

**Annual Report 2019**

**Department of English**

**Green University of Bangladesh**



Photo-1: Group photograph of the Chairperson and all the faculty members of Department of English

**Overview of the Department:**

The Department of English, one of the vibrant departments at GUB, fosters a rigorous study of English language and literature related to various literary periods and geographical areas. The curriculum of the department is designed and implemented in accordance with the modern international standard of English studies maintained by eminent universities of both the East and the West. Literature courses of the program strive to promote a comprehensive knowledge of human culture by a perceptive reading practice and a critical appreciation of English texts by both native and non-native authors across the globe. Students are accordingly trained in scholarly methods, including archival research, theoretical assessment, cultural studies as well as aesthetic critique. Special attention is also laid to the exploration of gender studies, post-colonial writings and literary theories in addition to the study of traditional genres of European literature.

Considering the growing importance of English as a crucial means of communication and artistic expression, the Department of English at GUB combines linguistics and ELT courses to familiarize

the learners with the basics of language and to ensure their attainment of communicative skills and essential strategies in English. The linguistics concentration places a special emphasis on the study of English phonetics and phonology, analysis of English morphology and syntax, plus the theories of language acquisition. In addition to these major courses, the department also provides intensive mentoring in critical and expository writing, editing and publishing through a variety of supplementary activities under the English Language Club.

**Vision:**

Our vision is to become one of the top language & Literature education providers in the country which will be reputed locally and internationally through leading academic and intellectual thoughts and practice to improve human potentials a greater dimension.

**Mission:**

We seek to foster knowledge of literature and of language in our students. To this end we will provide students in all emphasis areas with a coherent curricular framework and relevant, well-structured course choices. We will teach a variety of literary, analytical, pedagogical, and theoretical skills. We will teach students to speak, read, and write effectively. We will encourage students to think deeply and to reflect on what they have learned.

**Core Values of Department of English:**

- We strive to abide by the virtues of integrity, honesty and meritocracy in all our activities
- We commit ourselves to working as a team, with broad-based consultation
- We embrace excellence, efficiency and effectiveness
- We endeavor to carry out our duties with commitment, dedication and professionalism
- We maintain a sense of self-respect, discipline, responsibility and institutional loyalty

**Strategic Priorities:**

- Recruit, retain quality faculty member
- Create and deliver a world class Bachelor program in English
- Enhance academic scholastic and professional skills
- Increase the level of language & literature

**Basic Objectives of the Undergraduate English Programme**

- To provide the students with an extensive knowledge of relevant areas within English studies, including literature, literary history, critical theory and linguistics;
- To help students achieve high proficiency in English by a comprehensive training in listening, speaking, reading and writing;
- To involve them in skills and techniques necessary for the appreciation and enjoyment of English literature and language;
- To familiarize the students with the variegated applications as well as the practical utilities of English studies in the modern life;
- To prepare the students for creative works and modern research by broadening their faculty of observation, interpretation and critical thinking;

- To offer the students with meaningful education supportive of the development of individualism, professional skills and social values.

### **Key Features of the Department of English**

- Highly qualified faculty members from renowned institutions at home and abroad;
- Congenial academic atmosphere with special attention to the needs of learners;
- Small class size ensuring quality education and advancement of individual talents of the students;
- Well-planned syllabus with updated teaching and learning standards; Compulsory general education courses for widening students' knowledge in other vital disciplines;
- Adequate opportunity for exploring courses in Literature, Language, Applied Linguistics and ELT;
- Modern Digital English Language Lab;
- English Language Club promoting variegated literary and linguistic activities.

### **1. Orientation Program Spring, 2019**

Every semester, Freshers' Orientation Program of the department of English is organized by English club. In the orientation program of Summer 2019, all the faculty members and students from previous batches participated with sheer joy to welcome batch 191 of the department of English which is also known as the flagship department of the university. Freshers, all the faculty members and staffs of the department joined the program with great joy. Departmental course curriculum, different academic and extra-curricular activities, mentor-ship program, and other necessary information were also provided by the former students, mentors and faculty members of the department. Students from batch 183, sang songs, recited poems and danced to entertain the new batch. Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah, Treasurer of the university wished the new batch good luck for their future endeavors. Finally, the Chairperson of the department, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir welcomed the freshers by his inspirational speech.



