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*Message from  
the Chairman,  
Board of Trustees*

I am truly delighted to know that Pundra University of Science & Technology is set to publish its newsletter in 2024—a milestone that marks a new chapter in our communication and outreach. This initiative will provide a platform to share our collective achievements, showcase pioneering research, and celebrate the vibrant spirit of our university community.

Our commitment to academic excellence, innovative research, and community building continues to drive us forward. This year, we have witnessed significant growth in both our programs and campus initiatives. All are made possible by the dedication of our faculty, staff, and students.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees for their strenuous efforts and steadfast supports. A special thank goes to our faculty, administrative staff, and students, whose collective efforts have made this year's successes possible.

As we look ahead, the Board remains committed to advancing Pundra University of Science & Technology as a hub for academic excellence and global collaboration. Together, let us continue to move forward, driven by our shared passion for knowledge and growth. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to making our mission a success.

**Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum**

*Ashoka-Fellow, PHF & AKS*

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Pundra University of Science & Technology

## Introduction to Pundra University of Science & Technology

The University is proud to be the first Private University in North Bengal aiming to provide high quality higher education at affordable cost at the door step of the young, matured and marginalized people. It was established in 2001 under the Private University Act with the approval of the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. It is governed by Pundra University of Science & Technology Trust, a non-profit and non-political organization engaged in educational; social and humanitarian activities. The Trust comprises renowned academicians, intellectuals and high officials who have set glorious examples of honesty, sincerity and success in their respective fields. The University has provisions for concessions of tuition fees up to 100% on the basis of academic results and the financial condition of students. For maintaining quality education the university authority has appointed a good number of full time teachers in each every department, who have excellent academic back-grounds and international exposures. Its curricula and academic programs are also approved by University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC).

The University provides a congenial learning environment along with available modern facilities, applies student-centered creative and interactive learning methods, pursues applied research, fosters collaborations to produce world standard graduates to meet national and global challenges and harnesses opportunities in the emerging global challenges.





### *Message from the Editor-in-Chief*

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Pundra University Newsletter 2024, a platform dedicated to showcasing the vibrant academic and extracurricular landscape of Pundra University of Science & Technology. This publication is a celebration of the achievements and milestones reached by our students, faculty, and the university as a whole throughout the year.

Our dedicated editorial team has worked tirelessly to collect, review, and organize content that reflects the true spirit of the university. We are proud to bring you the stories of academic excellence, research breakthroughs, national days celebrations, seminars and workshops, and achievements in both local and global arenas.

#### **This year's edition highlights:**

- Academic and Extracurricular Activities: Showcasing events and projects from various departments that illustrate the diverse talents of our students and the commitment of our faculty.
- National Day Celebrations: Commemorating the important days with activities that instill patriotism and cultural awareness among our university community.
- Research and Publications: Featuring groundbreaking research and scholarly publications that contribute to academic discourse and elevate the reputation of our university.
- Seminars and Workshops: Documenting the insightful sessions that promote knowledge-sharing and skill development.
- Achievements of Students, Teachers, and the University: Celebrating the awards, recognitions, and accomplishments that mark our progress and success.

The Pundra University Newsletter is not just a publication; it is a testament to our collective dedication and pursuit of excellence. It serves as a mirror reflecting the progression of the university, while also being a platform to evaluate the skills and achievements of our students and faculty. On behalf of the editorial team, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members who contributed their time, creativity, and relentless effort in bringing this edition to life.

I am also grateful to the students, faculties, and administrative colleagues for their contributions through writing of papers, sharing the news, and photos of events. Their dedication and commitment have made this publication possible, and I am deeply appreciative of their hard works.

We hope that this newsletter inspires pride and motivation within our community as we continue to strive for greater achievements.

Warm regards

**Rtn. Dr. Md. Matior Rahman**

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Editor-in-Chief, Pundra University Newsletter  
Pundra University of Science & Technology





## Pundra University: A New Horizon of Possibilities

Established in 2001, Pundra University of Science & Technology stands as the first private university in the northern region of Bangladesh. Named after the cradle of ancient civilization, *Pundravardhana*, the university, spanning approximately 9 (nine) acres of land, is located in the Gokul Union of Bogura Sadar Upazila, near the ancient site of Mahasthangarh. The university is dedicated to providing quality education at an affordable cost. Since its inception, It has been playing a pivotal role in ensuring of quality higher education in the country.

With a vision to contribute to national development and draw scholars from across the globe, Pundra University is dedicated to advancing academic excellence across diverse fields—including science, technology, humanities, social sciences, and business education. The university's mission is to nurture students' intellectual growth through research, innovation, and creative exploration, empowering them to harness their latent potential and emerge as future leaders.

Currently, the university operates 18 academic programs under four faculties. Notable programs include CSE, EEE, Civil Engineering, Information & Communication Engineering, BBA, English, Bangla, Islamic Studies (Honors), MA in English and Islamic Studies, MBA, EMBA, MDS, MPH, B.Ed, and M.Ed. Additionally, new departments such as Law and Journalism & Media Studies have started their academic journeys. Plans are underway to establish new departments like Sociology and Pharmacy.

Pundra University offers a serene and green campus equipped with modern infrastructure, including a 20-storey academic building, three five-storey buildings, two single floor academic buildings, and a three-storey Civil Engineering laboratory. There are separate residential halls for male and female students, an extensive transportation system, and well-equipped departmental laboratories that enhance the university's learning environment. The institution also features a library housing approximately 12,000 books, as well as student

clubs such as the Robotics Club, Debating Club, Business Club, Programming Club, Students' Welfare Association, Cultural Club, Literature Club, and Sports Club.

The university maintains academic collaborations with esteemed national and international institutions. These include partnerships with the University of Michigan-Flint (USA), the Global Health Academic, Begum Rokeya University (Rangpur), Kyungdong University Global Campus (South Korea), Acharya Institute of Management and Sciences (India), ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (Ireland) and United International University, Dhaka.

Furthermore, over 2,000 students are enrolled in various programs at Pundra University, and approximately 2,500 students have successfully completed their degrees. A remarkable number of graduates have secured employment in government and private sectors, while others have pursued higher studies abroad with prestigious scholarships. The university's faculty members have also received international scholarships for further academic advancement. Notably, through the dedicated efforts of the Board of Trustees Chairman, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, a courtesy meeting was held with the Honorable Chancellor and Honorable President Md. Shahabuddin, to discuss the university's progress.

The University is dedicated to fostering a diverse, ethical, and intellectually vibrant campus. Faculty members are committed to delivering knowledge-based, skill-oriented education while providing students with the best possible learning



experiences. The institution actively encourages research and scholarship to address key scientific, business, socio-political and cultural challenges of the 21st century. Emphasizing moral and cultural values alongside academic excellence, the university integrates extracurricular activities to enhance students' personal growth and self-discipline.

