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National Defence College-Pioneer Institution to Introduce Education 4.0

In this era of global connectivity, smart machines and new media are some of the drivers which are reshaping how we think about work, what constitutes work, and how we learn and develop the skills to work in the future. The Industrial Revolution 4.0 (4IR) has given a new impetus to educational transformation. Education 4.0 is a response to the needs of 4IR where human and technology are aligned to enable new possibilities. To remain relevant and cope with these developments and to materialise the dream of transforming to 'Digital Bangladesh' of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, National Defence College has become the pioneer institution to introduce Education 4.0.



Honourable Minister, Ministry of Information, Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP inaugurated Education 4.0 at National Defence College (NDC) in Mirpur Cantonment on Thursday, 24 January 2019.

Highlights of NDC

CAPSTONE COURSE 2019

- 24 March 2019:** Opening Ceremony
- 27 March 2019:** Visit to Armed Forces Division
- 27 March 2019:** Visit to BAF Base Bangabandhu, Dhaka Cantonment
- 02 April 2019:** Visit Headquarters 24 Infantry Division and Rangamati Hill District Council
- 03 April 2019:** Visit to BAF Base Zahurul Haque, Chattogram
- 09 April 2019:** Seminar on “Environmental Security and Climate Change – Development Challenges for Bangladesh”
- 10 April 2019:** Closing and Certificate Awarding Ceremony

ND COURSE-2019

- 24 January 2019:** Opening Ceremony and Course Commences
- 12 February 2019:** Visit to Armed Forces Division, Bijoyketon and Army Headquarters
- 19 February 2019:** Visit to Naval Headquarters and Air Headquarters
- 25 April 2019:** Visit to Ministry of Defence
- 25 February 2019:** Meeting on selection of Individual Research Paper (IRP) Topic of ND Course 2019 and Nomination of Academic Advisers
- 28 March 2019:** 29th Academic Council Meeting
- 02 -07 March 2019:** Internal Study Tour (Rangpur, Sylhet, Barishal, Jessore and Khulna Area)

AFWC-2019

- 06 February 2019:** Opening Ceremony and Course Commences
- 06 March 2019:** Visit to Army Headquarters and Bijoyketon
- 13 March 2019:** Visit to Naval Headquarters
- 20 March 2019:** Visit to Air Headquarters and BAF Base Bangabandhu

FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- 24-28 March 2019:** Training Package on “Strategic Leadership Program (SLP)” conducted by a team of Defence Academy, UK and Cranfield University, UK.
- 31 March -04 April 2019:** Training Package on “Joint Operational Planning Course” conducted by a team of Defence Academy, UK.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- 10 January 2019:** 20th Raising Day of NDC
- 06 February 2019:** Ice Breaking Ceremony (ND Course and AFWC-2019)
- 19 February 2019:** Commandant’s Reception (ND Course and AFWC-2019)
- 11 April 2019:** Cultural Programme at Kurmitola Golf Club organized by Fellows of Capstone Course 2019.
- 23 March 2019:** “NDC-Janik Commandant’s Cup Golf Tournament-2019” at Kurmitola Golf Club

NATIONAL EVENTS

- 17 March 2019:** Celebration of Birthday of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- 26 March 2019:** Celebration of Independence Day
- 18 April 2019:** Celebration of Pohela Boishakh 1426

LADIES CLUBS

- 27 February 2019:** Celebration of “Spring Festival”
- 17 March 2019:** Inauguration of NDC Children’s Club

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO NDC

- 25 March 2019:** Dr. Towfiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Adviser to the Hon’ble Prime Minister (Energy, Power & Mineral Resources).
- 14 February 2019:** Chief of Air Staff, Indian Air Force
- 07 April 2019:** Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator, SDG Cell, Prime Minister’s Office
- 26 February 2019:** Commandant, National Defence College, India
- 21 March 2019:** GOC-in-C Eastern Command, India

Capstone Course 2019 was held from 24 March 2019 to 10 April 2019 at NDC. This year total 34 Fellows participated in the course. Capstone Course is designed to enhance knowledge, skill and networks related to multilateral security cooperation in Bangladesh among senior policy makers, security practitioners, senior military officers, judges, executives, civil society representatives, media personalities and other eminent personalities of the country. The objective of the course is to disseminate a common understanding of national security, stimulate strategic analysis and understanding of major security trends and challenges of the country taking into account both internal dynamics and external influences.



