-Governor of the Bangladesh Bank, on Thursday, July 28, from 11:00-13:00 at UB0223.

IGS Update

The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability- South Asian Region (ANSA-SAR) based at IGS provided strategic support to one of its grantees - PRIP Trust, Dhaka, Bangladesh in the area of designing and implementing Community Score Cards (CSC). The training workshop was held from July 9 to 13, 2011 at PRIP Trust's project site in Jamalpur. The three day-long workshop on Community Score Card was conducted for the staff at PRIP Trust and also members of the facilitator groups of the CSC exercise followed by a limited on-site mentoring of the CSC implementation team from PRIP Trust. The training workshop also guided the staff and facilitator group in implementing the first CSC exercise on the primary school at the project site.

Barrister Manzoor Hasan, adviser of the IGS, delivered a lecture on "International Law and International Court of Justice" at the National Defence College on July 11, 2011. 53 members of the rank of Brigadier General/Joint Secretary and equivalent, including 21 foreign course members from six different countries attended the lecture.

Dr. Ipshita Basu, Head of Research of IGS, joined the meeting of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) at New Delhi, India. The meeting was held on July 26, 2011 to discuss the ongoing programmes of IDRC in South Asia.

A research team of IGS conducted a field visit from July 24 to July 28, 2011 in Rangpur, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat as a part of the ongoing research for the upcoming State of Governance in Bangladesh report. During the visit, the team interviewed both NGO and non-NGO leaders including trade unions, local government leaders, media representatives, local political leaders, and university teachers. The aim of this field trip was to analyse and enhance understanding about the accountability of NGOs in promoting citizens voices, enabling environment of NGOs/CSOs, ability or inability to create linkages between state and citizens, political environment, key factors inhibiting NGOs from functioning efficiently and finally to understand the relationship between government's objectives and citizens' objectives through the role of the NGOs.

MNS Updates

MNS Faculty Received Gold Medal Award

Mr. Touhid Hossain, Lecturer of MNS Department has been awarded **A. F. Mujibur Rahman** Foundation Gold Medal on 23rd July, 2011 from the Department of Mathematics, University of Dhaka. **Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique**, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University awarded this prestigious award to **Mr. Touhid Hossain**. He has been honored for his outstanding academic performance in his post graduate study. He completed his M.S. from the same department. He obtained the first position from Pure Mathematics (Thesis Group).

Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2011

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) of BRAC University, Dhaka is going to organize National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2011 on Friday, December 9, 2011 in

collaboration with Bangladesh Mathematics Society (BMS). The aim of this Mathematical Olympiad is to create the opportunity for our young talented undergraduate students in the country to stand out and illustrate their mathematical and analytical skills. In addition, our endeavour is to create a national awareness for the development of mathematics education at the tertiary level and skills in Bangladesh. Talented students who are studying mathematics both as major and minor at the universities /colleges of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in the Olympiad. A total of 250 students will be allowed to sit for the national competition. The Organizing Committee will finalize the list of contestants for the Olympiad. Syllabus for the competition and the rules are available online.

BAS-USDA PALS Agricultural Project

Dr. S. M. Monowar Hossain, Managing Director of Hortex Foundation visited MNS Department on the 13th July 2011 as a part of the mid-year monitoring of the BAS-USDA PALS Endowment fund supported agricultural project entitled "Production of Tomato Tolerant to Environmental Stresses like Salinity". The project is a collaborative venture between BRACU and DU which commenced on the 13th October 2011. **Dr. Hossain** looked through the progress in research and visited facilities developed under the project. He also met the personnel working in the project and enquired about the problems and progress of the study. Finally, he had a formal meeting with **Professor Naiyyum Choudhury**, Coordinator, Biotechnology and Microbiology Programmes. **Professor Choudhury** briefed **Dr. Hossain** about the various research activities going on at the MNS Department in the field of biotechnology and microbiology.