The university employs experienced full-time faculty members and hires distinguished part-time faculty from renowned public universities to maintain quality teaching. English language proficiency and computer literacy programs are available for all students. A digitalized library provides extensive resources with online access to books and journals. E-learning resources, tutorial sessions, and makeup classes ensure continuous academic support. Student counseling, career guidance, and placement services are also integral parts of the university's support system. The university has well-furnished laboratories with modern scientific instruments, computing facilities, free Wi-Fi access and a well-maintained cafeteria that ensures high-quality food and a comfortable environment. Credit transfer facilities are available for students aiming to continue their education at national or international universities. The classrooms are furnished with cutting-edge educational resources and multimedia technology, ensuring a modern and interactive learning experience.

The university actively commemorates national events at its Shaheed Minar, promoting cultural and historical awareness among students. A vast playground within the Shaheed Minar premises supports various sports activities. Through co-curricular programs such as festivals, debates, cultural events, and science exhibitions, the university provides students with opportunities to develop their skills and gain valuable experiences.

Education is a must for building a prosperous and progressive society. It is the driving force behind national progress, refining individuals' values, beliefs, and insights. The transformation of a nation is only possible when its people are fully educated. Recognizing this, both public and private sectors are taking initiatives to enhance access to education. In response to the growing demand for higher education, private universities

are playing a crucial role in meeting the country's educational needs. In this context, the Pundra University Trustee Board, under the leadership of Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, an Ashoka Fellow, PHF, and AKS, is relentlessly working to contribute to the socio-economic development of the northern region by producing skilled professionals through quality higher education.

The university is committed to its holistic development through rigorous academic and administrative initiatives. The transition of administrative and academic offices to the newly constructed 20-storey building has significantly enhanced facilities for students and faculty members. Approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) for 13 new programs, including the Law, has enhanced the university's prestige and increased student enrollment. Academic collaborations have created opportunities for students and faculty to engage with world-class institutions.

Regular academic meetings with faculty members have streamlined academic operations, and the appointment of skilled personnel in the registrar's office has strengthened administrative functions. The recruitment of 10 professors from public universities has facilitated the process of obtaining a permanent charter from the UGC. research initiatives have been expanded through motivational seminars, with keynote addresses from distinguished scholars such as Professor Dr. M. Afzal Hossain, Emeritus Professor and BOT Advisor. These initiatives have enabled faculty members to undertake high-quality research and inspire students to engage in academic inquiry and pursue higher education.

Recent renovations of student dormitories have significantly improved residential facilities, allowing students to access affordable accommodation. Enhanced faculty and staff evaluations have increased motivation and productivity. The revision of examination policies to align with contemporary standards has garnered positive feedback from students and guardians, reflecting the university's commitment to continuous improvement.

Due to the necessary renovations of the university canteen, students have now access to quality meals at an affordable cost. Consequently, they are able to participate in classroom learning with



greater concentration. Additionally, under co-curricular programs, students are being provided with opportunities for industrial tours to esteemed organizations, including BCL Ceramic Factory and other prominent industrial organizations across the country. These initiatives contribute to enhancing their professional competencies, thereby increasing their affinity for the university.

To accelerate student enrollment, promotional activities have been significantly intensified compared to previous years. In order to ensure the security of university assets, new CCTV cameras have been installed at various key locations on campus. Moreover, all official correspondences received from the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Education are promptly addressed and dispatched by PUB, thereby promoting stronger institutional communication and collaboration with these governing bodies.

The university, with financial support from TMSS, has undertaken the implementation of twelve research projects. Upon completion, these projects will create new employment opportunities and provide economic benefits to marginalized communities under the TMSS jurisdiction. In addition, the university felicitates outstanding GPA-5 achievers from various educational institutions in Bogura district.

The Department of Islamic Studies has conferred Excellence Awards to students. Additionally, a scholarship awareness seminar, organized by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) at PUB, has elevated the university's relationship with the organization to new heights. The institution has also initiated research projects in collaboration with City Bank PLC through the Pundra Institute of Research and Development (PIRD), further strengthening its ties with both domestic and international funding agencies.

Faculty members from the Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), and Mathematics departments have secured scholarships for advanced research in the United States and Russia. Honoring them upon their return has enhanced the university's reputation and prestige across academic circles.

Recently, the Assistant High Commissioner of the Indian Assistant High Commission in Rajshahi

inaugurated a tree-planting initiative at Pundra University of Science & Technology (PUB), a step the university believes will make a meaningful impact on environmental sustainability. In addition, a seminar titled "Outcome-Based Education: Challenges and Solutions", organized by the Organization for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (OATL), has been instrumental in elevating the standard of higher education at the university.

With a strategic focus on obtaining accreditation from the UGC, all necessary procedures are being executed with the utmost priority. In pursuit of this goal, the university actively participated in an accreditation awareness seminar organized by the Bangladesh Accreditation Council at Khwaja Yunus Ali University of Science and Technology. The Honorable Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, an Ashoka Fellow, PHF, and AKS, alongside the esteemed advisers, faculty members, students, administrative staff, the UGC, relevant ministries, public and private educational institutions, and the university's principal financial supporter, TMSS, have collectively provided guidance and assistance in addressing various institutional challenges.

We firmly believe that Pundra University of Science & Technology will emerge as a distinguished center of excellence for higher education, integrating modern technology with disciplines such as the humanities and business administration. This vision extends beyond national borders, positioning the university as a premier institution for the youth, particularly those from the underserved northern regions of the country, and reinforcing its prominence on both the national and international stages.

**Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra**

Vice-Chancellor

Pundra University of Science & Technology

## Outcome-Based Curriculum at Pundra University of Science & Technology: A Step towards Academic Excellence

In the rapidly evolving landscape of higher education, the adoption of an outcome-based curriculum (OBC) has become a hallmark of progressive institutions committed to academic excellence and student success. Pundra University of Science & Technology (PUB), committed to providing quality education, has successfully implemented the UGC-approved OBC in 19 programs. This significant step reflects PUB's commitment to fostering a learner-centric approach in its teaching, learning, and assessment practices, aligning with international standards.

### Outcome-Based Curriculum: A Paradigm Shift in Education

The outcome-based curriculum shifts the focus from traditional input-oriented education to an output-oriented framework. It emphasizes the achievement of predefined learning outcomes that address the needs of students, employers, and society. These outcomes include cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (attitudes) domains, which together ensure a holistic development of students. At PUB, the adoption of the UGC-approved OBC underscores its vision of preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century. Each program is meticulously designed to ensure that graduates acquire competencies relevant to their respective fields, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to excel in a competitive global environment.

