

Spring Bulletin: 2021

Green University Language Center (GULC)

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Attraction of Spring Issue:

- Overview of diverse activities
- Accomplishments of this semester

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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:

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

1. 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

2. Certificate Courses and Trainings:

- i. Spoken English Course
- ii. IELTS Course
- iii. Communicative English Course
- iv. Japanese Language Course
- v. Chinese Language Course

3. Non-Academic Activities:

- i. International Japanese Language Test or NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) Conduction
- ii. *The Daily Star* Quiz and Related Activities
- iii. British Council Book Reading and Related Activities
- iv. Women Empowerment Forum
- v. Green University Club for Languages (GUCL)
- vi. Green University Cultural Club
- vii. Green University Reading Society

Message from the Director



I am so excited to present to you the Spring 2021 Bulletin of Language Center. We believe that education should strive to create academically confident, ethically driven and socially responsible citizens of the world. 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 Spring Bulletin of 2021 showcases our regular and the multi dimensional activities of Spring semester.



Academic Courses

**Offering
English for Academic
Purposes (EAP)
&
General Education
Development (GED)
Courses
is
a Primary & Major Task
of GULC**

**Special Guidelines from
University Grants
Commission
(UGC)**

UGC has already given instructions to offer for three mandatory courses at undergraduate level:

- * Bangladesh Studies
- * Bangla Literature and Language
- * English

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.

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

Overview of 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

(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.

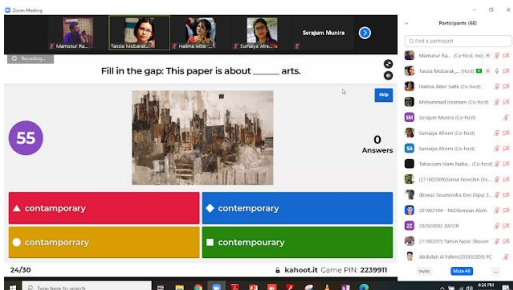
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GUB Spelling Bee: Permanent Campus

“GUB Spelling Bee Competition: Permanent Campus” has been held on **May 8 and 9**, using the online platform Zoom and the game-based learning platform Kahoot. The main objective behind this competition was to enable the students to sharpen their English spelling, enrich their English vocabulary, and encourage their correct usage of the English language in academic and professional sectors.



About 180 students of various educational levels from the Permanent Campus of Green University of Bangladesh have registered for the competition. Among them, 57 students paved their way to the Final Round held on May 9 after the previous day’s nail-biting semi-final round. The participants’ intelligence has been challenged by various types and levels of questions throughout the competition.



Shaikh Ayeasha Akter Ratna, a student from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has aced this high- voltage competition. Besides her, the other four from the top five spellers are- Md. Nahid Islam (2nd, CSE), Md. Abu Taief Siddique (3rd, CSE), Nazmul Hossain (4th, CSE), Md. Ashraful Islam (5th, CSE), who has been awarded e-certificates and exciting prize money amounts. Moreover, the top ten contenders have also been awarded e-certificates for their extraordinary performances. After displaying the e-certificates, the event has successfully ended with the congratulation speech from the honorable guests.

Mother Language Fest 2021

The inaugural ceremony of the Mother Language Fest 2021 took place on 20 February 2021 at 07:00 PM. The Convener of the Mother Language Fest 2021, Ms. Serajum Munira, Director, Language Center, and Assistant Professor, Department of English, delivered the Welcome Speech. Special Guest Mr K. M. Wazed Kabir, Honorable Chairperson, Department of English, and Special Guest Dr. Abul Hossain, Honorable Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, delivered motivating speech and appreciation. Professor Dr. Milton Biswas, Department of Bangla, Jagannath University, graced the event as the Guest of Honour and highly appreciated the diverse arrangements of the festival. Later, Honorable Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Green University, delivered an inspiring speech appreciating the organizers and declared the inauguration of the **Mother Language Fest 2021**.



Right after the inauguration ceremony, the first event of the fest titled “গ্রিনের নানাভাষী শিক্ষার্থীদের উপস্থাপনা” or “Speech by GUB Students of Various Ethno-linguistic Background” took place. Here, the students presented their respective Bangla, Chakma, Hajong, Marma, and Tripura linguistic heritage both in their mother tongues and in translation for the audience. Later, Special Guest Mr Dinalo Chakma, Assistant Professor, Jessore Science and Technology University, shared reflections on this multilingual event and his experiences of being a Chakma native speaker in Bangladeshi Academia.