Science Article in the Daily Star

A scientific article written by **Md. Riajul Hossain**, Lecturer in Biotechnology was published on 5 July, 2011 in the Tuesday's "Science and Life" Section of the Daily Star. The article titled "Magic of protein architecture" explains the role of partially structured proteins in living beings. These proteins whose structures deviate from the normal folding phenomena are involved in regulation and signalling of information in the cell.

SECS Updates

IEEE

The BRAC University student branch chairperson **Rumman Huq** started this month by attending an International Student Congress in The University of Auckland, in Auckland. It was a very successful event where the IEEE Bangladesh Student Branch of BU was highly appreciated.

Also this month IEEE BU SB published the very first IEEE BU SB Newsletter, Issue 1, with support from **Dr. AKM Azad** (Faculty Advisor), **Rumman Huq** (Chairperson), **Syedur Rahman Sakir** (Treasurer), **Tasfia Rahman** (Newsletter Editor) and **Raisa Tamanna Khan** (co-correspondent). This is the very first time IEEE BU SB has published a formal newsletter, and these were distributed to all the BU SB members in the second general body meeting held on the 28th of July. This meeting was further conducted by **Rumman Huq**, where he shared his

experiences about the congress, and gave a full audio-visual feedback.

The response from the students regarding the Congress as well as the newsletter was brilliant. This was followed by refreshments and the overall attendance and participation by students was very good as well.

SPH Updates

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MPH PROGRAM

Courses

MPH 620: Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases module ran from July 03 to July 21, 2011. Taufique Joarder and **Asif Kashem** from the School and **Sadia Afreen** from ICDDR,B acted as the Teaching Fellow for the module. Dr. Richard Cash and **Dr. Steve Luby** were the course coordinators. It was the last module of MPH 7th batch in Savar CDM.

FIELD VISITS

As part of the MPH 620 course, students conducted their field study in Matlab Demographic Surveillance System, Kamalapur Surveillance Site and the Dhaka Hospital of ICDDR,B. At Kamalapur Surveillance Site the students looked into the health seeking experience of adult population in febrile illness and prevalence of pneumonia and other respiratory tract infections among under 5 children. At the Dhaka hospital of ICDDR,B students investigated the role of hygiene practice to prevent diarrhoeal diseases as well as infection control measures among the health care workers. At Matlab Demographic Surveillance System the students collected data to determine perception and practices of breast feeding/colostrum feeding in rural and as well as perception and practices on newborn infections and its prevention.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (CEP)

The evaluation of the ECPHM course was being conducted by an external consultant throughout the month of July. The report will be submitted incorporating the feedback of all the participants.

CENTRES AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES

CENTRE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS STUDIES (CHSS)

James P Grant School of Public Health has been partaking in the research project P4P with Population Council since May 2010. After successful accomplishment of the implementation phase at 12 health facilities at three different districts, the partner organizations have started their intervention phase. JPGSPH is assigned to carry on the Quality Assurance Group (QAG) visit at Jamalpur district to check the Quality of Public MNCH Services in intervention areas. This visit consists of representatives from secondary and tertiary public health facilities along with representatives from Population Council and JPGSPH. Two consecutive visits had been accomplished on January and April in this regard. **Dr. Farah Mahjabeen**

Ahmed from JPGSPH coordinated the latest visit at four public health facilities (Jamalpur District Hospital, Islampur Upazila Health Complex, Bakhsiganj Upazila Health Complex and Melandha Upazila Health Complex) of Jamalpur district from July 21 to 25. Upon completion of the performance assessment the facilities were remarked against a quantitative checklist and experts' opinions. Next quarter's target has been set over a meeting amongst the QAG members.

