

Do you offer, manage or deliver outreach projects (education, health, information services, reading, community engagement, tutorials) for the local community?

Department of Law

Activities

1. East West University Law Clinic of the Department of Law has organized 8 legal literacy workshops with a view to making legal knowledge accessible to the community. The legal literacy program that is also known as *street law* aims to educate and create awareness among communities about their legal rights, responsibilities and necessary knowledge about day-to-day law. The target communities include school children of various ages, college students, underprivileged and street children, university students, transgender, automobile workshop laborers and slum dwellers.

2. A group of participants of the law clinic conducted empirical research in the tea garden estate situated at Waggachara, Rangamati to explore the indigenous and labour rights situation of the workers and assess common violations relating to wages, working hours, and workplace conditions. Three groups visited slum community in Badda and Agargaon to examine the right to water and health of slum dwellers by assessing the effects of inadequate sewage infrastructure and unclean washroom facilities. A group went to the Easy Garment, Malibagh, Dhaka to study the labor rights of the garment workers.

3. The student participated in two projects related to social issues, namely: Street Law and Community Visit under the banner of East West University Law Clinic. Street Law is an innovative educational initiative that aims to make legal knowledge accessible to the public, especially marginalized and vulnerable communities with a view to socially and legally empowering the communities. Under the Community Visit program, the students conduct research on the human rights situation of the community and the cause of human rights violations and prepare a human rights fact-finding report based on the research. Particularly, two groups conducted empirical research on the right to water of the inhabitants of the Agargaon and Aftabnagar Slum.

4. East West University Law Clinic organised 12 field trips and community visits in the year 2025. 5 of them were in the form of community-based empirical research and the remaining 7 were legal awareness-raising sessions conducted by the students. Taking place in Rangamati, Narayanganj

and many areas of Dhaka, the community research encompassed several niches like land ownership among tea-workers, health and environmental issues caused by industrialisation, safety of garment workers and several overlooked human rights in slums. In addition, the awareness sessions covered topics such as sexual harassment and mob violence prevention, freedom of political assembly, child labour and disability rights. The community engagement helped the law students gain deeper insights into combating prevalent socio-legal issues.

Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

The Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology has organized multiple events in 2025 with a vision of deeply touching the community.

1. The Thalassemia Awareness Seminar and Screening Campaign, held on 16 January 2025 at East West University, was a significant community-oriented initiative aimed at educating students about Thalassemia and emphasizing the importance of early and premarital screening. The event was honored by the presence of our Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ashik Mosaddik, Chairperson Dr. Suraia Nusrin, and dedicated faculty members. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Muhammad Sougatul Islam, who provided valuable insights into disease prevention and public health responsibility.

The Thalassemia Screening Campaign marked an important step toward strengthening health awareness and preventive care within the university community. Organized by the Biotech Club with the support of BioTED Limited and GenX, the initiative successfully screened around 200 participants. This campaign not only raised awareness about Thalassemia but also encouraged a culture of informed decision-making and social responsibility among students. The strong participation reflected a collective commitment to community health, making the program a meaningful and impactful contribution beyond the campus.

2. The “Seminar on Vector-Borne Diseases: Current Issues and Recommendations” was successfully held at East West University, organized by the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) in collaboration with the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. The seminar served as an important platform for raising awareness about major public health

challenges, including dengue, malaria, chikungunya, and Zika virus, which pose growing risks to the community.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Muhammad Morshed, Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia, who provided valuable insights into disease transmission dynamics and the impact of climate change on the spread of vector-borne illnesses. The distinguished presence of Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Prof. Dr. ASM Matiur Rahman, Dr. Mohammed Ashik Mosaddik, and Dr. Munirul Alam further enriched the discussion. By promoting evidence-based knowledge and preventive awareness, the seminar contributed positively to public health understanding and strengthened the community's capacity to respond to emerging disease threats.

Department of Social Relations

1. Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Gender Justice: A Collaborative Seminar with Plan International Bangladesh

A seminar on “*Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender Justice*” was organized by the Department of Social Relations in collaboration with Plan International Bangladesh on September 1, 2025. The seminar featured distinguished speakers, including Kabita Bose, Country Director of Plan International Bangladesh; Syed Md. Nuruddin, Advisor–SRHR; Sanjida Ahmed, Advisor–Gender, Diversity, Inclusion and Protection; and Sabrina Arifin Khan, Director–People and Culture. The event aimed to enhance students’ understanding of gender and reproductive health, gender inequality, sexual violence, and women’s rights and justice in Bangladesh. The seminar primarily aligns with **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5: Gender Equality**, particularly in promoting women’s empowerment, eliminating gender-based violence, and ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Additionally, it contributes to **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** through awareness of sexual and reproductive health issues and supports **SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** by fostering knowledge on rights-based justice and protection mechanisms.



