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Message from the Director



Like the previous editions, we are beyond excited to bring to you the Fall 2021 GULC Bulletin.

GULC was founded upon the belief that education should strive to create academically confident, ethically just and socially responsible citizens, and this founding philosophy still remains the same.

Apart from the regular academic activities, Green University Language Center performs a range of academic and non-academic activities. Each semester, we try our best to update ourselves and work for the betterment of students.

The Fall Bulletin of 2021 showcases our regular and the multi dimensional activities of Fall semester.

The Language Center: An Overview

The Green University Language Center (GULC) started its journey aiming to develop communicative skills and compatibility in this multilingual and interdependent world. Initially, GULC started by offering courses on IELTS, Spoken English, GRE, TOEFL, English for Academic Purposes etc.

As our Center grew over time, we became committed to develop communicative competence and research in diverse languages, and we are currently working with Japanese, Chinese, French, Korean, Arabic, endangered South Asian languages etc. GULC also offers a wide range of General Education Courses, and regularly organizes trainings, workshops, seminars concerning various areas of the general human sciences.

We aspire to expand our horizons even further and take our activities to the next level in the coming semester.





Regular Activities of

There are a range of regular activities that are performed by the faculty members of Green University Language Center (GULC).

1.a) Academic Courses by GULC

- i.** English for Academic Purposes (EAP-009)
- ii.** English for Academic Purposes-I (EAP-101)
- iii.** English for Academic Purposes-II (EAP-102/3)
- iv.** English for Academic Purposes-204 (EAP-204)
- v.** General Education Development (GED) Courses

1.b) Certificate Courses and Trainings

- i.** Spoken English Course
- ii.** IELTS Course
- iii.** Communicative English Course
- iv.** Japanese Language Course
- v.** Chinese Language Course
- vi.** Pre-university English language course

2. Non-Academic Activities

- i.** International Japanese Language Test / NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) Conduction
- iii.** Green University Club for Languages (GUCL)
- iv.** Green University Cultural Club
- v.** Green University Reading Society



Academic

Courses

1. English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Total four EAP courses are conducted by the Center throughout the trimester, namely, EAP-009, EAP-101, EAP-102/103, and EAP 204. These courses are designed to prepare students to use English for their academic studies, and consequently for their professional needs in real life and work. These courses target the development of four key language competences i.e. speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All the courses vary in their target groups and difficulty levels. The Center also offers Lab courses designed specifically for EEE department, which is termed as EAP-204.

1. General Education Development (GED)

GED (General Education Development) courses are those which provide a common broad sense, well-rounded experience by exposure to a variety of curriculum areas. Two Major GED courses are:

- i. **Bangladesh Studies**: This course focuses on History of Bengal from Ancient to Present time, Minority Ethnic Group of Bangladesh, Festivals and Religions of Bangladesh, Gender Education in Bangladesh, Economic System and Constitution of Bangladesh
- ii. **Functional Bengali Language and Literature**: This course focuses on Old, Middle, and Modern Bangla Language and Literatures.



Certificate Courses

A comprehensive policy approved by the university is merged with the respective course proposal to recruit instructors for respective courses.

Certificate Courses by GULC are:

i. Spoken English Course

ii. IELTS Course

iii. Communicative English Course

iv. Japanese Language Course

v. Chinese Language Course

vi. Pre University English Language Course

Overview of Certificate Courses

(i) Spoken English Course:

This four-month long program aims at preparing its participants globally by improving their speaking skill in English. It has specific learning outcomes, well designed course materials, phase by phase well scheduled 24 sessions, session management & assessment policies for its participants and instructors.

(ii) IELTS Course:

GULC has introduced a certificate course on IELTS aiming to enable its participants to secure a high band score in real IELTS examination. GULC has two types of IELTS course running, Certificate Course (CC) and Crash Program (CP). CC is conducted for 3 months consisting of total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration whereas CP is conducted for two months consisting of total 12 sessions, each of 2 hours duration.