GFATM PROJECT

Working Group meeting



Working group meeting - SW intervention

Working group meeting - IDU intervention

James P Grant School of Public Health, BU has been developing two national Behavior Change Communication (BCC) guidelines for Injecting Drug User (IDU) and Sex Worker (SW) interventions. Two Working Groups have been formed with the experts from organizations implementing programs for SWs and IDUs, government and international organizations to make the guidelines comprehensive, useful and to ensure their ownership. Two meetings of Working Groups for BCC guidelines for SWs and IDUs were held on 31 July, 2011, one in the first half of the day and the other in the second half. All the participants actively participated in the meetings to revise the draft guidelines. The output of both of the meetings consisted of sequencing the contents, revising the contents and realizing the need to visit the field activities of FHI, Bangladesh.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr Farah Mahjabeen, Senior Lecturer and CEP Coordinator, attended the South Asia Regional Workshop on Results Based Financing from 24th to 28th July 2011 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. It was organized by the World Bank and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh.

NEW FACULTY AND INTERNS



Dr Malabika Sarker joined the faculty of James P Grant School of Public Health as a Professor in July, 2011. She is a medical doctor who has completed her MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and her PhD in Public Health from the University of Heidelberg and. **Dr Sarker** is an Adjunct Faculty at the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany. She was previously a Population Council Research Fellow and a Fogarty

Research Fellow. She has done research on VCT, ART, PMTCT and MCH in several Sub-Saharan African countries. She has previously worked in the BRAC Health Programme. Her area of interest is reproductive health.

Student Affairs Updates

BUDTF ADDA

On the 4th of July 2011 (Monday), another event of BUDTF was held at 3:00pm in the evening that went by the name BUDTF ADDA. Members piled into the university from early in the Monday morning to prepare for this event. By 10:30 pm the preparations were complete and the wait began for the celebrities to arrive. At around 11:10, **Shams Sumon, Tajin Ahmed** and **Shahed** walked into Indoor Games Room to attend the program. At first, they were greeted with flowers and shown to their respective seats on stage. The program began, with an introduction to BUDTF, basically to let them know what the club was all about - who we are, what we do and how we do it. They seemed quite impressed with the level of work done and expressed their excitement at finding out the extent of our work and dedication. After that they shared their experiences one by one, told us a little about how they got started and the journey they had undertaken to get where they are today. They bestowed their comments and praise for BUDTF once again after which they were provided with refreshments and tea. Before they left at 5:00pm, they left their comments to make their visit truly memorable to us. And to make equally memorable to them, they were provided with gifts and souvenirs. In return, they gave us their valuable advice to make ourselves even better, their content at being at the event and their promise to return again soon to be with us and join the fun that is BUDTF.

HERITAGE FORUM

BRAC University Heritage Forum recently visited Paharpur. They started at 7 a.m. early in the morning from BRAC university Mohakhali campus. The quadrangular structure consists of 177 cells and a traditional Buddhist stupa in the center. The rooms were used by the monks for accommodation and meditation. In addition to the large number of stupas and shrines of various sizes and shapes, terracotta plaques, stone sculptures, inscriptions, coins, ceramics etc. have been discovered.



Somapura was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. Since then, a series of UNESCO missions has regularly visited the site and helped with the project. Moreover, the UN body also prepared a master plan, involving 5.6 million dollars

The journey was continuously being rejoiced by the amazing views which included the awe-inspiring

"Champarai" tea gardens and mostly by the spellbinding "Shib Temple", which literally gave new dimension to the thoughts and schmooze. Finally, at about half past nine, the vans came to a cessation at "Kolabon" slum, everybody ready for taking the longest stride of their lives. We all got ready with two guides, water bottles and everything necessary, energized to the fullest with 'Dextrose'. As we walked for a few more minutes, unaware of the coming danger, we entered the devious path of "Kurma" forest. The road was perhaps the muddiest one in the entire country. Next challenge was to climb up the hill next to us. The hill was called "Makam". Climbing the hill was indubitably the longest as well as the hardest fragment of the journey. What was most traumatizing was that the hill was besieged in worms and the walkway was along the edge of the hill. On one hand, being attacked by worms was inevitable and on the other, there was the risk of losing life. The pathway was extremely slippery, constricted and most importantly, it was vertical. After a relatively little walk, we were dumbstruck by the beauty of what could have never imagined. Out there was the fountain- the water gushing down with a widespread dimension, the water falling from almost as high as the blue, and the water spreading out to almost everywhere. The journey back was tiring, languid, and mostly exasperating. There was absolutely no enthusiasm for few, but for few others, the journey back was a test of what new learnt. We were on our way back to Dhaka.

