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MESSAGE FROM THE VC

Research Day 2025 marks a strong start to our commitment to celebrating and supporting research and innovation. We are proud to honor the faculty members and senior students who have been recognized with awards for their impactful research.

We are pleased to see the increasing number of applications for our internal research grants, indicating a clear interest in research within our academic community. While this progress is positive, we must also prioritize securing external grants to strengthen our research infrastructure.

One of the key external funding opportunities is the HEAT (Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation) Project Grant. We are thrilled that our EWU academics Dr. Zubair Hasan, Professor Dr. Chowdhury Faiz Hossain, Dr. Md. Nazmul Abedin Khan, and Dr. Sadik Rahman have received a grant for their HEAT project in the last round. Their research, titled 'Development of Carbon-Based Porous Materials from Waste Resources for Sustainable Energy, Environmental, and Desalination Applications', aims to create and optimize porous carbon materials from waste in Bangladesh for use in energy storage, environmental cleanup, and water desalination.

Despite the significant potential of HEAT projects, only a few faculty members applied in the last round. To increase participation, the university will offer comprehensive support for faculty members applying for HEAT grants. This includes workshops and training guidance to help prepare competitive applications.

Let us move forward with renewed energy and commitment to strengthening the research culture at EWU.

Professor Dr. Shams Rahman
Vice Chancellor
East West University

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Dr. Anisur Rahman Khan (Principal Investigator), Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, along with three other faculty members of the department: Dr. Rasel Hussain, Assistant Professor, Md. Helal Uddin, Senior Lecturer, and Ruma Parvin Lecturer, has received a research grant of 7 lakh taka from the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC). The title of their project is "Understanding Civil Service Careers Through the Lens of Weber's Social Stratification Model."



Dr. Mumita Tanjeela, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, East West University received funds from the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) for the Research proposal "From Policy to Practice: Exploring Women's Participation in Community Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangladesh" as the lead researcher.



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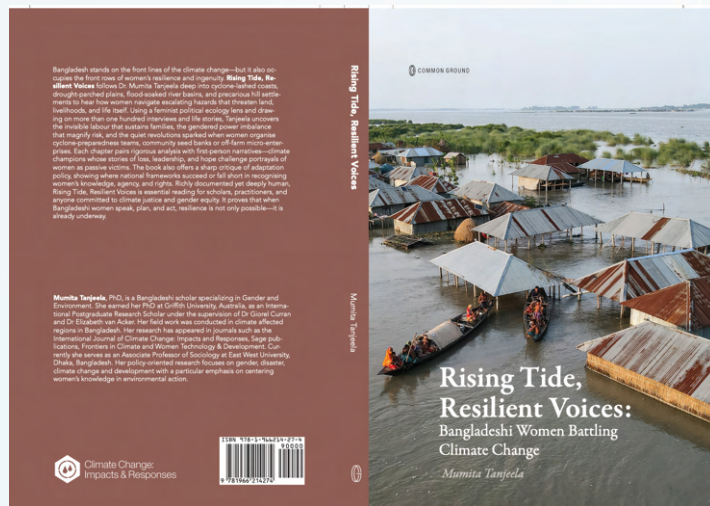
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MEDIA

Dr. Anisur Rahman Khan and Dr. Rasel Hussain have written an Op-Ed “বাংলাদেশে কারাগার/হেফাজতে আত্মহত্যা: একটি উপেক্ষিত সংকট” published on সত্য নিউজ, 5 July 2025.

Dr. Rasel Hussain and Hasan Shesheir have written an Op-Ed on “Mob Justice in Bangladesh: A Crisis of Judicial Trust, Rumour, and Collective Violence” as a special contribution in *The Seoul Times* on 30 June, 2025.

Dr. Rasel Hussain and Hasan Shesheir have written an Op-Ed on “New Covid-19 variant in town: Are we ready to fight the old enemy in a new guise?” at *The Business Standard* published on 30 June, 2025.

Dr. Rasel Hussain and Hasan Shesheir have written an Op-Ed on “The Rise of the New Variant of Covid-19: Ready to Fight Back Strongly to Minimize Casualty?” published on *The Seoul Times* on 22 June, 2025.