### Teaching-Learning Pedagogy: Active and Experiential Learning

PUB's classroom practices are designed to align seamlessly with the principles of OBC. The university employs a blend of traditional and modern teaching methodologies to create a dynamic and engaging learning environment. These include:

1. **Interactive Lectures:** Faculty members facilitate interactive discussions that encourage critical thinking and active participation.
2. **Project-Based Learning (PBL):** Students work on real-world projects that develop their problem-solving and collaborative skills.
3. **Case Studies and Simulations:** Practical scenarios and simulations are integrated into courses to bridge the gap between theory and practice.
4. **Flipped Classrooms:** Students are provided with pre-class materials to explore foundational concepts, reserving classroom time for deeper discussions and application-based activities.
5. **Technology-Enhanced Learning:** Tools such as Learning Management Systems (LMS) and virtual labs are utilized to enrich the learning experience.

### Assessment and Evaluation: Measuring Learning Outcomes

In adherence to the OBC framework, PUB has developed a robust system for assessing student performance. The evaluation methods are designed to measure the attainment of course and program outcomes effectively. These include:

1. **Formative Assessments:** Continuous assessments, such as quizzes, assignments, and in-class activities, provide ongoing feedback to students and help instructors tailor their teaching strategies.
2. **Summative Assessments:** Comprehensive evaluations, including midterm and final examinations, ensure that students meet the desired learning outcomes.
3. **Rubrics-Based Grading:** Transparent and standardized grading rubrics are employed to evaluate students' performance in projects, presentations, and written tasks.
4. **Capstone Projects:** Final-year students undertake capstone projects that integrate knowledge and skills acquired throughout their program, demonstrating their readiness for professional challenges.

### Accreditation Efforts: Striving for Global Standards

PUB is actively working towards accreditation by the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), a move that will further solidify its reputation as a leading institution of higher learning. Accreditation ensures that the university's programs meet rigorous quality standards and are globally recognized. By aligning its curriculum, pedagogy, and evaluation methods with BAC's guidelines, PUB aims to enhance its academic credibility and attract a diverse cohort of students and faculty.

In fact, Pundra University of Science & Technology's commitment to the outcome-based curriculum represents a forward-thinking approach to education. By prioritizing student outcomes, embracing innovative teaching practices, and ensuring rigorous assessment, PUB is setting a benchmark for quality education in Bangladesh. Its ongoing efforts to achieve accreditation by the Bangladesh Accreditation Council will further validate its dedication to excellence, preparing graduates to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As PUB continues its journey of academic innovation, it serves as a model for other institutions aspiring to adopt the outcome-based curriculum and elevate the standards of higher education in Bangladesh.

### Md. Nazmul Haque

Assistant Professor  
Department of English, PUB



## National and International Days observation

### National Library Day Celebration



*A student is receiving the prize from the Vice-Chancellor*

On the occasion of National Library Day 2024, observed on February 5, various programs were organized at Pundra University of Science & Technology. On this day, the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, visited the newly refurbished library. To mark the occasion, the Bangabandhu Corner in the PUB Library was enriched with more new books, and a Teachers' Corner was inaugurated. Additionally, on February 4, winners of the speech competition on the topic "Digital Library and Our Expectations: Perspective of Pundra University of Science & Technology" were awarded. A discussion session and award giving ceremony was held at the university auditorium. The Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor of PUB Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, emphasized that 'A library without books is like a body without a soul.' He encouraged students to spend more time reading in the library and urged faculty members to pay special attention to this matter.

### Saraswati Puja Organized



*The devotees are engaged with deep devotion and reverence*

Saraswati Puja was celebrated at Pundra University of Science & Technology with great enthusiasm, excitement, and various formalities. The university auditorium, where a temporary Saraswati Puja Mandap was set up, resonated with the sounds of dhak, kansar, conch shells, and ululation. Students primarily take part in this puja with devotion. In keeping with this tradition,

Saraswati Puja was celebrated at Pundra University. Students, teachers, officials, and staff members of the university who belong to Hinduism participated in the worship rituals, offered prayers (Anjali), and took part in the distribution of prasad. Among many others, the event was graced by the presence of Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra and Ayesha Begum, a member of the Board of Trustees.

### Felicitations of the Family of Language Movement Hero Gaziul Haque



Pundra University of Science & Technology has honored the family of Language Movement hero Gaziul Haque. On February 21, 2024, during the commemoration of International Mother Language Day and Shaheed Day, a ceremony was held at the university's auditorium where Rahul Gazi, a representative of Gaziul Haque's family, was presented with flowers and a crest by the Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. The ceremony was chaired by Treasurer of the university, Professor Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul, and the main Speaker was Swadesh Ray, a journalist, editor, and chairman of *Look Asia*, who is also a recipient of the Ekushey Padak. Toufik Hasan Moina, President of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Bogura, delivered a special address. The Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day were observed with due respect through various activities, including the hoisting of the national flag at dawn, wearing black badges, a morning procession, laying wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, a discussion session, and the distribution of awards to the winners of a quiz competition.

The morning procession, led by Professor Dr. Hosne Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), and the Vice-Chancellor, started from the main gate of the university. The procession, with faculty, staff, and students, paid homage to the martyrs at the Shaheed Minar, laying wreaths and observing a one-minute silence. Afterward, discussions were held at the auditorium, and awards were distributed to the winners in the quiz competition on Bangla Language and History. Faculty, students, staff, and employees actively participated in all the activities throughout the day.



## Celebration of 'World Teachers' Day

Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, joined the global community in celebrating World Teachers' Day, as declared by UNESCO, under the theme "The Teachers' Voice: A New Social Contract for Education." The event was observed on Saturday, October 5, 2024, with a discussion session held in Room 205 of the main academic building. Speakers at the event emphasized the crucial role and contributions of teachers in nation-building and pledged to raise awareness about their significance across all levels of society. The discussion session was graced by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, as the chief guest. The session was presided over by Prof. Md. Sujan Shah-E-Fazlul, Treasurer of PUB. Distinguished guest Md. Nazrul Islam, Acting Principal of Shahid Danesh Uddin School and College and an indigenous researcher, also attended the event.

## Observance of Martyred Intellectuals Day



Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, observed Martyred Intellectuals Day 2024 with due respect. On this occasion, teachers, officials, staff, and students wore black badges as a mark of remembrance. The day's events included a moment of silence in honor of the martyred intellectuals, a discussion session, and a mourning rally. The day's proceedings began at sunrise on December 14<sup>th</sup> with the hoisting of the national flag. At 9:00 AM, a rally, led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, paraded through the campus and concluded at the Shaheed Minar, where floral tributes were offered. Following the rally, a brief discussion was held at the Shaheed Minar premises, where the Vice-Chancellor stated that a ruthless plan to eliminate the nation's brightest minds on December 14, 1971—just two days before the great victory—ultimately failed. A one-minute silence was observed in memory of the martyrs during the event.

