

# Information Literacy Initiative at East West University Library, Dhaka Bangladesh

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# Bangladesh

- Official Name **People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
(Bengali: গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ *Gônôprôjatôntri Bangladesh*)
- Bangladesh is a country in South Asia, located on the fertile Bengal delta.
- Capital and largest city is Dhaka
- Official languages Bangla (Bengali)
- Independence from Pakistan in 16 December 1971
- Total Area - 147,570 km<sup>2</sup> (94th) / 56,977 sq mi
- Population - March 2013 estimate 150,039,000

# Higher Educational Institutions

- There are 34 public and 70 private university in Bnagladesh (<http://www.ugc.gov.bd>)
- These universities are playing a vital role to spread the higher education all over the country
- Universities are situated mainly on divisional and district level
- Besides the public universities, private university also doing hard to modernize the higher education to the all communities of the country.



# Higher Educational Institutions (Conti.)

- There are very few private universities in Bangladesh those have modern and world class education curricula as well as the latest tools and equipments for the higher education. The top five universities in Bangladesh are-
  1. East West University
  2. BRAC University
  3. Independent University, Bangladesh
  4. North South University
  5. University of liberal Arts Bangladesh

# East West University

- A leading private university of the country
- Formed under the Progoti Foundation for Education and Development (PFED) in 1992
- East West University was launched in 1996
- Classes started in September 1996 with 6 faculty members and 20 students in a rented house at 43 Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh



# East West University

- The primary mission of EWU is to provide education at reasonable cost
- Tertiary education characterized by academic excellence in a range of subjects that are particularly relevant to current and anticipated societal needs.
- provide students with opportunities, resources and expertise to achieve academic, personal and career goals within a stimulating and supportive environment.

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# Beautiful Campus of EWU



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## Bangladesh

ranking	World Rank ▲	University	Det.	Presence Rank*	Impact Rank*	Openness Rank*	Excellence Rank*
1	2434	(3) University of Dhaka Department of Economics	9	9445	857	15749	5080
2	2666	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology	9	8479	4870	3225	1767
3	3999	Rajshahi University	9	9710	7170	6644	2274
4	4165	Jahangirnagar University	9	10356	7355	13407	2253
5	4757	East West University Bangladesh	9	3338	6753	7486	3186
6	5201	University of Dhaka	9	6468	10577	6249	1767
7	5398	Bangladesh Agricultural University	9	11060	9393	12713	2231
8	5500	National University of Bangladesh	9	8550	5477	10045	1110

# EWU Library



# IL initiative taken by EWU Library

## 1. Workshop on Information Literacy:

- East West University Library organized a international workshop on Information Literacy at East West University funded by International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) United Kingdom, at East West University Auditorium, on 3-4 January, 2010, for faculty members, students and LIS professional.
- Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, as well as Dean, Faculty of Education and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala, India, was the resource person on the IL workshop.



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## 2. International Information Literacy Consortium:

- Meeting of International Information Literacy Consortium (IILC) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in the conference room at East west University.
- The meeting was focus on purpose, procedure and objectives of the International Information Literacy Survey in South Asian region.
- Vision, Importance, scope and work Plan of the International Information Literacy Consortium (IILC) were discussed in the meeting



## The Guidelines

The first document which the proposers produced is a set of guidelines designed to advise and instruct country coordinators as to how they can plan their country surveys efficiently. Those draft guidelines are available with Ms. Dilara Begum. In addition, the PJI survey instrument has already been translated from English into several languages, and each country is responsible for its own translations. Some may use the English version, but other countries may use their own language version(s), and still others may use both versions.

# IL initiative taken by EWU Library

## 3. Seminar on Media and Information Literacy:

- A Seminar on Media and Information Literacy was held at the Rajshahi University on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Organized by East West University library and the Department of Information science & Library Management, Rajshahi University funded by Center for Communication and Development (CCD), Rajshahi.
- Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Panjabi university, Patiala and Chairman IILC served as keynote speaker.
- The Keynote speaker elaborated the need, purpose and importance of media and information literacy and also highlighted the initiatives taken by IFLA and UNESCO.
- About 200 hundred participants including faculty members, library professionals and students were present at the seminar.