Chief Guest Mr. Shahriar Alam, MP, Hon'ble State Minister of Foreign Affairs along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members, Staffs and Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 during the opening ceremony.

Guest Speakers-Capstone Course 2019



Professor Dr. Syed Anwar Husain, Dhaka University delivering a lecture on “Bangabandhu and Bangladesh” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 on 24 March 2019.

Commandant NDC, Lieutenant General Sheikh Mamun Khaled, SUP, rcds, psc, PhD delivering a lecture on “Leadership in the 21st Century: Challenges and Competencies” on 08 April 2019 to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2019.





Dr. Atiur Rahman, Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank, delivering a lecture on “Vision 2041 and Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 – An Overview” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 on 31 March 2019.

Major General Md Sarwar Hossain, BSP, SGP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Military Secretary to Honorable President, delivering a lecture on “Liberation War of Bangladesh 1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption” to the Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 on 25 March 2019.

Internal Study Tour-Capstone Course 2019

As part of course curricula Faculty Members & Staff Officers of NDC and Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 visited various Armed Forces installations during the course. The visit included Armed Forces Division, HQ 24 Infantry Division, Chittagong Naval Area, HQ 305 Infantry Brigade, BAF Base Bangabandhu, BAF Base Zahurul Haque and Rangamati Hill District Council.



Capstone Course 2019 at Armed Forces Division.



Capstone Course 2019 at BAF Base Bangabandhu.



Capstone Course 2019 at Headquarters 24 Infantry Division.

Seminar-Capstone Course 2019

A daylong seminar on “Environmental Security and Climate Change – Development Challenges for Bangladesh” was held at NDC on 09 April 2019. Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Adviser to the Hon’ble Prime Minister (Economic Affairs) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Ainun Nishat, C3ER, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University and Professor Dr. A Q M Mahbub, Dhaka University presented keynote papers on different sub themes of the seminar. The seminar was moderated by Additional Secretary Md. Mohsin, a Fellow of Capstone Course 2019.



The Chief Guest along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members, Keynote Speakers and Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 during the seminar on 09 April 2019 at NDC, Mirpur.

Closing Ceremony-Capstone Course 2019



Dr. Dipu Moni, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Education, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Capstone Course 2019 and distributed certificates among the Capstone Fellows on 10 April 2019.

Chief Guest along with Commandant NDC and Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 knifing the cake in the closing ceremony of Capstone Course 2019.



The Chief Guest along with Commandant NDC, Faculty Members and Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 during the closing ceremony of Capstone Course 2019.

National Defence Course 2019



National Defence Course-2019 commenced on 24 January 2019. The Course is comprised of 85 officers that includes 39 officers of armed forces, 15 officers from civil services and 31 officers from foreign countries at the rank of Brigadier General/Colonel and equivalent. The 11 month long course is divided into four terms. Each term is of 10 to 12 weeks long, concentrating on key aspects of Strategic Context and Leadership, Security Studies and National Security, Strategy and Policy Formulation and Global Issues and Regional Studies.

Armed Forces War Course 2019



Armed Forces War Course (AFWC)-2019 commenced on 06 February 2019. The course is comprised of 38 officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Bangladesh Army and equivalent of Bangladesh Navy and Air Force. AFWC is a joint services course which focuses on operational level planning and conduct of war.

Visits and Lectures-ND Course 2019



Course Members of National Defence Course 2019 visited Ministry of Defence on 25 April 2019. The visit provided an indepth understanding of different activities of concerned Ministry.

Course Members of National Defence Course 2019 visited Army Headquarters on 12 February 2019.



Internal Study Tour

As part of course curricula Faculty Members, Staff Officers and Course Members of National Defence Course-2019 visited Barishal, Rangpur, Sylhet and Khulna area from 02 to 07 March 2019.



Course Members of ND Course 2019 during IST at Sylhet.



Course Members of ND Course 2019 during IST at Khulna.



Course Members of ND Course 2019 during IST at Rangpur.



Course Members of ND Course 2019 during IST at Barishal.

Guest Speakers



Hon'ble Speaker of National Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, delivered a lecture on "Bangladesh and its Constitution" to the Course Members of ND Course-2019 on 05 February 2019.