Kabita Bose, Country Director, Plan International, delivering her speech on SRHR during the seminar

2. Raising Awareness on Cervical Cancer and Women’s Reproductive Health

A seminar on “*Cervical Cancer Awareness*” was organized by the **Department of Social Relations** on **February 27, 2025**, featuring **Dr. Sanjida Ahmed Soma**, a specialist in **gynecological oncology**, as the keynote speaker. **Professor Dr. Md. Mobarak Hossain Khan** and **Dr. Marzia Zaman Sultana**, Senior Lecturer, participated as internal speakers. The seminar aimed to raise awareness among students about **cervical cancer prevention, early detection, risk factors, and women’s reproductive health**, emphasizing the importance of timely screening and health-seeking behavior. The seminar aligns primarily with **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being**, particularly in promoting preventive healthcare and reducing mortality from non-communicable diseases. It also contributes to **SDG 5: Gender Equality** by addressing women’s health issues and empowering female students through health education and awareness.



Speakers at the Cervical Cancer Awareness seminar. From left: Dr. Md. Mobarak Hossain Khan, Dr. Sanjida Ahmed Soma and Dr. Marzia Zaman Sultana

3. Programs: Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Student-Led Poster Campaign

To celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 2025, under the guidance of Dr. Marzia Zaman Sultana, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Relations (DSR), students of PHS 305: Epidemiology of Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries created colorful educational posters on various aspects of breast cancer. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer prevention, early detection, risk factors, and health-seeking behavior among students, faculty, and staff of the university. This activity aligns with **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being** by promoting awareness of noncommunicable diseases and preventive healthcare and also contributes to **SDG 4: Quality Education** by engaging students in experiential learning and community health education.

4. Understanding Early Intervention and Inclusive Public Health Practices: Student Field Visit

On 7 & 9 July 2025, approximately 66 students of PHS304 and PHS305, instructed by Dr. Marzia Zaman Sultana, Senior Lecturer, visited the Smiling Children Special School in Aftabnagar, Dhaka. The field visit aimed to deepen students' understanding of early intervention, inclusive education, behavioral observation, and the role of public health in disability care. The visit aligns with **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** by emphasizing support for the physical, mental, and

developmental health of children with disabilities; **SDG 4: Quality Education** by demonstrating inclusive education practices and promoting experiential learning; and **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** by exposing students to equitable education and healthcare access for marginalized populations, fostering social inclusion.



Field Visit to Smiling Children Special School

5. Field Visits to Jaago Foundation School: Promoting Hygiene, Health, and Sustainable Practices

During January and May 2025, a total of 75 students of PSS 401 under the guidance of Dr. Touhida Tasnima, Chairperson and Associate Professor of the Department of Social Relations, participated in educational field visits to Jaago Foundation School, Banani. The visits focused on teaching young underprivileged students' essential hygiene practices through interactive activities and promoting sustainable environmental practices, such as proper waste management and incorporating eco-friendly behaviors into daily life.

These field visits align with multiple **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**:

- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** – by promoting essential hygiene and sanitation practices, improving health awareness among children.
- **SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation** – through reinforcement of sanitation-related behaviors and proper hygiene techniques.

- **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** – by encouraging sustainable environmental practices like waste management and responsible daily habits.
- **SDG 4: Quality Education** – by providing experiential learning opportunities to students and engaging young learners in health education.
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** – by targeting underprivileged children, ensuring they have access to health education and practical knowledge for better well-being.

Through these visits, students gained hands-on experience in **health education, environmental responsibility, and social engagement**, while contributing to the holistic development of underprivileged children.



Students visit to Jaago foundation school



Students sharing the valuable lessons through fun activities with the students of Jaago Foundation School

Department of Sociology Greening, Sustainability, and Social Initiatives

The Department of Sociology contributes to greening and sustainability and actively promotes social responsibility through students' community engagement and field-based learning.

Activities

Polythene Awareness Campaign in Banasree (SOC 304 – Sociology of Environment)

Students of Sociology of Environment conducted a week-long awareness campaign in the Banasree area to highlight the environmental risks of polythene use and its harmful impact on local surroundings. The aim was to encourage even a small reduction in polythene consumption. During the campaign, students visited the field on different days, distributing informational flyers and conducting surveys among residents, consumers, and business owners to assess their awareness and attitudes toward polythene pollution.

Department of Civil Engineering

Community-Impact Events Organized in 2025

The Department of Civil Engineering at East West University organized a seminar on Thursday, 11 December 2025, featuring a keynote lecture by Prof. Dr. G. M. Jahid Hasan, Department of Civil Engineering, Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST). The seminar, titled “Coastal Dynamics of Bangladesh: Insights from Remote Sensing, Hydrodynamic Modeling, and Climate Trends,” provided an in-depth discussion on Bangladesh’s dynamic and climate-vulnerable coastal environment. Approximately, 5 faculty members and 110 students precipitated the seminar.

By enhancing awareness among students, who are integral members of the community, regarding coastal processes and climate change challenges, the seminar contributed both directly and indirectly to community education and environmental awareness.