TLC Updates

Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) Initiated and gave support in organizing the session on 'Gender and Ethics: Why Gender matters?' On July 16 at BRACU residential semester:



Pic: Ms. Sheepa Hafiza Conducting the session (middle) ; Few of the faculty members from TLC and RS (Left); Opening silence (right)

The session on 'Gender and Ethics: Why Gender matters?' was an integrated session of Hum course: Ethics and Culture at RS. TLC gave support in planning the whole session, preparing lesson plan, developing the resource materials and hiring facilitators. The session started with opening silence. **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir** welcomed and introduced the guest facilitator **Ms. Sheepa Hafiza**, Director, Gender Justice & Diversity, BRAC who also conducted a TOT on the very topic one month before at BRACU Mohakhali Campus, organized by TLC. Faculty members from Ethics & Culture course and from TLC attended the TOT. The session went through into a major presentation on 'Gender and Ethics: Why Gender matters?' A total number of 280 students along with the facilitation team,

assigned for all nine sections were present there. After the presentation students were sent to the separate nine sections with their respective assigned teachers for further clarification, group exercise and group presentation on the very topic. From TLC, **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Ms. Samina Anzum, Ms. Sumaiya Anwar, Ms. Farjana Abedin, Ms. Rumana Sharmen and Mr. Shami Suhrid** facilitated the group activities of the students.

TLC supports organizing and facilitating the session on 'Ethical Dilemmas' on July 28 at BRACU residential semester:

The session on 'Ethical Dilemmas' was an integrated session of Hum course: Ethics and Culture at RS on July 28, 2011. TLC gave support in planning the whole session, preparing lesson plan, developing the resource materials and hiring facilitators from TLC. The session was conducted into two major parts. It was started with meditation. Then a power point presentation followed by a relevant you-tube on the topic was shown. The presentation was given by **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**. The full number of students (280) as well as the faculty members from Ethics and Culture course was present there. After a one hour presentation the students were sent with assigned nine faculty members into separate nine sections. There they were given 12 scenarios on ethical dilemmas and they had to discuss in six small groups resolving those dilemmas on the basis of the six approaches, like utilitarian approach, common good approach, right approach, virtue approach, duty approach etc. considering the four concerns: Short term vs. Long term; Truth vs. Loyalty; Individual vs. Community and Justice vs. Mercy. The whole discussion was carried through Colloquim method. Beside **Dr. Md. Samdani Fakir, Samina Anzum**, Lecturer from TLC facilitated another session. The junior Lecturers from TLC were also present in different sections to observe the classes.

RS Updates

Meet the Employers



Greetings!! We had a session called "Meet the Employers" on 02 July, 2011 at Savar residential campus. It was a great programme indeed, where we had employer representatives from BRAC Bank Ltd, Incepta Pharma, Save the Children, Robi Axiata and ACI. They shared their ideas about the current job market with our students and gave necessary suggestions. They were all impressed with the overall programme and the intelligent

questions and responses from our students in the session.

English Week Observed

"English Week" was celebrated at Savar campus from July, 03 to July, 07. The week played a great role to ensure English speaking in campus. It also

encouraged all to use English as a tool of communication in their personal and academic life. "English Week" had two parts: the hangman card and the cob web session. The hangman card was to mark students who violated the Social Capital norms of speaking English, during English Week (from 9am to 5pm every day). On the first day, 07 students of 281 got hangman cards, which was really inspirational for all of us.

In the evening, they participated in a cobweb session where they stood in a circle and continued telling stories through passing a tennis ball. Students shared their experiences of English Week and made some stories on their own instantly. Being curious, even the students who were not marked as hangman took part in the event. As days passed, the number of receivers of hangman card decreased which indicated the success of English week.