Next, a competition on Bangladeshi Regional Dialects themed “Amar Jela-e Shera” or “আঞ্চলিক ভাষায় লড়াই: আমার জেলা-ই সেরা!” took place. Students from Green University of Bangladesh participated in this event and won various prizes. This event had three outstanding judges: Dr. Abul Hossain, Honorable Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mr K. M. Wazed Kabir, Honorable Chairperson, Department of English, and Dr. Md. Afzal Hossain Khan, Assistant Professor, Journalism and Media Communication Department, Green University of Bangladesh. Ms Sumaiya Afreen, Lecturer, Department of English and Language Center, hosted this competition. The program came to an end with cultural performances. A number of events will take place in the coming days of the festival which include: Inauguration of “Indigenous Language and Culture Unit” at Green University, International Students’ Symposium titled “Deepabali: An International Virtual Symposium on Language, Literature and Culture”, Literary Adda on “Bangladeshi Oral Literatures”, Quiz Competition on “Pramita Bangla Spelling”, and an International Panel Discussion on “Endangered Languages of the Bengal Region” with esteemed scholars in the field.

Webinar on E-Learning in Bangladesh: Teachers' Behavioral Orientation and Affective Alignment

The poster features a dark blue background with a network of white lines and dots. At the top left is the Green University logo. At the top right is the Language Center logo. The title 'Workshop on E-Learning in Bangladesh: Teachers' Behavioral Orientation and Affective Alignment' is centered. Below the title is a light blue button labeled 'Speakers:'. Three circular portraits of the speakers are arranged horizontally, connected by a white line. Below each portrait is the speaker's name and affiliation. At the bottom left is the Zoom logo and 'Zoom ID:'. At the bottom right is the date and time: 'Date: 24.02.2021 Time: 4.30 pm [Bangladesh time]'.

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Workshop on
E-Learning in Bangladesh: Teachers' Behavioral Orientation and Affective Alignment

Speakers:

A.S.M. Shamim Miah,
University of Buraimi, Oman

Md. Rasel Kabir
Green University of Bangladesh

Sarmin Sultana,
Alburaimi Private School, Oman

Zoom Zoom ID:

Date: 24.02.2021 Time: 4.30 pm [Bangladesh time]

Green University Language Center (GULC) has organized a webinar titled **E-Learning in Bangladesh: Teachers' Behavioral Orientation and Affective Alignment** on February 24, 2021 (Wednesday) at 4.30 pm [BST].

The session was enriched by **Mr. A.S.M. Shamim Miah**, Chairman, E-Learning Committee, University of Buraimi, Oman, as the key speaker. **Mr. Md. Rasel Kabir**, Assistant Professor, Green University of Bangladesh, and Ms. Sarmin Sultana, Alburaimi School, Oman will also speak as the co-speakers of this event. **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, Honorable Vice Chancellor of GUB, and **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque** honorable Pro- Vice Chancellor of GUB graced the event as the Chief Guest and the Special Guest of this webinar. Also, a good number of participants coming from different countries (e. g. UK, Oman, South Korea and Philippines) of the world participated in the webinar.

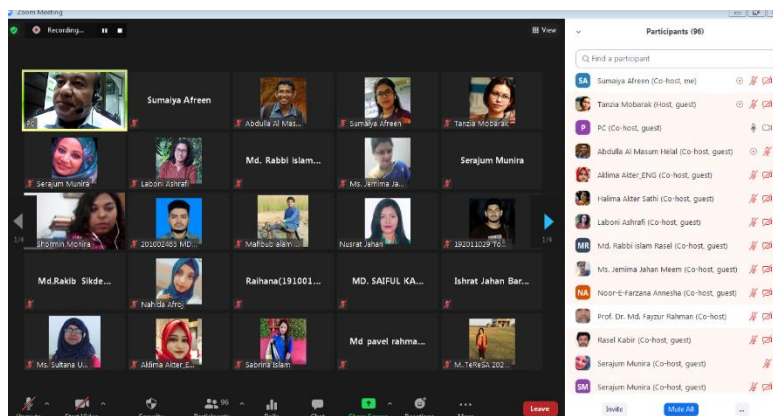
Centering on the education revolution 1.0 to 4.0, the webinar focused on the teachers' behavioral and affective orientation to e-learning that is in practice at all the levels of education not only in Bangladesh but also other countries of the world.

Women's Day celebration_2021

Green University of Bangladesh has celebrated the International Women's Day 2021 with much enthusiasm. The online program was organized by Green University Language Center and GUB Women's Empowerment Forum.



This celebration took place on 08 March, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, honorable treasurer Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman, respected Chairpersons were present and shared some of their words at the celebration. Respected female faculty members, administration members and staff were present and shared their comments regarding the day's context. Wonderful cultural performances were presented both by our faculty members and students.



A short film titled as **দ্রৌপদী আখ্যান**, screenplay and directed by Laboni Akhter, lecturer, GULC was screened at the program. A significant number of male faculty members and male students witnessed at the program which was appreciated wholeheartedly. This year's theme was #choosetochallenge and everyone present at the celebration raised their right hand above to unite and to take the oath of the theme of 2021.

Webinar on Bangla Bhashacharcha: Uchcharan



Green University Language Center, under the guidance of the competent authority, has successfully hosted the webinar “Bangla Bhashacharcha: Uchcharan ” on April 12, 2021.

