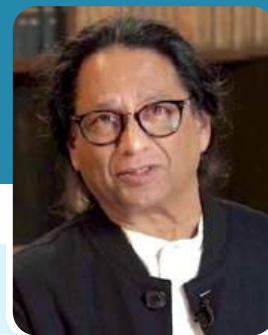


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MESSAGE FROM THE VC

I am delighted to announce that we have entered the second year of the VC Newsletter and are progressing with great enthusiasm. I am excited to present the second volume of the VC Newsletter.

As part of our commitment to research and to inspire both faculty members and students, we recently successfully hosted our 1st Research Day - 25. This event recognized the contributions of our faculty in research and featured two insightful panel discussions. The first panel, titled "The Importance of Research in Transforming Bangladesh into an Innovative Nation," explored how strong research initiatives can help propel Bangladesh toward a more innovative future. The second discussion, "The Importance of Academia-Industry Collaborative Research: Opportunities and Challenges," examined both the potential benefits and challenges of developing robust partnerships between academic institutions and industry sectors. Renowned researchers, including Professor Dr. Haseena Khan, Professor Dr. Rashidul Haque, and Dr. A.K.M. Masud, participated alongside key industry figures such as Humaira Azam, Firoze Mohammad, and Shihab Ahmad in these discussions.

The highlight of Research Day was the "Three-Minute One-Slide Presentation" by students and faculty members. A faculty member and a student were selected as winners based on their presentation skills and effectiveness. Moreover, 56 researchers from different ranks were recognized for excellence in research. In addition, Dr. Md. Mozammel Huq Azad Khan, a professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at EWU, was awarded the "Lifetime Achievement" award for his significant contributions to research and East West University.

To foster a research culture, we will continue to host such programs in the future. Through various programs, we hope to cultivate not only individual growth but also a collective passion for research that helps advance our community.

Professor Dr. Shams Rahman
Vice Chancellor
East West University

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RESEARCH GRANT

Dr. Md. Fazlul Karim, Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, has received a research grant from the CRT, EWU (Ref: CRTEWU-REC 20-11) as Principal Researcher for his project titled “Numerical Modeling of Tsunami and Storm Surges along the Coastal Belt of the Indian Ocean.”



Dr. Rasel Hussain, Assistant Professor of the Department of Sociology and Assistant Proctor along with an external researcher, was recently awarded a competitive Research Grant from the National Institute of Local Government (NILG), Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Co-operatives, Bangladesh Government for the research title “The Role of Village Court in Alternative Dispute Resolution: A Study on Selected Union Parishad in Bangladesh.”



Dr. Suraia Nusrin, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, as the principal investigator and Dr. Murshida Mahbub, Assistant Professor of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, as the associate investigator, have received a research grant of 6.5 Lac under special allocations (Interdisciplinary group) from the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Bangladesh in the financial year 2024-2025. The title of the project is “Assessing Breast Cancer Risk associated with polymorphism of genetic markers among Bangladeshi women.”



Dr. Afsana Bhuiyan Toma, Assistant Professor of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology has received a research grant of Taka 90,000 as the principal investigator in Agriculture and Environment group from the Ministry of Science and Technology Research and Development (MOST R&D), Govt. of Bangladesh, in the financial year 2024-2025. The title of the project is “Comparison of extracellular Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (ePGPR) and intracellular PGPR (iPGPR) from the rhizosphere of Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) on soil fertility and crop productivity.”



Md. Anwar Hossain Adib, Lecturer of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology has received a research grant of Taka 80,000 as the principal investigator in Biology, Medical Science and Nutrition Science Group from the Ministry of Science and Technology Research and Development (MOST R&D), Govt. of Bangladesh, in the financial year 2024-2025. The title of the project is “Detection and Isolation of Multidrug-Resistant Salmonella Spp. in Beverages Sold in Dhaka City, Bangladesh.”