## Victory Day Celebration



*A student is being awarded a prize for winning the article writing competition on the Liberation War*

Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, commemorated Victory Day 2024 with a series of events and programs. The university organized a Victory Rally, floral tributes, a discussion session, a reception for freedom fighters, and an essay competition highlighting the significance of Victory Day. The day's events began with a reception ceremony for freedom fighters at the university auditorium, where A.H.M. Golam Rasul Khan, Secretary of the Board of Trustees (BoT), and Md. Jahedur Rahman, Treasurer and a valiant freedom fighter, were honored with a crest and ceremonial scarves by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. Additional programs included the hoisting of the national flag at sunrise, the Victory Rally, and a discussion session, marking the occasion with due reverence and enthusiasm.

## Honoring Freedom Fighters on Independence Day

Pundra University of Science & Technology honored two valiant freedom fighters. On the occasion of March 26, the Independence and National Day, a ceremony was held at the university auditorium where Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra presented floral tributes, crests, and ceremonial scarves to Bir Muktijoddha A.T.M. Aminul Islam Pintu, former District Muktijoddha Commander of the Bogura District Unit Command, former Member of Parliament, and former Chairman of the Bogura District Council, and Bir Muktijoddha Md. Shah Newaz Chunnu, Zonal Commander of the Bangladesh Liberation Front (BLF), Northern Zone, Bogura, in recognition of their heroic contributions.



## Pohela Boishakh Celebration



*A festive rally is parading across the university campus*

Pundra University of Science & Technology celebrated Pohela Boishakh, the Bengali New Year 1431, with vibrant festivities, continuing its annual tradition. On April 14, 2024, at 10:30 AM, a Boishakhi Rally, led by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, paraded across the university campus. Following the rally, a discussion session was held at the university auditorium.

## Speech Competition on National Library Day 2024

On the occasion of National Library Day 2024, Pundra University of Science & Technology organized a speech competition. A total of nineteen students from various departments participated in this event. The competition, centered around the theme "Digital Libraries and Our Expectations," was formally inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra.



*The Vice-Chancellor is observing the debate competition*

## Seminar/Workshop

### Discussion on Advanced Research at Pundra University of Science & Technology

An online discussion titled 'Research and Higher Education' was organized by the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Pundra University of Science & Technology. The event featured renowned scientist Samudra Haque, a prominent figure born in Bangladesh and based in the United States, as the keynote speaker. He discussed various issues related to computer science and engineering and electrical and electronic engineering.

The event took place on April 6th, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the BoT meeting room of the university. The discussion was chaired by Professor Dr. Khaja Zakariya Ahmad Chishti, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

During the session, all attendees agreed on the importance of implementing innovative collaborative programs. The discussion also witnessed participation from teachers across various departments, including those from the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

### PUB Participates in Higher Education Accreditation Workshop



*The Vice-Chancellor is delivering a speech at the Higher Education Accreditation Workshop*

Pundra University of Science & Technology (PUB) participated in the Motivational Workshop on Accreditation in Higher Education organized by the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC), which was established to ensure the quality of higher education and provide accreditation in Bangladesh. A day-long workshop took place on Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Khwaja Yunus Ali Complex Auditorium, Khwaja Yunus Ali University, Sirajganj, with the participation of several private universities and higher education institutions from northern Bangladesh. On behalf of PUB, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra delivered a speech at the workshop. BoT chair also attended the session and delivered speech on the occasion.



### Webinar on Higher Education in China



*The question- answering session is going on*

A webinar titled "Higher Education in China" was held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> of 2024 online Zoom platform, organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Pundra University of Science & Technology.

The event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University of Science & Technology, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, as the chief guest. Also in attendance were Professor Dr. Khaja Zakaria Ahmed Chishti, Director of the IQAC and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, along with faculty members and students from various departments. Distinguished speakers at the webinar included Mr. Toufiq, Founder and CEO of China Edu Consultancy, Mr. Bashar, Assistant Director of the organization, and Hafsa Akter, a former BBA student of Pundra University currently pursuing an MBA at Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen, China. They addressed various questions from participating students and faculty members while highlighting opportunities for higher education in China.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra expressed his satisfaction with the event, stating that the discussion had been highly beneficial for both faculty members and students. The speakers provided insights into various aspects of studying in China, including scholarships, visa procedures, language proficiency requirements, part-time and full-time job opportunities, career prospects after graduation, safety measures for female students, and the global recognition of Chinese higher degrees.

### Seminar on Ethics of University Teachers

Pundra University of Science & Technology organized a seminar titled "Ethics and Integrity in University Teaching and Research." The event took place on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> of 2024, in Room 205 of the university's main academic building, under the chairmanship of Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University. The keynote paper was presented by Dr. M. Afzal Hossain, Emeritus Professor and Honorable Advisor to the Board of Trustees of Pundra

University of Science & Technology, former Vice-Chancellor of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur, and former Vice-Chancellor of PUB.

In his speech, Dr. Hossain elaborated on the responsibilities and duties of university faculties, emphasizing the need for ethical awareness in teaching and research. He highlighted the crucial role of teachers in fostering students' intellectual and creative growth, stressing the importance of continuous professional development and ethical commitment in academia.

### Seminar on Programming Careers



*A group photo of the participants*

A seminar titled "Let's Code Your Career Through Programming" was held at Pundra University of Science & Technology, organized by the Pundra University Programming Club under the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE). The event took place on May 17<sup>th</sup> of 2024, with the support and facilitation of Programming Hero and Python Team.

The seminar was inaugurated by Md. Habib Ehsanul Haque, Head of the CSE Department. The keynote speaker, Mr. Abdur Rakib, Chief Operating Officer of Programming Hero, provided valuable insights into various aspects of programming careers. He discussed the potential, challenges, and essential preparations required for students to build a successful career in programming.

During the closing session, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University of Science & Technology, emphasized the significance of the seminar in guiding students toward a career in programming. He stated, "This seminar will play a crucial role in career development in programming. Pundra University always prioritizes the pursuit of scientific and technological knowledge."

He expressed gratitude to the CSE Department and the Pundra University Programming Club for organizing such an initiative and encouraged the continuation of similar knowledge-sharing events.



## Meeting on MPH Program



*A meeting on MPH Program is going on*

A meeting was held in the Department of Public Health Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. The meeting took place in the conference room on the third floor of the TMSS Medical College's TMC and RCH building. The program was inaugurated with an opening speech by Professor Dr. Ragib Ahsan of the Public Health Department.

The Acting Head of the Public Health Department, Dr. Shamima Begum, presented a detailed overview of the department's programs through a presentation. The nurses present at the meeting openly discussed various aspects related to the MPH program and the admission process, expressing interest in enrolling in the course.

