



## UNIVERSITY OF LIBERAL ARTS BANGLADESH

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IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) IMPACT RANKING 2021



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The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) secured the fourth position among Bangladeshi universities and ranked 156th in SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals) among 1,115 universities worldwide in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking 2021. In addition, ULAB ranked in SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well Being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). From its inception in 2003, ULAB has committed itself to sustainable development, which quoting the Brundtland Report (1987), may be defined as the “idea that human societies must live and meet their needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” For this reason, the university has established the Center for

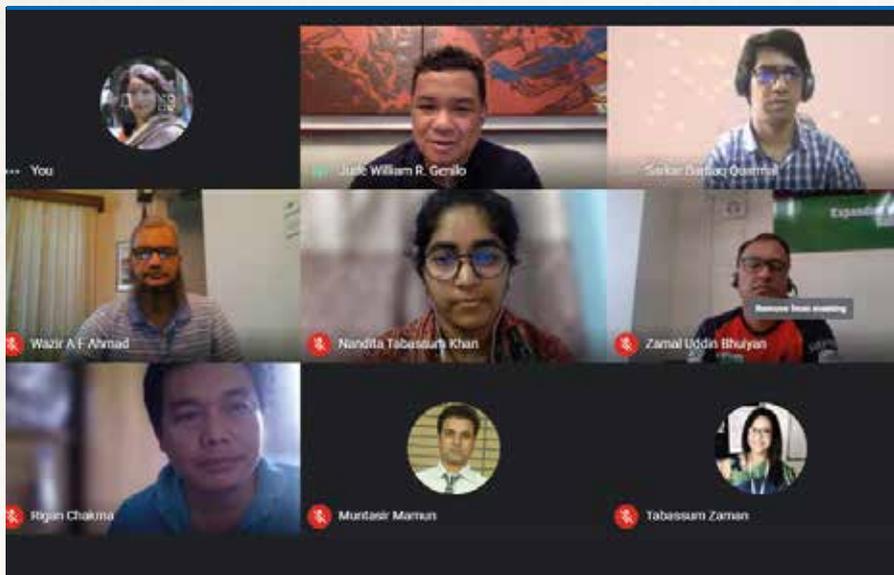
Sustainable Development (CSD), passed policies ensuring student learning of sustainable development, and undertaken various research and outreach projects that contribute towards the fulfillment of SDG Goals.

This was the first time ULAB had participated in the ranking. The application process was supervised by Dr. Jude William Genilo, Director of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). To compile the prestigious global ranking, THE evaluated several aspects of a university’s performance-including teaching, research, outreach and stewardship (faculty, staff and students) and further assessed universities against the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The THE Impact Ranking is trusted by

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## IQAC Director Conducts Webinar at City University

City University organized a Webinar on E-Governance and Student Support Services on 27 April. City University Pro Vice Chancellor and Director of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell Prof. Mustafizur Rahman delivered the welcome speech. Prof. Dr. Jude William Genilo, Director of Institutional Quality Assurance Cell of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, was the main resource speaker. The outline of his presentation is as follows: (1) Pandemic Situation in Bangladesh, (2) Response from UGC and Education Ministry, (3) Shifting to full Online Learning, (4) E-governance, (5) Teaching and learning, and (6) Student support services. City University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Shah E Alam delivered the vote of thanks.



Basic ISO Documents Workshop Held

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## New Faculty Oriented on Course Teaching Manual

New faculties of the university were made familiar with the ULAB Course Teaching Manual on 10 April 2021. IQAC organized the said orientation, which may be divided as follows: course planning, course teaching, class monitor selection, guest lecturer, field trip/study tour, make up class, excusing student absences, course and teacher evaluation, teaching observation and annual course report. The main objective of this training is to introduce general policies and procedures on course teaching, including compliance to prescriptions of the University Grants Commission and other accreditation agencies. Around 24 newly appointed faculty members attended the training from various academic departments.

## Documentation Techniques Workshop Conducted

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell organized an online workshop on Documentation Techniques to improve the capacity of admin officers from different academic departments on 8 April 2021. During the opening remarks, IQAC Director Professor Jude William Genilo mentioned that admin officers play a vital role in improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency of a department. One key task they have is to file, store and update the documents, which may be regarded as key information sources in decision-making. The next session was facilitated by IQAC

Assistant Manager Ms. Joyanti Bardhan. She spoke about techniques in preparing ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System basic documents (Quality Objective, Risk Assessment and Accomplishment Report). Media Studies and Journalism (MSJ) Department Senior Officer Ms. Fargin Farhana, meanwhile, shared her experiences to prepare the various departmental documents, which are needed in putting together the department quality assurance report.

## CETL Webinar Held

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) held a webinar on 22 April 2021 entitled “Techniques/tools for Greater Student Engagement”. Dr. Mamiza Haq, an academic at the University of Queensland conducted the session. The key objective of the session was to discuss how to engage (and retain) students in the learning process, especially when teaching is done online. The webinar recognized this as a critical question as the sudden shift to a different educational paradigm can leave some students disoriented and unmoored from the learning practices. As a result, some students may drift away while others may lose sight of what they were doing in the first place.

### Basic ISO Documents Workshop Held

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a workshop on Basic ISO Documents on 1 April 2021 with participants from various academic departments and administrative units. The objective of the workshop was for each department and unit to produce an accomplishment report, quality objective and risk assessment, which are required for the ISO Surveillance Audit. IQAC Director Prof. Jude William Genilo started the session with the opening remarks and a short brief regarding the basic ISO documents. Afterwards, IQAC Additional Director Wazir Ahmed presented sample documents for administrative units while MSJ Faculty Dr. Sarkar Barbaq Quarmal and Nandita Tabassum Khan shared sample documents for academic departments. The session ended with the question and answer session.

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students, parents, academics, industry leaders and governments. For ULAB to reach 4th place in Bangladesh is a recognition which underlines the strength of ULAB as a global center for quality teaching, learning and research, as well as recognizing the tremendous student experience that it offers.

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