Photo 2: Few moments from different segments of the program

## 2. Second position in Wall Magazine Competition, 2019

Each year, Green University of Bangladesh organizes a Wall Magazine competition on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Similarly, in the year 2019, all the departments of GUB took part in this competition. The theme of this competition was on International Mother Language Day. There were a discussion session and a cultural program at the end of the competition. The occasion was also adorned by the gracious presence of honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Khan and Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqui, Dean Green Business School. Humanist philosopher and poet Sabir Ahmed Choudhury graced the program as the chief guest. The first position was secured by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Second position was secured by the Department of English.



Photo 3: Few moments from different segments of the inaugural ceremony

## 3. Inaugural Ceremony of the Magazine “Onucharito Shor”

On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Ms. Selina Hossain, one of the notable authors of Bengali Literature was invited as the chief guest to the inaugural ceremony of the magazine “Onnucharito Shor” published by the Department of English. Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, honorable Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Khan, Treasurer Md. Shahid Ullah and Chairperson of the Department of English, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir made their gracious presence in this program. There was a discussion presided by the chief guest of the program. Besides, Mr. Md. Shamim Mondal, Assistant Professor of the Department of English took part in a small discussion session on the novels of renowned novelist and essayist Ms. Selina Hossain.



Photo 4: Few moments from different segments of the inaugural ceremony

#### 4. Picnic 2019

A large group of students along with the faculty members of Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, went for a picnic to Forazi Garden at Gazipur in February, 2019. Chairperson of the department of English, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir also went to the picnic with great joy along with the students. There was a raffle draw which became the most interesting segment of the picnic according to the students. Besides, the students sang songs, danced and played different games. The enchanting scenery with green trees, ponds and land led to utmost happiness among all the students as well as the faculty members.





Photo 5: Few moments from different segments of the picnic

## 5. Post-picnic celebration

A post-picnic celebration took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019. Students along with the faculty members of Department of English enjoyed singing and dancing in the IQAC Auditorium of the city campus with full energy and bliss. The event was followed by delicious Bengali food khichuri and cold drinks. Moreover, students got the opportunity to share their thoughts about the picnic and also they got to know a lot about their senior and junior batch mates.





Photo 6: Few moments from different segments of the post-picnic celebration

## 6. Iftar Mahfeel, 2019

In the holy month of Ramadan, an iftar feast has been arranged by Department of English on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Chairperson of the department of English Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir was present in this sacred ceremony. Chairperson of the department of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. Abul Hossain and Chairperson of Green Business School, Dr. Helal Uddin also participated in the iftar feast wholeheartedly. Most of the alumni of the department and students from different batches were present in the feast. On behalf of all, Mr. Md. Golam Mohiuddin, Senior Lecturer, Department of English made dua for everyone's good health and the university's prosperity.





Photo 7: Few moments from different segments of the Iftar Mahfeel

## **7. Orientation Program Summer, 2019**

At the beginning of each semester, Freshers' Orientation Program is organized for the newly admitted students of the department. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, under the supervision of Mr. Md. Shamim Mondal, Assistant Professor of the Department of English and Moderator of English club organized the Freshers' Orientation Program. In the program, all the faculty members and students from different batches participated with sheer joy to welcome batch 192 in the department of English. The former students sang songs, recited poems and danced to entertain the new batch. All the faculty members including the Chairperson of the department and the Treasurer of GUB wished the new batch good luck in their journey ahead.



Photo 8: Few moments from the orientation program

## 8. Visit to National Museum

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, a large group of students from different batches of the department visited Bangladesh National Museum with Mr. Md. Shamim Mondol, Assistant Professor, Department of English, GUB. A visit to a museum imparts the students' knowledge about the glorious history and civilization of the country. Students were able to gather relevant knowledge about the history and cultural heritage of our country through this visit. Besides, the students could also know how our country is marching ahead towards progress and prosperity.



Photo 9: Few moments of the visit

## 9. Orientation Program Fall, 2019

The Freshers' Orientation Program of Fall semester has been organized by English Club of the department of English on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. In the program, all the faculty members and students from different batches participated with sheer joy to welcome batch 193 in the department of English. The new students of batch 193 also enjoyed a lot when the former students sang songs,

recited poems and danced to entertain them. All the faculty members welcomed the new batch. The Treasurer of GUB wished the new batch a successful journey for their future endeavors. Finally, the Chairperson of the department, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir inspired the freshers with his thoughtful speech to enrich themselves by engaging in academic and extra-curricular activities.