## Discussion Meeting on LLB, Journalism and Media Studies Program



Pundra University of Science & Technology held a discussion meeting at The Trade Center Convention Hall of Momo Inn Park and Resort to mark the launch of LLB & Journalism and Media Studies programs from 2025. The event was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, with Senior District and Sessions Judge, Bogura Md. Shahjahan Kabir as the chief guest. Special guests included prominent lawyers, journalists, and the university officials. Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of Pundra University, attended as the guest of honor. Over two hundred journalists and lawyers participated in the event.

## Seminar on Education and Research



*The keynote speaker is delivering his speech on Education and Research*

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Pundra University of Science & Technology organized a seminar on Education and Research. The seminar took place on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> of 2024, in Room 205 of the university's main academic building. Dr. Olav Muurlink, Associate Professor at the School of Business and Law, Central Queensland University, Australia, delivered the keynote speech. He also serves as the Program Leader for the Future Leaders Program. The seminar commenced with a welcome address by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. Also present at the event were PUB's Treasurer, Professor Md. Sujan Shah-E-Fazlul, Acting Registrar Md. Mohiuddin Molla, and the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Dr. M. Atar Ali.

## Seminar on Outcome-Based Education

A seminar on "Outcome-Based Education: Challenges and Solutions" was organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Pundra University of Science & Technology. The seminar took place on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August of in Room 205 of the university's main academic building.

The keynote speaker for the event, Mr. Md. Riyadul Islam Chowdhury, Additional Director of IQAC, PUB, presented a paper on the topic. The seminar featured an in-depth discussion on the challenges of Outcome-Based Education Curriculum (OBEC) and the role of educators in addressing these challenges. Attending faculty members clarified their understanding of OBEC through a question-and-answer session.



## Special Occasions

### Blanket Distribution Program



*An employee is receiving the blanket from the Vice-Chancellor*

On the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, as a part of the blanket distribution initiative, Pundra University of Science & Technology (PUB) distributed blankets among the university's MLSS employees on the university campus. Among many others, the event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor of PUB, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, as well as Professor Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul, Treasurer, PUB.

### BOT Chairman Gifts Winter Cloths

On the tenth of December 2024, Professor Dr. M. Aminul Islam, the esteemed Special Assistant to the Education Advisor (with the rank of Minister), visited Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura. During his visit he presented a greetings gift to the students on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, at the university auditorium.

### Spring 2024 Orientation

The Spring 2024 semester orientation program for students at Pundra University of Science & Technology took place on March 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the university auditorium. The Chief Guest of the event was the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. Joining the event online, the Guest of Honor, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Pundra University and Founder Executive Director of TMSSS, Professor Dr. Hosne Ara Begum, delivered a speech. BoT Member Professor Dr. Md. Hasanat Ali also joined online and addressed the pantees. The orientation program was chaired by the Treasurer of the University, Professor Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul, with the Emeritus Professor and BoT Advisor Dr. M. Afzal Hossain delivering a special address. The speakers welcomed the new students and emphasized that Pundra University is tirelessly working to nurture them into humanitarian, science-minded, and well-rounded individuals. They encouraged the students to develop their humanitarian qualities and contribute to the service of the nation as smart individuals. During the event, one representative from each department shared their thoughts and experiences. The new students were warmly welcomed with flowers and gifts.

### Eid Gifts for Underprivileged Individuals

At Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bondhu Shova (Prothom Alo), with the support of the university administration, distributed the Eid gifts among underprivileged individuals as part of the "Eid of Compassion" celebration, demonstrating a spirit of solidarity. The Eid gift distribution ceremony took place on the March 25<sup>th</sup> of 2024, in the university auditorium, graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Mishra, as well as the Treasurer Prof. Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul.

### Discussion on Ramadan and Dua Mahfil



*The significance of Ramadan is discussed*

On Saturday, April 6, 2024, Pundra University of Science & Technology (PUB) hosted a discussion & prayer gathering on the significance of the holy month of Ramadan at the university's central auditorium. The event was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, and featured Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Honorable Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as the Guest of Honor.



*The guests of Orientation Program on the stage*



## Tree Plantation Campaign at PUB Campus Environment



*The Vice-Chancellor, along with the students, is planting trees*

The tree-planting campaign at Pundra University of Science & Technology was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. The initiative commenced with the planting of various fruit-bearing, medicinal, and timber trees, as well as ornamental species such as Bakul, Krishnachura, Jarul, and Kathgolap to enhance the beauty of the campus. On June 2, 2024, in the afternoon, a number of trees were planted at the university's Shaheed Minar premises, playground, and main gate.

## Visit of Indian Assistant High Commissioner

The Honorable Assistant High Commissioner of India in Rajshahi, Mr. Manoj Kumar, visited Pundra University of Science & Technology, on August 1, 2024. He was warmly welcomed with flowers and a crest by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Pundra University of Science & Technology, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra. During his visit with his family, the Indian Assistant High Commissioner signed the visitor's book and planted a tree in the courtyard adjacent to the university's main gate.



## BoT Chair & VC Meet Honorable President



*The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, along with the Vice-Chancellor, is presenting a crest to the Honorable President*

The Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University of Science & Technology Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, along with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, met with the Honorable President on 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024. During the meeting, they held a brief discussion on how, with the gracious support and goodwill of the President, they could contribute to the development of Pundra University as well as the overall progress of Bangladesh.

## Releasing Fish Fry in the University Pond



*The Vice-Chancellor, Treasurer, Deans, and other officials are releasing fries into the university pond*

On June 4, 2024, fries were released into the pond at the Pundra University of Science & Technology campus. The event was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra.



### PUB Signs MoU with Acharya Institute of Management and Science (AIMS)



*The Vice-Chancellor is signing the MoU with Acharya Institute of Management and Sciences, India*

On the August 16<sup>th</sup> of 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Pundra University of Science & Technology and India's research institution, Acharya Institute of Management and Science (AIMS). Representatives from both institutions joined online to sign the agreement. On behalf of Pundra University, the MoU was signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, while Priyanandan Reddy signed on behalf of AIMS. Under this agreement, both institutions will collaborate on various joint research projects.

### Vice-Chancellor of Southeast University Visits Pundra University



*University delegations from Southeast University and Pundra University at PUB Auditorium*

The Vice-Chancellor of Southeast University, Professor Yusuf Mahbubul Islam, Ph.D., visited Pundra University of Science & Technology, on Friday, October 4, 2024. Pundra University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, guided the guests on a tour of various departments and laboratories within the Faculty of Science. They visited the Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), and Civil Engineering departments, exploring classrooms and laboratories. The guests also engaged in discussions with faculty members from these departments. Professor Yusuf Mahbubul Islam expressed his satisfaction with the university's physical infrastructure, laboratory facilities, and the dedication of its faculty members. He also shared his optimism about collaborative research initiatives in the field of science and technology.