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SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP

Dr. Fouzia Mannan, Professor in the Department of Sociology and Member of Sexual Harassment Elimination and Prevention Committee of East West University conducted a workshop titled Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion on January 9, 2025. The session took place as part of the teacher training program on “Teaching, Learning, and Research,” organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Center for Research & Training (CRT).



Dr. Sufia Islam, Professor in the Department of Pharmacy; Director, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Convener of Sexual Harassment Elimination and Prevention Committee of East West University conducted a workshop titled Sexual Harassment Policy on January 9, 2025. The session took place as part of the teacher training program on “Teaching, Learning, and Research,” organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Center for Research & Training (CRT).



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Taslima, T. (2025), “Smart Phone Usage for Women’s Empowerment to Respond against Domestic Violence in Bangladesh”, Center for Research and Training East West University (CRTEWU), 2 January 2025.



MEDIA

Shaharima Parvin, Senior Assistant Librarian, wrote an article titled “The necessity of AI literacy in academic libraries in Bangladesh” on IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section Blog, published on 10 February 2025, available at <https://blogs.ifla.org/arl/2025/02/10/the-necessity-of-ai-literacy-in-academic-libraries-in-bangladesh/>

Dr. Rasel Hussain, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Assistant Proctor of East West University was present as a Special Guest and Discussants at “Fake News Scanners Program” on *Ekattor TV* on 19th March 2025 to discuss Misinformation and Disinformation at the mainstream media.

Dr. Rasel Hussain has written an Editorial “Punishment: Does it actually deter Rape?” at *The Daily Good Morning Kashmir*, GMK, March 16, 2025, p. 5

Dr. Rasel Hussain has written an Op-Ed on “Suicide- a silent parasite in society: It’s alarming rise among students.” at *The Daily Observer*, 2 March 2025.

Ali Mashraf, Lecturer, Department of Law, East West University, was present as the Moderator of the discussion titled ‘Separation of Powers and Judicial Independence Series, Part III: Rethinking the Power, Responsibilities, and Appointment of Judges of Subordinate Judiciary of Bangladesh,’ organized by Map of Justice on 12th October 2024.

Dr. Rasel Hussain has written an Editorial on “It’s in the air” at *Dhaka Tribune*, 13 Jan 2025

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Ali Mashraf, Lecturer, Department of Law, East West University, authored an Op-Ed in the Law and Our Rights page of the Daily Star titled ‘Evaluating the Draft Supreme Court Judges Appointment Ordinance, 2024’ on January 18, 2025

ACHIEVEMENT

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Publication Reward

Dr. Basanta Kumar Barmon, Additional Director, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), EWU has received the publication reward for his article titled 'Crop diversification and its impact on income diversification and crop income in Bangladesh' published in Q1 Journal 'Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems', 2025, Vol.49, No.2, pages.269-295, Publisher: Taylor & Francis Ltd. ISSN: 24058440, Published on 22 Oct 2024.



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Ms. Najneen Ahmed, Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy EWU received the publication reward for her article titled 'Clitoria ternatea L. (Butterfly Pea) Flower Against Endometrial Pain: Integrating Preliminary In Vivo and In Vitro Experimentations Supported by Network Pharmacology, Molecular Docking, and Molecular Dynamics Simulation Studies' published in Q1 Journal 'Life' 2024; 14(11):1473, ISSN: 20751729, Published on 13 November 2024.



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Professor Dr. Dilara Begum was also invited as a speaker at the Global Library Summit 2025 under the theme “Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations through Library Cooperation” organized by the South Asian University (SAU), Delhi in collaboration with LIS Academy, Bangalore, India. This summit was held at South Asian University from 05 to 07 February 2025. The title of her invited talk was “AI in Academia: Perceptions of Undergraduate Students in Bangladesh.”



Professor Dr. Farhana Ferdousi was present as Co-Chair at *10th International Management Conference* held on 21-22nd February, 2025. The title of her session was “Navigating the Future: Management Strategies for Sustainable Transformation” held online.

She also worked as an Evaluator of “Teaching Excellence Award Nomination Committee”- ACBSP Region 10.