# IL initiative taken by EWU Library

## 4. Workshop on Health Information Literacy 1<sup>st</sup> Phase:

- International Workshop on Health Information literacy (IWHIL) was held at the university auditorium, from 27-30 July 2011 for information professionals, health professionals, researcher, students, faculty members from different universities, colleges, NGOs of Bangladesh. The workshop was funded by International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) under the **Action for Development through Libraries (ALP)**.

# Workshop on Information Literacy

## 1<sup>st</sup> Phase (Conti.)

- **Dr. Jagtar Singh**, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala, India was present as the Lead Resource Person. Beside him, **Dr. Inder Vir Malhan** Professor, Head & Dean, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharmashala (HP), India; **D.V. Singh**, President Indian Library Association and Librarian, Shriram College of Commerce, University of Delhi, India; **Mr. Kazi Ali Reza**, Officer-in-Charge, United Nations Information Centres (UNIC) and **Mr. Md. Abul Faiz**, Professor of Medicine, Sir Salimullah Medical College, Mitford, Dhaka, Bangladesh & Former DG, Directorate General of Health Services, Dhaka, Bangladesh presented papers on different aspect of health information literacy to the participants at the workshop.
- A total of 35 participants from national & International leading public and private universities including North Bengal University, India, Maldives National University, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, Independent University Bangladesh, and other national & International institutions take hands on training on health information literacy.



# IL initiative taken by EWU Library

## 5. Workshop on Health Information Literacy 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:

- Health is wealth and health information literacy is one of the prerequisites to have good health. Timely access to eminent health information can save the life and also improve the quality of life. Based upon this assumption East West University Library had inaugurated a two-day 'workshop on Health Information Literacy (WHIL)' on 12 February, 2012 at the East West University. This was the second phase of the IFLA sponsored Workshop on Health Information Literacy (IWHIL) 2011. The first phase was an International Workshop on Health Information Literacy (IWHIL) held at East West University from 27-30 July 2011. This phase of WHIL is specially designed for researchers, faculty members, health workers and graduate and undergraduate students from different universities from this country. This time the workshop was being held in two parts, i.e. day-1 and day-2. The day-1 program is especially designed for the students only, and the day-2 was for faculty members, and health and library professionals.





# Workshop on Information Literacy 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase (Conti.)

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- A total of 65 participants from public and private universities including Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, BRAC University, Victoria University of Bangladesh, Manarat International University and other institutions of this country take hands on training on health information literacy.

# IL initiative taken by EWU Library

## 6. Workshop on Health Information Literacy 3rd Phase

- East West University Library had organized a successful day long '**workshop on Health Information Literacy (WHIL)**' on 20 July 2012. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup>/ last phase of the series of IFLA sponsored International Workshop on Health Information Literacy (IWHIL) 2011. The first phase was an International Workshop on Health Information Literacy (IWHIL) held at East West University from 27-30 July 2011 and the second phase was a national level workshop for library and health professional as well as for the students held on 12 and 13 February 2012. This phase of WHIL is specially designed for researchers, health professionals and library & information professionals from different universities and institutions from this country.



# Workshop on Health Information Literacy 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase (Conti..)

- **Md. Anwarul Islam**, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Science & Library Management, University of Dhaka, **Md. Nazmul Islam**, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Science & Library Management, Rajshahi University, **Dilara Begum**, Librarian, Head of Library, East West University, **Dr. Reshad Agaz**, MBBS, DO, MCPS, FICO(UK), MS (Eye), Ophthalmology (EYE/VISION), **Bepin Behary Karmakar**, principle librarian, BIRDEM Library, **Ahmed Wasimul Bari**, ED & Life Coach, StepUP Foundation BD, Consultant, Mark Invention New Zealand, Mr **Minhaj Uddin Ahmed**, part time lecturer, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka also graced the occasion as resources person.
- A total of 27 participants from public and private universities including Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET), North South University, Eastern University, Northern University Bangladesh (NUB), Bangladesh Institute of Health Sciences and other institutions of this country take hands on training on health information literacy.



# Initiative by other private universities

- especially private universities of Bangladesh such as Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), BRAC University and the University of Liberal arts Bangladesh (ULAB) have made progress in this area also. Some universities are planning to organize and conduct different trainings courses of information literacy. It is an enormous task to assess and compare the full range of sets of the workshops and trainings needed.



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