### MoU Signed Between Pundra University and United International University



*After signing the MoU, the Vice-Chancellors are shaking the hands, symbolizing a commitment to future academic and research collaboration*

At the initiative and dedicated efforts of Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, and United International University (UIU), Dhaka, on December 19, 2024 in the office of the Vice-Chancellor at Pundra University, for research and academic collaboration. The MoU will be implemented under the Pundra Institute of Research and Development (PIRD) and the Institute for Advanced Research (IAR-UIU).

### Relief Distribution Program for Flood Affected People in Feni



*Emergency relief is distributed among flood affected people*

On August 26, 2024, Pundra University of Science & Technology implemented a relief program for flood victims. Emergency relief supplies were distributed among flood-affected individuals in



Feni. The relief items included 650 sacks of rice (each weighing 10 kg), 1,000 liters of bottled water, 2,000 packets of puffed rice (each weighing 500 grams), 1,000 packets of biscuits, and 1,000 packets of oral saline.

The relief operation was successfully carried out under the leadership of Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pundra University of Science & Technology and Founder & Executive Director of TMSS. Following the directive of the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the university administration was represented at the relief distribution event by the Deputy Director (Public Relations & Administration), Md. Jahedul Alam.

## PUB Handed Over Memorandum to Deputy Commissioner on National Issues



*The students of Pundra University are submitting memorandum to DC, Bogura*

## PUB Distributes Blankets to Cold-Affected Communities



On January 23, 2024, Pundra University of Science and Technology (PUB) distributed blankets to the cold-affected people in the university campus premises. The blankets were handed over to the underprivileged residents of nearby villages by Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pundra University. With the support of the Women Entrepreneur Association, Bangladesh and WIMA Palli Limited, Pundra University distributed over 500 blankets to the cold-affected people. The beneficiaries expressed their joy and gratitude upon receiving the blankets in the freezing weather.

Pundra University of Science & Technology, submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Bogura, Hosna Afroza, on December 8, 2024, expressing concerns over national and international affairs. A rally, comprising students, faculty, and staff, started from the university and proceeded through Matidali and Satmatha before reaching the DC Office. The memorandum, handed over by students, urged the interim government to ensure good governance, eliminate corruption, and promote equality. It also condemned the vandalism at Bangladesh's Assistant High Commission in Agartala and called for diplomatic action.





## Certificate-Giving Ceremony of 'My Voice Matters'



At Pundra University of Science & Technology, a certificate distribution ceremony was held for the participants of the "My Voice Matters" workshop, aimed at enhancing youth skills and awareness regarding media. The workshop covered topics such as freedom of speech, media freedom, accurate information gathering, and the role of youth in democracy, with support from Article 19, the European Union, and DW Akademie.

The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Md. Hasibur Rahman Billu, Regional Head of Independent Television. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra and Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees was present as the Guest of Honour.

## Inauguration of Spring Fest-2024



*The guests are inaugurating Spring Fest 2024 releasing Balloons in the sky*

The Spring Fest 2024 began at Pundra University of Science & Technology with a four-day celebration. The event was inaugurated on Saturday, February 10, at 10:00 AM, with the release of balloons and pigeons at the university

premises. The Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra declared the opening of Spring Fest-2024. The Treasurer of the University and Convener of Spring Fest-2024, Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul, delivered the welcome speech in the ceremony. The Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman, and BoT member, Prof. Dr. Md. Hasanath Ali, were also present there and gave their congratulatory speeches.

## Closing Ceremony of Spring Fest -2024



*Students along with guests pose on stage after Prize Giving Ceremony*

The Spring Fest 2024 at Pundra University of Science & Technology came to a close with a cultural program and award distribution ceremony. The event featured a wide range of activities, including debate and cultural competitions, sports, and a science fair.

On the afternoon of February 13, the cultural program and award ceremony took place on the university campus. Among those present were the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Vice-Chairman Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman, Secretary AHM Golam Rasul Khan, Former Managing Director of Western Gas Company Limited, Engineer Md. Golam Kibria Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, Treasurer and Convener of Spring Fest 2024, Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul were present in the ceremony. During the award distribution, the winners of events like singing, dancing, recitation, public speaking, and solo performances showcased their performances. A highlight of the award ceremony was a drama performance by the university's students, based on the poem "Saheb o Mosayeb" by National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The morning session of the day also featured the final round of the debate competition, where the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, attended to encourage the participants.



Additionally, the second floor of the library building hosted the Science Fair, where students from the Faculty of Science and Engineering showcased their innovative projects. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, along with other guests, visited the science fair and inquired about the details of the displayed projects. The four-day Spring Fest began on February 10, 2024, marking the culmination of an engaging and dynamic series of events.

### Physics Olympiad at Pundra University



*Students proudly hold their certificates behind the guest on stage*

For the first time, the 15<sup>th</sup> Physics Olympiad's Regional Round was held in Bogura this year. The event was organized by the Bangladesh Physics Olympiad in the collaboration with Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura. On Friday morning, December 27, the opening ceremony of the Bogura regional round of the Physics Olympiad was held at the Pundra University campus. The ceremony began with the national anthem, raising of the national flag, and the release of balloons. The event was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Professor Dr. Mohammad Tanveer Hanif of the Department of Theoretical Physics, Dhaka University, and Professor M. Rafiqul Ahsan of the Department of Physics, Rajshahi University. Over three hundred students from Pabna, Natore, Naogaon, Joypurhat, Sirajganj, Gaibandha, and Bogura districts participated in the event, which was divided into four categories. The university campus was bustling with the presence of secondary and higher secondary students from Bogura and surrounding districts along with their parents.

The ceremony was chaired by Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the Vice-Chancellor of the university. In the award distribution session, 7 students from the 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade category ('A' category), 21 students from the 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade category ('B' category), 43 students from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade category ('C' category), and 10 students from the 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade category ('D' category) were awarded certificates and medals.

### Education Expo at Pundra University



*The Chairman of the Board of Trustees felicitates guests with crests*

Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, successfully organized an Education Expo on its campus. The event celebrated the academic achievements of meritorious students who have secured opportunities to pursue higher education abroad, as well as those who excelled in the 45<sup>th</sup> Science Fair held as part of the National Science and Technology Week at the regional level.

The CSE Department of Pundra University won both the first and third places in the Special Group category at the 45<sup>th</sup> Science Fair organized by the National Science and Technology Week.