(iii) Communicative English Course:

It specifically focuses on the development of communicative skills of both students and administrative staff at GUB. As a part of that, aiming at developing the English language skills, GULC has introduced a certificate course on Communicative English for its staff and students. The 'Communicative Program' has been designed with 20 classes; duration of each class is 120 minutes.

(iv) Japanese Language Course:

GULC offers Japanese Language Program as a certificate course to the candidates, both internal and external to GUB, who are interested to sit for language aptitude tests (NAT or JLPT). The program has three modules based on the duration: (a) Crash Program: 6 days before the NAT-Test Day, (b) One-month, (c) Three-month Course, (d) Six-month Course

(v) Chinese Language Course:

Green University has MoUs with a number of Chinese universities. Every year a number students go for scholarship in any of the said universities. Hence, GULC has introduced a Chinese Language program that aims at developing skills in speaking, writing, reading and listening of Chinese Language. The course is conducted for 4 months consisting of total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.

(vi) Pre University English Language Course:

In 2020, The Department of English and GULC launched a free Pre- university English language certificate course for university admission hopefuls . Many fresh university students struggle with basic English despite their prior schooling. This basic course helps the students with some of the very basic ideas of the English language usage and also introduce many to the basics of listening and speaking skills which are often not sufficiently practiced during their pre-university schoolings. The students are offered a certificate upon the completion of the course after meeting the predetermined standards. This course is a great opportunity for us to offer our services to the community.



Green University Language Center
Offering Certificate Course in

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ORIENTATION
Pre University English Language Course
(7 September 2021 at 7:30 pm)

Session Start
Mr. K N Wazed Kabir
Supervisor, Department of English
Green University of Bangladesh

3308 (ex. Hqs.) Dhaka-1209, Dhaka-1209
Suar ID: 15492748

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Events of Fall

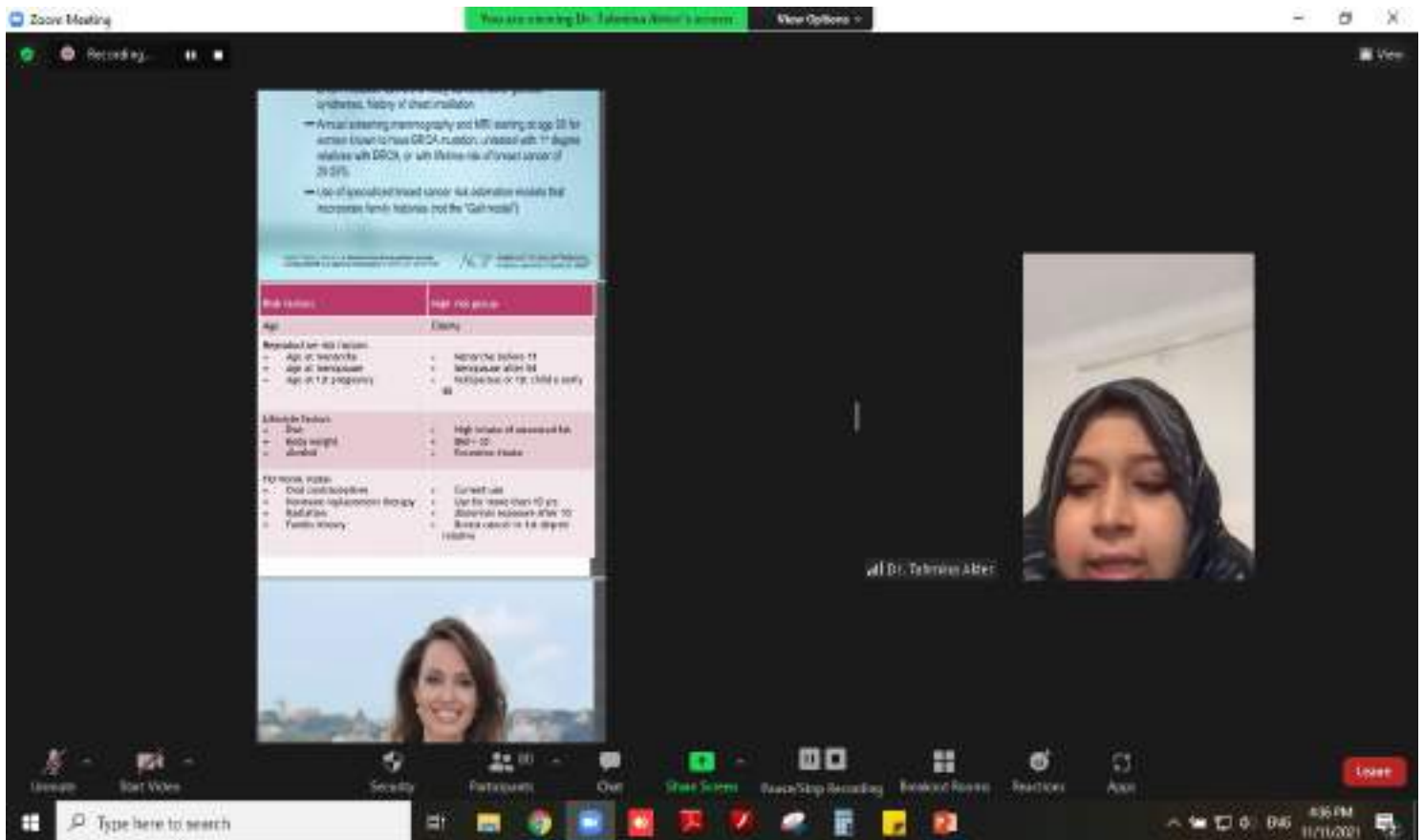
Webinar on "Breast Cancer: Awareness can Save Life" **2021**