Social Learning-Lab Exercise



The second and third phase of Social learning-Lab of the Residential Semester was conducted on 9 & 23 July, 2011. Students took part in this unique exercise. The students performed the duties of the University and TARC officials and staff from the Campus Superintendent down to cleaners and laundry persons. The exercise created a good deal of enthusiasm and experiences among the students and the exercise was conducted successfully.

Lalbagh Fort & Liberation War Museum visited by the Students of Savar Campus

Residential Semester student's visited Lalbagh fort and Bangladesh Muktijoddho Jadughar (Liberation War Museum) on 09 & 23 July, 2011. While visiting, students were informed about the history and culture of Bangladesh as well as the historical perspectives, archeological evidences and importance of Lalbagh Fort during Mughal period. Students visited different galleries of the museums and took part in a quiz competition organized by Liberation War Museum. Three students were awarded with prizes. Course Instructors of Bangladesh Studies and staff of Savar Campus accompanied the students during the visit.

BRAC Programs Visit

As part of Extended Learning Activities (ELA) of Bangladesh Studies course, students of Residential Semester at TARC, Savar visited BRAC programmes in Manikganj and Gazipur on 09 & 23 July, 2011. Students visited BRAC's WASH, Education, Health, Microfinance, Enterprise and Human Rights and Legal Service/ Social Development Programmes.

Integrated Class



An Integrated class on "Gender Ethics" was held on 16 July from 9:00am-11:00am at the Markuli Hall as a part of the Extended Learning Activities of HUM103 course.

Moral Week Celebration

Moral Week is one of the outcomes of Ethics and Culture course which seeks to promote standardized values through behavior demonstration that focuses

on leading a rational life. For the first time, MORAL WEEK was celebrated from 17-20 July 2011 at Savar Campus with special programmes and activities which recognized students' achievements in such areas as carrying virtue cards

(Individual student kept a record of his or her accomplishments of virtuous acts in order to display in the "Virtue Tree" after filling a virtue card), exhibition of morality related pictures and cartoons, articles (paper searching on current issues); ethical talk show, confession session etc. Moreover, each day was dedicated as



a Key Virtue Day such as: Forgiveness Day, No Lie Day etc.

This activities highly encouraged students to initiate ethical changes by following moral values in their personal life as well as promoting them in the communities. Students ended up their Moral Week with a short cultural programme headed by the song "Man is for mankind..... (Manus manus er jonno)""

The Moral Week left a clear message "Unless the morality is uphold, Bangladesh will never be a great nation, and thus frustrations will always be rooted in the heart of every freedom fighter."

RS day observed

Along with the end of the summer'11 semester the end of all activities arrived. On the evening of 21st July we had with us the honorable **Professor Mamun Rashid**, director Centre for Entrepreneurship, BRAC University. He came to visit our campus and also the activities that have been done by the students. The students from activities like photography, country and culture, wall magazine and many more organized a short display of their works. After the exhibition of the activities a session with our guest of honor was conducted. He gave a short inspirational speech and also shared his personal experiences with us to motivate the students to move forward and to prosper in life. A short question answer session was also conducted where the students shared their queries and the guest of honor helped them to build up their future plan and also guide them. Then came the cultural programme where the talented students performed songs, dance and poem recitation. The day ended with a formal dinner with our guest of honor and he also shared a few more real life stories of his success.

Seminar on climate Change



A session on climate change was held at the Markuli hall of savar campus on 22nd of July 2011 Conducted by honorable Vice-chancellor of BRAC University **Prof. Ainun Nishat**. All the students of RS Summer'11 along with faculty members participated in the session. Honorable Vice Chancellor invited students for quarry about different environmental issues and responded with his expertise. Students queried about risks Bangladesh could face due to climate change, how we could cope up with changing climate, what roles could we play to prevent massive climate change many other relevant issues. At the end campus superintend Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury gave vote of thanks to all.

Parents Day

In the afternoon of 22 July, 2011 BRACU Savar Campus observed "Parents Day" with the parents/guardians of the residential students of summer 2011. Almost 500 parents/guardians came to see their wards.

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