### Success of Pundra University at the Science Fair



*Students present and explain their project to the Vice-Chancellor*



pundra University of Science & Technology secured the 1st and 3rd positions in the special category at the 45<sup>th</sup> National Science and Technology Week 2024, celebrated through a science fair. The two-day event, held on April 29-30, took place at the Freedom Fighter Aminul Haque Dulal Auditorium of Bogura Zilla School. Around 40 educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and special category participants, showcased their innovative projects at the fair. The event was organized by the Bogura District Administration under the supervision of the National Museum of Science and Technology and was sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology. The closing and award distribution ceremony was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April of 2024 in the afternoon, where the Honorable Member of Parliament for Bogura Sadar, Ragebul Ahsan Ripu, presented books and certificates to the winners. From Pundra University's CSE Department, Al Imran Abhi and Toufiq Ahmed won 1st place in the special category with their project, "Sign Language Detector." Meanwhile, Mirza Golam Rasul and Md. Fakhurul Alam secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the same category with their project, "Quick Pause." The Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the winners.

### Introduction of Student-Led Teacher Evaluation System

To enhance the quality of education, Pundra University of Science & Technology has introduced a student-led teacher evaluation system. On Saturday, January 27, 2024, in Room 205 of the Academic Building, Vice-Chancellor (Designate) Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra briefed all faculty members about the newly launched "Online Teacher Evaluation" system. He emphasized that the implementation of this system would encourage teachers to become more accountable and responsible. Expressing optimism, he stated that this initiative would play a crucial role in enhancing classroom accountability and improving the overall quality of education. He also urged teachers to actively support and engage with the system to ensure its effective implementation.

Through this system, students will provide online ratings for their teachers based on ten different criteria, including punctuality, classroom preparedness, proficiency in conducting lessons in English, and maintaining discipline in the classroom.

### Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum Felicitated



*The Vice-Chancellor felicitates Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with a bouquet of flowers as a gesture of respect and appreciation*

Pundra University of Science & Technology felicitated Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Founder Executive Director of TMSS, on April 6, 2024, for her participation in the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and her speech promoting women's empowerment in Bangladesh and globally.

During the UN session, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum highlighted that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 is not possible if 10.3% of women are left in extreme poverty worldwide. She emphasized that despite Bangladesh's growing economic development, gender inequality remains, and many still live below the poverty line. Hence, she stressed the importance of enhancing the capacity and funding of women-centered organizations for the advancement of women.

Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, expressed pride in Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum's contributions, noting that the university, like many others, is proud of her achievements. During the event, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra presented flowers and a crest to Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum.

The event was attended by members of the Board of Trustees of Pundra University, faculty members, staff, and other university officials.



## Professor Dr. M. Aminul Islam Honored at Pundra University



*The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees felicitate Professor Dr. Aminul Islam, Special Assistant to the Honorable Education Advisor, with a crest and flowers*

Professor Dr. M. Aminul Islam, Special Assistant to the Honorable Education Advisor (with the rank of State Minister) and an eminent educationist, was honored by Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura. The ceremony was held on 20th November 2024 at the university auditorium. During the event, faculty members of various departments of Pundra University discussed the challenges they face in the education sector. Professor Dr. Aminul Islam attentively listened to the speeches and assured the attendees that he would take visible steps to overcome these obstacles in the near future.

## Reception Ceremony for HSC GPA-5 Holder



*A group photo of the participants along with the guests*

The campus of Pundra University of Science & Technology was filled with the joyous presence of high-achieving students from various colleges across Bogura district who attained GPA-5 in the 2023 HSC examinations. To celebrate their outstanding academic success, Pundra University organized a grand reception in their honor. The meritorious students were welcomed and felicitated with flowers, crests, and university souvenirs. The reception ceremony took place on Sunday, May 19, at 12:00 PM in the university auditorium. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University of Science & Technology, as the chief guest. Additionally, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and the Founder & Executive Director of TMSS, joined the event virtually as the Guest of Honor and delivered her remarks.

## Honoring the Successful Students of HSC Exam



*The Vice-Chancellor facilitates successful HSC students with crests in recognition of their academic achievements*

On 1<sup>st</sup> December of 2024 Pundra University of Science & Technology hosted a recognition ceremony for the outstanding students who obtained a minimum GPA of 4.5 in the 2024 HSC exams from various colleges in Bogura district. The university campus was filled with enthusiasm and colorful decorations as these students were honored for their success at the university auditorium.

In his speech, Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra expressed his best wishes for the students' future success and stated that to achieve greatness, it's not just intelligence that matters but also hard work. Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman, BoT emphasized the importance of time management and urged students to be more cautious and conscious about utilizing technology. She also mentioned that Pundra University is continuously working to shape the current generation into responsible citizens.

## Three Students of Pundra University Pursue Higher Studies in Russia



*The Vice-Chancellor facilitates the students with crests*

Three students from Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, have been awarded scholarships for higher studies in Russia. Md. Abdullahel Baki, A.K.M. Nasim Parvez, and Umme



Kulsum, from the 9<sup>th</sup> batch of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, have recently left for Russia to pursue a Master's degree in Computer Science and Information Technology at Lipetsk State Pedagogical University.

The Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, expressed satisfaction with the students' success, stating that the university authorities and faculty members are working tirelessly to ensure quality education. He emphasized that the success of these three students is a testament to these efforts and hopes that many more students will receive scholarships for higher education abroad in the future.

### UNDP Scholarship Awarding Ceremony



*Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, delivers her speech as a guest of honor*

Pundra University of Science & Technology organized a Scholarship Awarding Ceremony on Saturday morning, 1<sup>st</sup> June of 2024 at the university auditorium. The event, organized under the FutureNation Program with support from UNDP, facilitated the online registration process for over 500 students receiving scholarships.

Through this initiative, students from various departments of Pundra University will have the opportunity to enhance their skills by completing free online courses in two specialized areas: Business and Social English Skills and Frontier Technology Skills.

The ceremony's chief guest, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University, emphasized in his inaugural speech that these courses will provide students with valuable skills to advance their careers. He encouraged registered students to complete the courses diligently.

The Guest of Honor, Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of PUB and Founder & Executive Director of TMSS also graced the inaugural session with her presence.

### Farewell Ceremony of Two Pundra University Faculty Members Pursuing Higher Studies in the USA



*Two teachers proudly hold the crest alongside the esteemed guests on stage*

Two faculty members from Pundra University of Science & Technology, Bogura, have been awarded scholarships to pursue PhD programs in the United States of America. Abu Saif Md. Nasim Uddin, Lecturer of the Department of Civil Engineering, will conduct his doctoral research in Transportation Engineering at the University of Central Florida, while Md. Shakiul Zafar, Lecturer of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), will pursue his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Florida International University.

To honor their achievements, Pundra University organized a Farewell Ceremony on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> of 2024 in Room 205 of the university's academic building. The event was graced by Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of PUB as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the BoT attended the ceremony as the Guest of Honor. The university community extended their best wishes to the departing faculty members, recognizing their accomplishments and contributions to academia.