ACHIEVEMENT

RESEARCH DAY 2025 AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Anisur Rahman Khan, received the Best Faculty-Level Researcher Award in the Associate Professor category from the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (FLASS) at the first Research Day 2025, held on 24 May 2025 at East West University.

Dr. Khan was also honored with the Best Researcher Award in the Associate Professor category at the department level.



Dr. Md. Mohiuddin Kabir, Associate Professor in the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at East West University, received a departmental-level award in recognition of his contributions to research on the occasion of Research Day 2025.

Dr. Mst Murshida Mahbub, Assistant Professor in the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at East West University, received a departmental-level award in recognition of her contributions to research on the occasion of Research Day 2025.

Zinat Farzana, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at East West University, received a departmental-level award in recognition of her contributions to research on the occasion of Research Day 2025.

Nusrat Jahan Antora, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at East West University, received a departmental-level award in recognition of her contributions to research on the occasion of Research Day 2025.

Md. Taufiqul Islam, Lecturer in the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at East West University, received a departmental-level award in recognition of her contributions to research on the occasion of Research Day 2025.

Professor Dr. Farzana Akhter, Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, received the Best Researcher Award at the university level among all professors during the first Research Day 2025 Program for excellence in research. Professor Akhter earned this prestigious recognition by winning the best researcher award at both the department and faculty levels.



ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Prof. Chowdhury Faiz Hossain and Mr. Mamunur Rahman, Sr. Lecturer, were honored as Best Researchers in the Faculty of Sciences and Engineering during East West University's first-ever Research Day 2025. Five faculty members from the Department of Pharmacy—Prof. Dr. Hossain, Associate Prof. Dr. Rejina Afrin, Assistant Prof. Ms. Nishat Nasrin, Sr. Lecturer Mr. Rahman, and Lecturer Ms. Nazifa Tabassum—received departmental Research Day Awards in recognition of their outstanding research contributions.



Mohammad Pizuar Hossain, currently pursuing a PhD in International Law at Monash University, received three “Research Awards” at EWU Research Day 2025 in the “Senior Lecturer” category—being named “Best Researcher” at the Department, Faculty, and University levels. The recognition honors his work in International Law, Human Rights, Criminology, and Cybercrime and Cybersecurity.

Ali Mashraf, Lecturer, Department of Law, East West University, was awarded the Department Level Research Award: Lecturer Rank, representing Department of Law, East West University (EWU) at the First EWU Research Day 2025.

Mashraba Naziat, Lecturer, Department of Law, East West University, received the Best Presenter Award, Faculty Category, at the department level in the first EWU Research Day 2025.



Three faculty members from the department of Information Studies received the prestigious Research Award in several categories for their remarkable contribution in research. Professor Dr. Dilara Begum was awarded Best Researcher in Professor Category at department level. Mr. Md. Hasinul Elahi was awarded Best Researcher in Senior Lecturer category at department level and in 3-minute Presentation category, and Mr. Raiyan Bin Reza was awarded in Lecturer category.



Mr. Helal Uddin, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, was awarded the Best Researcher Award, Senior Lecturer Category, Department Level and the Best Presenter Award (3-Minute Research Presentation, Department Level) at Research Day 2025.

ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Eng. Sajedur Rahman, Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering, earned the Research Excellence Award at the Research Day 2025 by winning first place in the Three-Minute Presentation Competition at the faculty level under the Faculty of Sciences and Engineering. Competing against participants from all departments under the faculty, his performance stood out for its impact, and research relevance—marking a significant achievement for the department and the university.



Eng. Fuad Yasin Huda, Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering was awarded the Research Excellence Award (Department level) at the Research Day 2025 for his significant contributions to research.



Dr. Sadik Rahman, Assistant Professor in the Civil Engineering Department, received the Research Excellence Award (Department level) at the Research Day 2025 in recognition of his scholarly contributions and research publications, reflecting a consistent track record of research excellence.