Students who are on various educational levels at the Green University of Bangladesh have attended the event. Scholars on different academic and research backgrounds have graced the respective event. Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Honorable Pro VC; Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) was the honorable chief guest of the webinar while Prof. Dr. Mizanur Rahman Khan from the Department of Bangla at the University of Rajshahi presented his valuable lecture as the main discussant of the event.



Since standard pronunciation is a crucial matter to maintain formal situations, the GUB authority felt the urge to arrange a lecture by the mentioned resource person to equip its students with a proper understanding of the standard Bangla pronunciation. Prof. Mizanur Rahman Khan inspired the students to try to maintain the proper protocol of standard Bangla language in discourse. He presented a comparative discussion on pronunciation and orthography. Participants were enlightened to know about different language families and varieties of articulatory franchise. Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqi, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies expressed his remarks on the present status of Bangla in specific situations.

The webinar was organized by the faculty members of Green University Language Center under the leadership of Ms. Serajum Munira, the director of Green University Language Center.

Webinar on "Admission Talk: Wuhan Textile University"

Green University Language Center (GULC) has successfully organized a webinar titled **Admission Talk: Wuhan Textile University** on April 23, 2021 (Friday) at 2.45 pm [Bangladesh time].



The poster features a central image of Wuhan Textile University's main building. On either side are portraits of the speakers: Rafique Ulla Fayazi on the left and Md. Jahirul Islam on the right. Below each portrait is their name and professional details. At the bottom left, a video camera icon is next to the date and time. At the bottom right are the logos for the Language Center and Green University.

ADMISSION TALK: WUHAN TEXTILE UNIVERSITY

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DATE: April 23, 2021, Friday
TIME: 02.45 pm (Bangladesh Time)

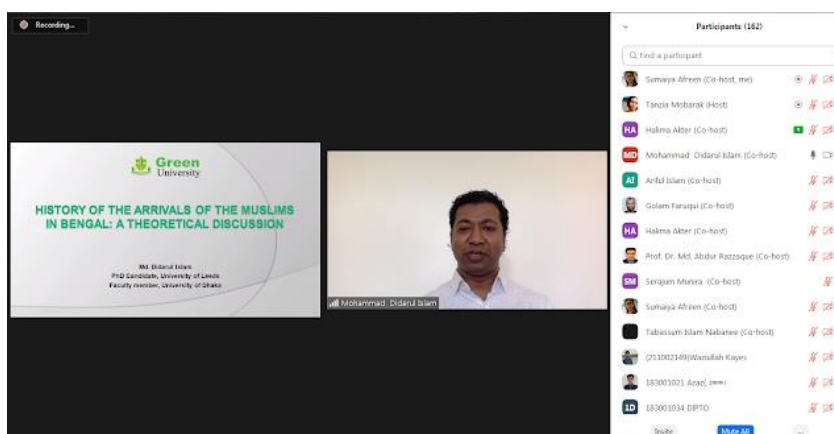
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Wuhan Textile University (WTU) is the largest and one of the most prominent Textile Universities in China. Many of our students from the Green University of Bangladesh get scholarships in different programs in WTU every year. A number of students have expressed their interest to apply this year as well. In the webinar two of our former students, **Mr. Rafique Ulla Fayazi** and **Mr. Jahirul Islam**, who have completed their Higher Education from WTU, briefed them. Mr. Fayazi talked about the application process and necessary steps to get admitted into WTU whereas Mr. Islam focused on the career opportunities after completing graduation. **Ms. Serajum Munira**, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Director, Green University Language Center graced the session as Session Chair.

Webinar on 'History of the Arrival of the Muslims in Bengal: A Theoretical Discussion'



Green University Language Center (GULC) has successfully hosted an informative webinar entitled "**History of the arrival of Muslims in Bengal: A Theoretical Discussion**" on April 27, 2021, using the online platform Zoom. More than 150 students who are on various educational levels at the Green University of Bangladesh have graced the webinar with their active participation. **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque**, Honorable Pro VC of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) has adorned the session with his presence as the honorable chief guest while **Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqi**, Dean (Faculty of Business Studies) has also been present as the special guest. As the keynote speaker of the session, a Commonwealth scholar **Md. Didarul Islam** (Assistant Professor, Department of World religions and Culture, University of Dhaka) has enlightened everyone with his valuable lecture straight from the United Kingdom where he is a PhD researcher at the University of Leeds.



Soon after the speaker's speech, questions from the audience have started to flood in. Due to time restraint, this highly interactive session has had to come to an end with the vote of thanks from the Director of Green University Language Center – **Ms. Serajum Munira**. However, all of the participants have been highly motivated by the effective and meticulous discussion without any doubt.

Lastly, the exciting session has been concluded with the permission of the honorable guests and the keynote speaker.

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