### UGC Approval for Journalism and Media Studies Program

Pundra University of Science & Technology, the oldest private university in the northern region of Bangladesh has received approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) for its BSS in Journalism and Media Studies program. On 1<sup>st</sup> September of 2024 the UGC officially informed the university Registrar through an official letter (Memo No: 37.01.0000.132.41.010.22.545). The launch of the Journalism and Media Studies program is expected to play a vital role in developing professional journalists in the northern region of the country. Admissions for the program will begin in the Spring-2025 semester.



## Summer-2024 Semester Orientation Program



*The newly admitted students are with the guests*

The Orientation Program for the Summer-2024 semester at Pundra University of Science & Technology was held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September of 2024 in the university auditorium. The event was graced by Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the Vice-Chancellor of the university as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Founder Executive Director of TMSS, attended as the guest of honor. Welcoming the new students, the speakers emphasized that Pundra University is dedicated to shaping students into humanitarian, scientific-minded, and well-rounded individuals. They encouraged students to cultivate humanitarian values and actively contribute to the nation and society as smart, responsible citizens.

## Governing Board Meeting of PIRD



*The director of PIRD is addressing the meeting.*

The Governing Board meeting of the Pundra Institute of Research and Development (PIRD) was held at Pundra University of Science & Technology. Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Misra, the Vice-Chancellor of Pundra University and President of the PIRD Governing Board presided over the meeting. The session was conducted by

Dr. S. J. Anwar Zahid, Registrar of the University and Secretary of the Governing Board, who led the proceedings. During the meeting, discussions were on the overall progress of PIRD's research activities. After careful consideration of several research projects, the governing board approved seven for implimuntation under PIRD's supervision.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pundra University Trust



*The secretary of the board of trustees is addressing the annual General Meeting*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Pundra University of Science & Technology Trust was held at the university auditorium. The meeting took place on Sunday, 22<sup>th</sup> December of 2024, under the chairmanship of Professor Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of the Trust. The meeting began with a one-minute silence in remembrance of the martyrs of the 1971 Liberation War and the July 24<sup>th</sup> uprising. During the meeting, AHM Golam Rasul Khan, General Secretary of the Trust, presented the Annual Report for 2024, while Md. Jahidur Rahman, Treasurer of the Trust, presented the Annual Financial Report for 2024. The Vice-Chancellor presented the Annual Progress Report, and Departmental Heads also presented reports based on their respective departments.





## City Alo Certificate Awarding Ceremony



*A group photo of the certificate recipients with the esteemed guest, capturing a moment of pride and celebration*

The 'City Alo' certificate awarding ceremony was organized by Pundra University of Science and Technology, Bogura, in collaboration with City Bank and TMSS. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November of 2024 the certificate awarding event for the students of PUB was inaugurated in Room 205 of the university's old academic building by the Treasurer of PUB. Professor Md. Sujon Shah-E-Fazlul. The event was graced by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Chitta Ranjan Mishra as the chief guest. It is noteworthy that City Alo, an initiative of City Bank, is working in collaboration with Pundra University to enhance skills for developing women entrepreneurs. The program includes interactive workshops, hands-on training, leadership development training, and business knowledge enhancement, making it highly relevant for students. At the end of the eight-week course, participating students were awarded certificates. A total of 30 female students from various departments took part in the program.

## Events of the Department

### Department of Business Administration



Industrial Tour: BCL Tiles Factory Visit for practical experience



The Business Amusement and Quiz Competition



Inauguration of Badminton Tournament of the students



Students Showcase Innovation at Business Contest



Department of Computer Science & Engineering



Fresher Reception Ceremony of Spring 2025 session



Students' Participation in Problem solving workshop at Daffodil University



Md. Palash Tai, Head of the Department of CSE, presents a commemorative crest to the Python team



Students' Participation in International Collegiate Programming Contest



Study tour at Rabindra Kuthi Bari, Kushtia



Pitha Festival organized by CSE Department





The Department of EEE of PUB organized a reunion of the alumni



The Farewell Ceremony for the 10<sup>th</sup> (HSC) and 12<sup>th</sup> (Diploma) Batch



Students of the EEE department participated in Science Exhibition 2024, organized by the Faculty of Science and Engineering, PUB, and exhibited modern and innovative science projects.



PUB felicitated Md. Shakiul Jafor, a distinguished lecturer of the EEE Department, in honor of his decision to pursue higher education in the USA.



The EEE Department organized the Farewell Ceremony for the 10<sup>th</sup> (HSC) and 12<sup>th</sup> (Diploma) Batch.



The Department arranged a tree plantation initiative all across the campus.



## Department of Civil Engineering



Inauguration of Civil Engineering Club and Prize giving ceremony of Civil Winter Carnival



Lab Works on Practical Surveying



Inauguration of sports events for the female students by Honorable Vice-Chancellor, PUB



Project Exhibition in Physics Olympiad

## Department of Islamic studies



The Department of Islamic Studies arranged a study tour for the students at Vinnya Jagat located at Rangpur as a part of the extra curricular activities.



The Department emerged as the runner-up in the debate competition, of Spring Fest-2024 organized by the Pundra University of Science & Technology.



## Department of English



9<sup>th</sup> Batch organized a Rag Day. The students actively participated in the event as faculty members extended their blessings and bid them farewell.



The Department organized a vibrant 'Pitha Fest' that showcased the rich tradition of Bengali winter delicacies. The event was inaugurated by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, who cut the ribbon amidst a crowd of excited students and faculty members. The venue was decorated with colorful banners and traditional motifs, creating a festive atmosphere.



The Department of English hosted a vibrant Fruit Festival alongside a friendly football tournament, where both students and faculty participated. The event featured colorful fruit stalls for everyone to enjoy, while teams of students and faculty competed in a lively football match, fostering a spirit of fun and community.



The Department of English organized a delightful picnic at Green Valley Park, Natore, where both students and faculty gathered for a day of relaxation and fun. The park's lush greenery and serene surroundings provided the perfect backdrop for various activities, including group games, lively conversations, and shared meals.



## Department of Education



During the oral examination of the Education Department



Students Orientation Program of Summer 2023 Session



Practice Teaching session of B.Ed students in the class room



Department's Meeting with the School Teachers Regarding the B.Ed. & M.Ed Programs



Study Tour of the students of the Department of Education



The Department of Education congratulated VC Sir on his appointment by the Honorable President





First Seminar on OBEC formulation of the proposed Bachelor of Pharmacy (4yrs) program organized by PUB with support of Dept. of Public Health



Prof. Dr. Hosne-Ara Begum, Chairman of BOT speaks as Guest of Honor at the Oral Health Awareness & Free Dental Checkup Program



Students and Faculties of Dept. of Public Health attended 10<sup>th</sup> International Public Health Conference held at TMSS Medical College



Spontaneous participation of teachers and students of Public Health Department at Oral Health Awareness program



Dept. of Public Health arranged a free Dental Checkup Campaign at PUB campus



10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Health, attended by the faculty members











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