The Language Centre and Women's Empowerment Forum of Green University of Bangladesh have successfully hosted a Webinar titled "Breast Cancer: Awareness can Save Life" on **November 11, 2021** (4:00 - 5:00 p.m.). The session was conducted by **Dr. Tahmina Akter**, MBBS, BCS (Health) M.phil (Physiology) Dhaka Medical College, as the key speaker.

Ms. Serajum Munira, Assistant Professor, Department of English, and the Director of Green University Language Center chaired the session.

Webinar on "Breast Cancer: Awareness can Save Life"



Dr. Tahmina Akter , in her very informative session, highlighted the risk factors, early signs and notable symptoms, self and clinical examination process, and finally the prevention methods and treatment options. Dr. Tahmina specially put emphasis on the need for mass participation to raise awareness about this deadly disease.

The webinar was attended by the faculty members of GULC and notably by **many eager students, both female and male.**

Meet Your Language Mentor



MEET YOUR LANGUAGE MENTOR
A special opinion-exchanging session with Director of GULC

Focal Speaker
Ms. Serajum Munira
Assistant Professor and Director
Green University language Center

Date & Time
14 November 2021 (Sunday)
6:30PM
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Arranged By
Green University Language Center

An opinion exchange session between the Director of GULC with Class Representatives of all EAP sections in Fall-2021 was held at 06:30 PM on November 14,2021. In the session students provided their opinions on course design and operations. The summary of their opinions are in the following:

1. Duration of EAP classes and exams should be properly planned.
2. Syllabus contents of Bangladesh Studies and Functional Bengali Language need to be rechecked.
3. Practical life oriented course tasks will be appreciated.
4. New interesting issues, outside of course study, should be discussed among students.
5. Easy and colloquial Language of lecture conduction will be appreciated.

At the session, Ms. Serajum Munira, Director of GULC instructed the ways to solve their problems and complexities.

Meet Your GED Mentor

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MEET YOUR GED MENTOR

A special opinion-exchanging session with Director of GULC

Focal Speaker
Ms. Serajum Munira
Assistant Professor and Director
Green University language Center

Date & Time
16 November 2021 (Tuesday)
7:30PM
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Arranged By
Green University Language Center

An opinion exchange session between the Director of GULC with Class Representatives of all GED sections in Fall-2021 was held at 07:30 PM on November 16,2021. In the session students provided their opinions on course design and operations. The summary of their opinions are in the following:

1. Duration of GED classes and exams should be properly planned.
2. Syllabus contents of Bangladesh Studies and Functional Bengali Language need to be rechecked.
3. Practical life oriented course tasks will be appreciated.
4. New interesting issues, outside of course study, should be discussed among students.