Photo 10: Few moments from different segments of the orientation program

## 10. Study Tour

Under the guidance of Assistant Professor of the department of English, Mr. Md. Shamim Mondol, a large group of students from different batches went for a short study tour at 300 feet, Purbachal on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Students from different semesters sang songs and enjoyed a lot in the tour. They also showed their gratitude toward the organizing committee to make this tour

possible. In addition to that the tour was very refreshing for all as the soothing air as well as the view of Catkins mesmerized them all.



Photo 11: Few moments from different segments of the tour

## 11. Career Conference 2019

12<sup>th</sup> Career Conference, 2019 on “RJ, News Presentation, Correct English, Bangla Pronunciation and Presentation” was organized by English Club on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Media associate for the conference was Radio Dhol 94.0 FM which is the first Rock radio station to start official broadcasting with world class Bangla, English and legendary rock music on their playlist. Miraz Hossain, RJ, Radio Ekattor 98.4 FM and Rajib Hossain an International Trainer of Winner BD played a vital role as the instructors of the theme of the conference.



Photo 13: Few moments from different segments of the conference

## 12. Winner of Debate Competition, 2019

On 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 the Debating club of Green University of Bangladesh has arranged an intra-university debate competition. Two teams participated in this competition including the department of English and the department of Law. The winner team's members Abdul Aziz, Ayshi Alam Prethi and Arifa Sultana Mim are the students of the department of English. Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, the Treasurer Md. Shahid Ullah, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the department of English K. M. Wazed Kabir, Chairperson of the department of Law Dr. Parvez Ahmed and Moderator of Debating club and Lecturer of Green Business School, Mr. Hasan Al Zubayer Rony encouraged the students to participate these types of competitions to develop their interpersonal and communication skills. Finally, the Chairperson of the department of English, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir also inspired both the teams by giving many more suggestions on improving the rebuttal session.



Photo 14: Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir is handing over the crest to the winners

## 13. Musical Gathering

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, the department of English, Green University of Bangladesh has organized a musical gathering program for the students. The program was also open for all the faculty members, students and staffs of different departments of the university. Under the guidance of Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the department, the program got a great success. Mr. Md. Shamim Mondol, Assistant Professor and Moderator of English club also

encouraged students to enjoy the program wholeheartedly. Many students sang songs in the beautifully lamp-light decorated room. Also, the students also participated in dancing. Besides, a Fuchka Fest was also arranged for the students and as well as the faculty members. Students from different departments also enjoyed in the festivity of the program.



Photo 15: Few moments from the program Musical Gathering

#### **14. Celebration of Khonar Bochon**

A drama fest was arranged by baṭatalaa for celebrating 'khonar bochon.' Md. Shamim Mondal, Assistant Professor, the Department of English and the students went to watch the drama on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Students were amazed by the performance of the theatre. They enjoyed the drama a lot.



Photo 16: Students along with Mr. Md. Shamim Mondol, Assistant Professor of the department at the entrance of Battala

### **15. Enhancing Bonding among the Students of the Permanent Campus**

A picnic has been organized by English Club for creating bonding among the students of both city and permanent campuses of the Department of English on 21st December 2019. Honorable Chairperson of the Department of English was also present in this occasion. Different games were arranged for the students and gifts were given to the winners. Also, students danced and sang songs during this picnic. Moreover, both students and the faculty members enjoyed a lot throughout the picnic.



Photo 17: Few moments from the program

### **Arrivals, Departures and Promotions**

- a. Ms. Abeer Noor took study leave from the department in spring 2019.
- b. Mr. Gopashish Biswas G.Son joined at the department in summer 2019.
- c. Ms. Aklima Akter joined at the department in summer 2019.

### **Research Publication, Participation in Workshops, Conferences or Seminars**

1. Kabir, W. Working with learners' Motivation and success: Tracing the sources of low motivation and a learner-centered approach, Research Journal of Social Science & Management, Vol-08, Number-12, April 2019.

2. Kabir, W. Evaluation of Semi-Diasporic State of Human Mind in the selected short stories by Anita Desai: A Comparative Study, *Scholars Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol-8, Issue-1, PP-42-47, Hojai, Assam-782439, India
3. Mobarak, T. Cultural Identity and Diasporic Women: A Spatial Reading of Be the First to See What You See as You See It by Runa Islam, September 2019.
4. Mohiuddin, M. G. Communication Games Between Teachers and Students at the Tertiary Level: A Study Based on Transactional Analysis Theory, June 2019.