The faculty members of the Department of English obtained awards in different categories on the first Research Day of East West University which was held on May 24, 2025. For the noteworthy research publications from 2022-2024, five faculty members received awards. The award recipients are- Dr. Farzana Akhter (Professor), Dr. Md. Abu Shahid Abdullah (Associate Professor), Ms. Israt Jahan (Assistant Professor), Ms. Saifa Haque (Senior Lecturer) and Ms. Anowara Rayhan Arusha (Lecturer).



Ms. Kaniz Fatema, Senior Lecturer at the Department of English received three awards for her outstanding presentations at the Department level (among the faculty members of English Department), Faculty level (among the faculty members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences) and University level (among the faculty members of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, the Faculty of Business and Economics, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences). She presented her East West University Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT) funded paper titled “Scaffolding Self-reflective Writing Competence and Life-long Skills: An Experiment on E-portfolio Assessment at the Tertiary Level.”



ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)



Professor. Dr. Ashik Mosaddik, Pro Vice Chancellor of East West University has been selected as a Member, Advisory Committee of the International Conference on Business, Finance, Environmental and Health sciences, London, UK which was held on hybrid mode from 25-26 July 2025 in association with Scopus and Web of Sciences.

Professor Dr. Mosaddik has also been selected as a Member of Steering Committee (PSC) of Higher Project Evaluation Board (2025-2027) conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) under the Ministry of Education, Bangladesh.

Under the supervision of Professor Shams Rahman and Associate Professor Kamrul Ahsan, Dr. Meysam Shaverdi recently completed his PhD at RMIT in Supply Chain and Logistics. His paper, 'A Blockchain-Based Last-Mile Delivery Deployment Model', explores the application of blockchain technology in last-mile delivery (LMD) within Melbourne's retail sector, using the TOEI framework to examine technological, organizational, environmental, and inter-organizational challenges. His study offers valuable guidance for managers, policymakers, and technologists, outlining strategies to address key LMD challenges.

Professor Dr. Ahmed Wasif Reza, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Engineering and Additional Director of IQAC, was recognized with a token of appreciation for his continued contributions to smart education and academic innovation in Bangladesh, at the Campus NextGen: The Future of Digital Education organized by BRACNET in collaboration with Huawei Bangladesh Academy. The program hosted on 29 May 2025 brought together more than 80 distinguished professionals from over 30 private universities.



As part of the ongoing Teachers' Training Program on "Teaching, Learning, and Research," Professor Dr. Reza, facilitated informative and engaging session on 29 May 2025 specifically designed for the Lecturers and Senior Lecturers of East West University. These sessions aimed to enhance pedagogical skills, promote innovative teaching methodologies, and foster a deeper understanding of PLO-CLO Mapping and Assessment Tools within the academic curriculum.

ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Ms. Nadia Rahaman, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Law, recently served as an adjudicator for the Russian and Nigerian National Rounds of the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, held in February 2025. In addition to judging oral rounds, she was also selected to evaluate written memorials submitted for the international rounds of the competition. This is regarded as the 'World Cup of Moot' and is participated by 900 Law Schools from around 100 countries worldwide.

Moreover, Ms. Rahaman has been invited to serve as an adjudicator for the 2025 International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (ICCMCC), to be held in The Hague, Netherlands. She has also evaluated the written memorials submitted by international teams in April 2025. This is the most prestigious international criminal law competition in the world.



Ms. Rahaman, has recently been appointed as an Adviser to Legal Empowerment Bangladesh (LEB), a platform dedicated to advancing access to justice, human rights, and legal literacy through research, community-based initiatives, and capacity development.

In addition, Ms. Rahaman served as Acting Speaker of the House at the inaugural NILS LEB National Model Legislative Assembly (NMLA) 2025, held on May 23–24 at the University of Chittagong.



Associate Professor Dr. Rejina Afrin delivered a keynote speech on the hepatoprotective role of dietary supplements in metabolic disorders at the *International Conference on Food Science, Technology, and Nutrition (ICFSTN)* held on 24 April 2025.



ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Professor Dr. Dilara Begum, Chairperson, Department of Information Studies, has been named as an expert member of Documents Management System Committee by Insurance Development & Regulatory Authority (IDRA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. She will work as an expert member to analyse the official documents of the IDRA.

Professor Dr. Begum, was invited as a keynote speaker at Bangladesh Television on 08 May 2025. She delivered the keynote speech in the workshop on 'Digital Cataloging of the BTV Archives' organized by Bangladesh Television.



Additionally, Professor Dr. Begum, served as a co-editor for a recently published book titled *Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries*. The book was published by Excel India Publisher in May 2025. Along with Dr. Begum, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Chandrakanta Swain, Dr. M. Masoom Reza, and Dr. Dhavalben Bhatt also served as editors.

Professor Farzana Akhter was invited as a panel discussant at the *5th International Conference on Language, Literature, Culture, and Crises* organized by the Department of English and Modern Languages, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka, 26-27 June 2025. The title of her talk was "Displacement and Dissent: The Politics of Crisis in Immigrant and Diasporic Fiction."

Professor Dr. Akhter also conducted workshop titled "Continuing Professional Development (CPD): Its Importance and Impact on Quality Assurance" at teacher training program on "Teaching, Learning, and Research" organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Center for Research and Training (CRT), EWU, 19 June 2025.

Ms. Nabila Farhin and, Ms. Nadia Rahaman Senior lecturers, Department of Law were appointed as one of the two selected faculty members from East West University under the ILO–EWU partnership titled "Planting the Seeds of Change." In this role, they participated in the signing of a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with the International Labour Organization (ILO) on 8 May, 2025, in Dhaka. The initiative is under the ADWIB project and supported by the Team Europe Initiative.

Also, as a part of the project she completed the training on "Integrating International Labour Standards into Labour Law Curriculum", organized by ILO on 8 May, 2025, part of the Advancing Decent Work in Bangladesh (ADWIB) project, supported under the Team Europe Initiative on Decent Work and funded by the European Union, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden.



ACHIEVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Ms. Nabila Farhin was awarded the ITCILO Fellowship and participated in the International Labour Standards Academy held in Turin, Italy, in May 2025.



Dr. Anisur Rahman Khan, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, has been appointed as a Professor Extraordinarius at the Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS), University of South Africa (UNISA), for a three-year term commencing in May 2025. This prestigious recognition highlights Dr. Khan's outstanding contributions to academic excellence, engaged scholarship, and transformative knowledge production. As a Professor Extraordinarius, he will join an intellectually vibrant community dedicated to fostering innovative interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting critical scholarship grounded in diverse epistemological and cultural perspectives.

Mr. Helal Uddin, Senior Lecturer served as a co-supervisor for a Master's thesis titled "Effect of Natural Disasters on Youth Mental Health: A Systematic Review" by Raquel María González García. The thesis was submitted to the Master's in Emergency and Disaster Analysis and Management program at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Oviedo, Spain, for the 2024–2025 session.

Mr. Uddin, also participated virtually as a delegate in the International Youth Conference 11 (IYC11) on Youth Shaping Global Development, organized by the International Organization of Youth, held in Los Angeles, California, from May 1–4, 2025.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ratri Bhadra, a Master's student of English Department, received Department level award among the students of the Department of English for her insightful three-minute presentation on her research work titled “Nationalism vs Survival Instinct: A Comparative Study of Heroism and Anti-War Sentiment in *The Pianist* and *All Quiet on the Western Front*”.



Brett Lee Mong, a final-year student of the Department of Sociology, was recognized with the Best Presenter Award in the 3-Minute Presentation (Student Category) at the University Level during Research Day 2025, held on 24th May 2025.



Final-semester student Samara Kayum of the Department of Pharmacy was also recognized as Best Presenter in the 3-Minute Presentation competition at the department level at the First Research day 2025.

Sharaf Nawar, a student from the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, has been awarded the Best Research Abstract Presenter during the celebration of “World Environment Day 2025.” The event was organized by the Environmental Health and WASH Research Group, part of the Health Systems and Population Studies Division at icddr,b.



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