Professor Rehman Sobhan delivered a lecture on "Democracy and Nature of Politics in Bangladesh" to the Course Members of ND Course-2019 on 13 February 2019.



Professor Dr. A T M Anisuzzaman, Professor Emeritus, Dhaka University delivered a lecture on “Bangabandhu-The Maker of Strategic Leader” to the Course Members of ND Course-2019 on 28 March 2019.



A training package on “Strategic Leadership Programme” was conducted by Dr. Bryan Walters and Col Yuri Griffith (Cranfield University, UK) from 24 March 2019 to 28 March 2019.

Visits and Lectures-AFWC 2019

Internal Study Tour



Course Members of Armed Forces War Course 2019 visited Bijoyketon at Dhaka Cantonment on 06 March 2019.

Guest Speakers



Admiral A MMM Aurangzeb Chowdhury, NBP, OSP, BCGM, PCGM, BCGMS, ndc, psc, Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy, delivered a lecture on “Evolving Maritime Security Dynamics and Bangladesh Navy-Preparing for the Future” to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2019 on 08 April 2019.



Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat, BBP, OSP, ndu, psc, Chief of the Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force, delivered a lecture on "Bangladesh Air Force" to the Course Members of Armed Forces War Course-2019 on 07 April 2019.



A training package on "Joint Operational Planning Course" conducted by Col Timothy Nelson John (ret'd) and Cdr Christopher Paul Ayers (ret'd) on 31 March 2019 to 04 April 2019.

Academic Meeting

Meeting on selection of Individual Research Paper Topic of ND Course 2019 and Nomination of Supervisors was held on 25 February 2019. Commandant, NDC chaired the meeting in presence of Faculty Members, Staff Officers and eminent Academicians of the country.



29th Academic Council Meeting of NDC was held on 28 March 2019.

20th Raising Day of NDC was celebrated on 10th January 2019. A day long Programme was organized to mark this occasion.

20th Raising Day



Commandant, NDC along with Faculty Members and Staff Officers knifing the Raising Day Cake on 10 January 2019.

Celebration of National Events



The birthday anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed with due respect and honour on 17 March 2019 at NDC.



Celebration of Independence Day of Bangladesh on 26 March 2019.



Celebration of "Pohela Boishakh 1426" on 18 April 2019.

Farewell Program



Commandant, NDC delivered farewell speech in honour of Maj Gen S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, Maj Gen Md Rashed Amin and R Adm M Anwarul Islam on 22 January 2019 and 10 April 2019 respectively.

Ice Breaking Ceremony



An ice breaking ceremony was organized on 06 February 2019 jointly by the Course Members of ND Course 2019 and AFWC 2019 to mark the commencement of the year long courses.

Social Evening-Capstone Course



Fellows of Capstone Course 2019 organized a Cultural Programme on 11 April 2019 at Kurmitola Golf Club.

Golf Tournament



The “NDC-Janik Commandant’s Cup Golf Tournament-2019” was held in Kurmitola Golf Club on 23 March 2019. Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, MP and Commandant, NDC Lieutenant General Sheikh Mamun Khaled, SUP, rcds, psc, PhD inaugurated the tournament. The Tournament was organized by NDC and sponsored by Janik International.

Annual Picnic

An Annual Picnic was organized at Bangladesh Ordnance Factory (BOF), Gazipur on 28 February 2019.



NDC Ladies Club



Inauguration of NDC Children’s Club on 17 March 2019.



Farewell of Begum Shahana Sharmin on 02 January 2019 by NDC Ladies Club.



NDC Ladies Club organized "Spring Festival" to welcome the colourful season of Spring on 27 February 2019.

Distinguished Visitors at NDC



Dr. Towfiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister (Energy, Power & Mineral Resources), visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 25 March 2019.



COAS of India visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 14 February 2019.



Principal Coordinator, SDG Cell, Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 07 April 2019.



Commandant, National Defence College, India visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 26 February 2019.



GOC-in-C Eastern Command, India visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 21 March 2019.



Defence Attache of Oman to Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 11 April 2019.



Defence Attache of Nepal to Bangladesh, visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 16 April 2019.



Lt Col Christopher S. Hobgood, Defence Attache of USA visited NDC and called on Commandant, NDC on 27 March 2019.

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