At the session, Ms Serajum Munira, Director of GULC instructed the ways to solve their problems and complexities, and provided a complete guideline on how to communicate the authority to resolve their issues.

Pre-University English Language Course Certificate Awarding Ceremony



The poster features a green and white color scheme with a wavy background. At the top, there are logos for Green University and the Department of English. The main title is enclosed in a white box with a green border. Below the title, there are two main sections: 'Session Chair' and 'Date & Time'. The 'Session Chair' section includes a circular portrait of Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir and his title and affiliation. The 'Date & Time' section provides the date, time, and a contact number. At the bottom, it states the organizing department and center.

Pre-University English Language Course Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Session Chair

Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir
Chairperson, Department of English
Green University of Bangladesh

Date & Time
19 November 2021 (Friday)
3:00PM
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Organized By
Department of English
Green University Language Center

Department of English and Language Centre, Green University of Bangladesh, has collaboratively organized a successful Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the “Pre-University English Language Course” (Session: Summer 2021) on 19 November, 2021. In this session, 120 students registered for the course and our faculty members conducted 12 classes focusing on the basic skills of the English language.

Through a month of meticulous assessment, we selected 19 students who qualified for the criteria to receive certificates. All of the 19 contenders have been encouraged with e-certificates, and the top three have been given additional gifts for their extraordinary performances.

An Online Discussion on How to Improve Speaking Skills

Green University Language Center Presents...

An online discussion on
How to Improve Speaking Skills

 **Keynote Speaker**
Redwan Ul Islam
Teaching Centre
British Council

 **Speaker on CELTA**
Sinthia Rahman
Teaching Centre
British Council

 **29 November 2021 6.00 PM (BST)**
<https://hdren.zoom.us/j/67200601422>

Green University Language Center (GULC), in collaboration with British Council, has successfully organized an online discussion on "How to Improve Speaking Skills on 29 November 2021 at 06.00 PM (BST). The session focused on the students who have a constant fear regarding their English speaking abilities. Speaking skill is one of the most important skills we learn, as they allow us to communicate with others and express our thoughts and feelings.

Two experts from Teaching Centre, British Council-Mr. Redwan Ul Islam and Ms. Sinthia Rahman attended the discussion as guest speakers. Mr. Redwan talked about different aspects of Speaking Skills and probable ways to improve them through a proper plan. In the second segment, Ms. Sinthia explained how teachers can also develop their English Teaching skills with the help of the British Council. There was a very fruitful Q/A session at the end where participants got the chance to learn from the experts.

CCI Program 2022-23: Open Forum with US Embassy Official



This virtual session was arranged in collaboration with DIU , GUB, ULAB, EU. It was held on 22 November 2021, Time: 7.00 pm (BST).

The Community College Initiative Program (CCIP) provides participants from Bangladesh and other selected countries scholarship opportunities to study at community colleges in the United States and build mutual understanding through a non-degree program of academic, vocational, and cultural studies. Collaboratively with several other prominent Bangladeshi private universities, the open forum with the US Embassy was successfully arranged.

Mujib Borsho National Victory Day 2021 Quiz Competition



Green University Language Center (GULC), in collaboration with the Center for Career Development (CCD) and the Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL), successfully organized a Quiz Competition on December 11, 2021, celebrating the National Victory Day 2021. Besides celebrating National Victory Day 2021, the quiz was to give the interested students an idea about the question pattern of public recruitment exams. The quiz was based on a portion of the syllabus set by the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (BPSC) for public recruitment exams such as Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) and others. A total of 594 students registered for the quiz from different departments of the university. Following an intense preliminary round, 125 students qualified for the final round.

Mujib Borsho National Victory Day 2021 Quiz Competition



After the final round, the names of the top ten contestants were announced. Md. Sabbir Rahman Ananda from CSE, Rukaiya Ahmed from Department of Law, and Md. Rayhan Ahmed from CSE attained the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions respectively. The event was live-streamed through the GULC Facebook page.

Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, honorable Vice-Chancellor of GUB was the Chief Guest in the final round, and the Honorable Advisor **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque** was present as Special Guest. The event was also graced by the presence of Prof. **Dr. Nitai Chandra Shtradhar**, Chairman, Department of Textiles; **Mr. Saiful Islam**, the acting Registrar; **Biplob Kanti Das**, directors of CCD; **Ms. Serajum Munira**, Director of GULC and the faculty members of GULC and CETL.



Rokeya Day 2021: Prose Reading and Quiz Competition



Green University Language Center (GULC) collaboratively arranged a prose reading session followed by an intense quiz competition with **Green University Women Empowerment Forum**, entitled “**Rokeya Day 2021: Prose Reading and Quiz Competition**”, on December 13 at 6:30 in the evening, using the online platform Zoom and the game-based learning platform Kahoot! to celebrate **Rokeya Day 2021** with great zeal.

The main objective to organize this one of its kind competition was to enhance the students' knowledge and interest in Begum Rokeya and her works and to acknowledge the significance of Rokeya Day. More than 125 students of various educational levels of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) registered for the competition. Among them, 78 students succeeded to enroll in the quiz competition. After a nail-biting Kahoot round, **Md. Alifujjaman Anik** from the Department of English aced the competition. GULC has arranged special gifts for the top 10 contenders.

Rokeya Day 2021: Prose Reading and Quiz Competition



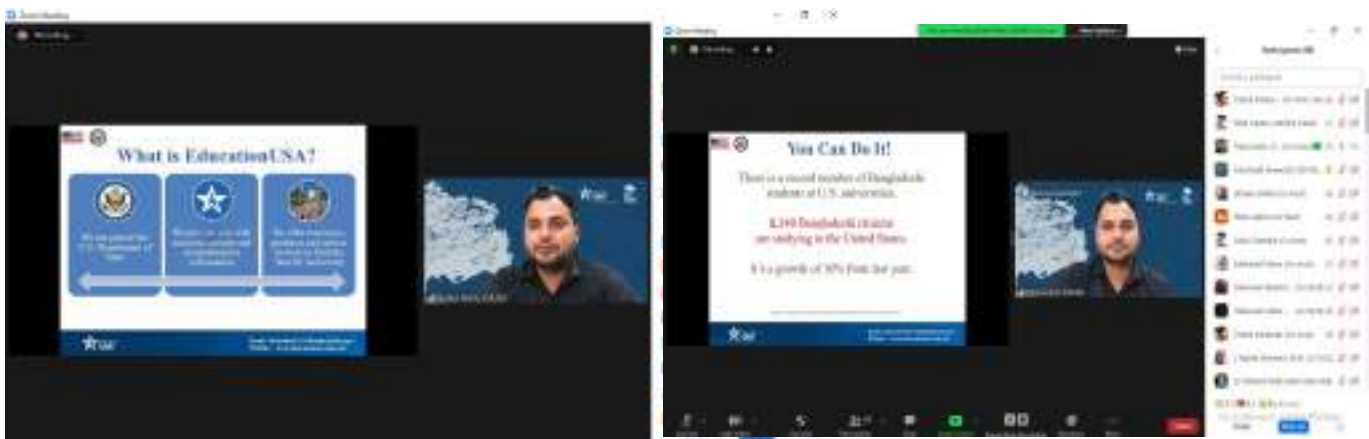
Brilliantly anchored by a GUB student **Ms. Mahshiat Tahsin** (Department of CSE), the exciting event started with the presentation of a short documentary on Begum Rokeya. Later on, an impressive live reading session of *সুগ্রহিনী*, well-acclaimed prose of Begum Rokeya, was carried on. Immediately after this, a quiz competition based on the aforementioned prose started. Students attended the program with great enthusiasm. Faculty members from different departments of GUB also graced the event with their inspiring presence.

The informative speeches of the Women Empowerment Forum's two Advisory Committee members - **Ms. Rumana Ferdouse** (Assistant Professor, GBS) and **Ms. Umme Ruman** (Assistant Professor, CSE) stated the significance of Begum Rokeya and Rokeya Day in Bangladeshi women's ways of life. This highly interactive event came to an end with a vote of thanks from **Ms. Serajum Munira**, the Director of GULC.