Professor Dr. Shamsun Nahar Khan, Department of Pharmacy was invited as an invited speaker to deliver her talk titled “Natural Products: Enzyme Inhibitors and Bio-Inspiring Synthesis of Bioactive Nano Particles” at the *International Conference on Recent Advances in Chemistry (ICRAC)-2024* held on 31 January and 01 February 2025.



Dr. Shamim H. Ripon, Professor of CSE successfully participated in the Cybersecurity Awareness & Risk Management– Train the Trainer (TTT) Program held at Universitas Indonesia, organized by JICA. Among participants from top Bangladeshi universities, Dr. Ripon stood out by achieving the highest marks in the program assessments and receiving a special award.

Dr. Sufia Islam, Professor of the Department of Pharmacy and Director of the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at East West University, has been appointed as a member of the Board of Marie Stopes Bangladesh (MSB), a pioneering organization that has stood at the frontlines of women's health and reproductive rights for decades.

Professor Islam looks forward to making meaningful contributions in guiding MSB towards its goals and strengthening its positive impact on the community.



Dr. Farzana Sharmin Pamela Islam, Associate Professor, Department of English, received her PhD degree in December 2024 from Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka. The title of her thesis was "Use of L1 in English Teaching Classrooms in a Monolingual Society: Practices and motivation in using L1 and the impact on learner's attitudes."



Mohammad Pizuar Hossain, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law has received the 2025 Alex Raydon and Nina Narodowski PhD Award at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He has achieved this award as a top-up scholarship in addition to his current Monash Graduate Scholarship (MGS) and Monash International Tuition Scholarship (MITS) to pursue his PhD. This award is very competitive and is given to a PhD candidate based on his/her excellent academic record, any research outputs and prior

Helal Uddin, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology was featured at the 96th Annual Pacific Sociological Association Conference for recording his session with the highest attendance. The conference was held in San Francisco, United States, from March 27–30, 2025.

Md. Aminul Islam, Lecturer of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology was awarded the prestigious Dean's Award by the University of Dhaka. The award was presented on 25 February, 2025 in recognition of his outstanding academic performance during his undergraduate studies.



Ali Mashraf, Lecturer, Department of Law, East West University, presided over as Judge and Special Guest at the Grand Finale and Prize Giving Ceremony, respectively, of the 3rd Canadian University of Bangladesh Intra-Department Moot Court Competition on 4th November 2024



He also presided over as the Chief Guest at the Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony of the Josephite International Understanding Club's event, CONQUISTA 2024 at St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 1st November 2024.

Ali Mashraf also judged the 2025 Jessup Indonesian National Rounds on February 1, 2025. The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, also known as Jessup Moot or The Jessup or The World Cup of Mooting, is the oldest and largest international moot competition in the world, attracting participants from almost 700 law schools in around 100 countries.

He also judged the memorial round (written submissions) and the preliminary rounds (oral submissions) of the 13th Annual Moot Court Competition 2024-2025 organized by the Dhaka University Moot Court Society on February 13-16, 2025.

Tahmina Akter, Lecturer of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology was awarded the prestigious Dean's Award by the University of Dhaka. The award was presented on 25 February, 2025 in recognition of her outstanding academic performance during her undergraduate studies.



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East West University proudly participated in the 9th Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2025, which took place from February 6 to 8 at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB). The team displayed exceptional commitment and excellence throughout the competition, consisting of Radhit Ahmed Snigdho and Saima Haque Nisa as Oralists, along with Md. Asif Rahman as the Researcher. They were guided by team coach Shah Maruf Uddin Ahmed.



MA in English student, Afnan Bintey Helal, recently performed at the Slam Poetry event held at The Daily Star on 8th May. The event was organized by The Daily Star's Star Books & Literature and Campus. Her poem, "Ophelia Never Screams," was shortlisted for performance alongside other performers from various educational institutions. Aligned with the event's theme, "Verses vs Verses," Afnan's poem explored the concept of how feminine rage, though deeply felt internally, is rarely granted the space to be expressed outwardly in its full intensity.



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