Webinar in Collaboration with the EMK Center: Your Journey to Higher Education : Language Skills , Preparations & Strategies



Green University Language Center and the Green University Club for Languages in collaboration with the Education USA of the EMK Center, Dhaka, organized a webinar 15 November 2021 @ 04:30 PM. The main speaker of the event was Mr. Ruhul Amin, Education USA Outreach Coordinator, EMK Center. He provided GUB students with valuable guidelines regarding the concerned areas.



Webinar on: “Modern Bengali Poetry”



Green University Language Center (GULC) has hosted a successful online discussion on “Modern Bengali Poetry” (আধুনিক বাংলা কবিতা), on December 14 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The prime purpose of this session was to introduce students of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) to numerous prominent Bengali poets and their notable creations. More than 100 students of various educational levels of the university attended the discussion displaying their sheer enthusiasm.

Md. Saiful Islam (Registrar, GUB) besides being the chief guest of the session, also actively participated in the discussion along with Dr. Afzal Hossain Khan (Director, GUB Students Affairs). The chief discussant of the event was Dr. Manikul Islam (Associate Professor, Department of Bangla) from Rajshahi University, who led the main discussion session on aspects of modern Bangla poetry referring to the poets as well. The event started with the welcome speech from Dr. Afzal Hossain Khan, followed by informative discussions from other significant speakers.

All of the speakers stated the necessity of such a session on Bangla Literature

Movie Screening and Extempore Speech Competition 2021



Green University Language Center (GULC) held a successful event titled as Movie Screening and Extempore Speech competition on Saturday, 01 January 2022. The competition was divided into two parts; the first round was held at 10:30 am and the finale took place at 3:00 pm on the same date. A total of 110 participants (current students of GUB) were in the first round, 25 students qualified for the final round. After the final round, the names of the top seven contestants were announced. SB Meraj from JMC, Niamul Islam Sabbir from English, and Farjana Afrin Maria from CSE attained the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions respectively.



Workshop on "OBE Curriculum Development"



The Department of English and Language center organized a workshop entitled "OBE Curriculum Development" on 31st January 2022 at 9.30 a.m. through online platform ZOOM. **Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman**, Honorable Treasurer of Green University of Bangladesh, graced the event as the Chief Guest. **Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman**, Professor in the Department of English at Jahangirnagar University facilitated the workshop. The workshop was presided over by **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh.

All the faculty members from the Department of English and Language Center have joined the workshop. Few faculty members from other departments also participated in the workshop. The newly recruited faculty members from both the department and the language center also got the opportunity to join this workshop to learn why and how a teacher can act as an educator to develop the OBE curriculum for creating a better teaching-learning environment.

At the initial phase of the workshop, the workshop facilitator, **Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman** Sir cordially showed his gratitude to all the participants and Green University of Bangladesh for arranging the workshop. Next, Sir talked about the significance of Outcome-based Education and curriculum development. Afterwards, all the participants introduced themselves with **Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman** Sir.

Workshop on "OBE Curriculum Development"



The workshop was divided into five specific segments: Introduction on OBE, Revised Bloom's Taxonomy, Components of an OBC (Outcome-based Curriculum), Writing Goal and Objectives using ABCD Model, and A Sample Course Design. Sir talked about OBC (Outcome-based Curriculum), OBE (Outcome-based Education), OBLT (Outcome-based Learning and Teaching) and OBA (Outcome-based Assessment). Moreover, **Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman** Sir shared his insights about the constituents of OBE and OBC specifically based on the vision of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh.

There were many queries from the faculty members which made the workshop very engaging and interactive. At the end, a certificate of appreciation was provided to honor the workshop facilitator to enlighten us with his precious presence and endowment. Later on, **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, made concluding remarks. Finally, Sir concluded his speech by thanking the workshop facilitator **Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman** Sir, Honorable Treasurer, **Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman** Sir, the participants and organizing team.





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