

International Conference on *Ekush Shatake Nazrul (Nazrul in Twenty First Century), Dhaka, 2017*

Jointly organized by Uttara University (Bangladesh), Department of Bengali, Assam University (India) and Department of Bengali, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (Bangladesh)

Date: 22-24 November

Venue: Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad Auditorium, Bangla Academy, Dhaka and Uttara University, Dhaka

Call for Papers

Twenty first century is popularly viewed as the century of globalization. In one hand, this century has created enormous technological and economic advancement and on the other hand, it has fashioned with new form of fundamentalism and moral crisis in the globe. Bangladesh is not an exception to this scenario. In this regard, there is a crying need of intellectuals and scholars who will create a great cultural impact to revive the morality and values in the society. Kazi Nazrul Islam, National Poet of Bangladesh, was a literary person and a veteran political activist who proved himself as one of such seminal thinkers and poets of the Indian sub-continent in twenty century. This legendary poet was one of the most popular leading twentieth century Bengali poets, novelists, playwrights, musicians and humanist thinkers who made himself a symbol of 'rebellion' against domination, oppression, suppression, immorality and injustice. Hence, he is called as 'rebel poet' of united Bengal. His creations question the social inequality, class exploitation, fundamentalism, anarchy, colonialism, and the politics of capitalism. He did not receive much formal education but learned through inner wisdom so firmly that he did not have to follow any literary tradition at his time. He left a firm and undeniable impact on Bengali literature and culture. Nourishing his anti-fundamentalist thoughts can definitely help us combating new forms of religious militancy which is the present crisis of the world.

Bearing these in mind, Uttara University along with Assam University of India and Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University is going to host an international Conference on "*Ekush Shatake Nazrul (Nazrul in Twenty First Century), Dhaka, 2017*" which is a multidimensional international conference in the Indian Sub-continent.

This conference invites academics, scholars, and researchers from around the world to meet and exchange their ideas, and discuss issues concerning Nazrul’s Life, Literature, Thoughts against terrorism, Fundamentalism, Social Inequality, Class Conflict, Colonialism etc. The conference will be held on 22-24 November 2017 at Uttara University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Conference Objectives

The prime focus of the conference is to promote research and nourish new perspectives in the fields of *Nazrul’s Life and Literature* that can contribute towards the development of the Society and the People of South Asian Countries. The conference will be an ideal platform for presenting and discussing thoughts on the life and work of the legendary poet and its cultural impact on the lives of Bengali people in the sub-continent.

Topics of Interest for Submission

‘Nazrul in Twenty First Century’ is a broad area of interest. The poet’s life and work should be center of the focus for sending abstract in the conference. The medium of writing abstract can be either Bengali or English. The abstract could be of any related subject matter but not limited within the specified sub-themes mentioned below.

Nazrul’s Rebellion Against Exploitation, Social Inequality, Fundamentalism, etc.	Nazrul’s Literature
Cultural Impact of Nazrul	His Impact on Bengali-Muslims’ National Consciousness
Nazrul - The Poet of United Bengal	Nazrul’s Music
The Poet’s Military Life	His Political Impact in Bangladesh
Nazrul’s Concept of ‘Liberalism’	Nazrul’s Relevancy in Our Time

The accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. After completing substantial review process, the Full papers will be published in the Uttara University Journal named “Lekhoni”.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Abstract Submission	October 02 , 2017
Full Paper Submission	October 27, 2017
Regular Registration	November 09, 2017
Conference Date	November 22-24, 2017

Registration Process

Accepted Abstract will be primarily communicated through email and Final Acceptance Letter will be issued after the completion of the registration process. Registration is mandatory for the conference participants.

Payment of Registration Fee

Author/Presenter (Local)	Tk. 1500
Author/Presenter (International)	USD \$25
Participant	Tk. 1000

Steps for Registration

- Please pay the Registration fees to the designated bank account mentioned below.
- Download the Registration form from the link www.uttarauniversity.edu.bd
- Send the scanned Bank Slip and filled up Registration Form to the following email address:
- Emails: bela_das@yahoo.co.in (For India) & bengalidept@uttarauniversity.edu.bd (For Bangladesh and other country)
- Acceptance notification will be sent through the return mail.

Bank Account Details (Bangladesh)

Account name:	Uttara University
Bank Name:	Bank Asia, Uttara, Dhaka
Branch Name:	Uttara
Account Number:	01533000816
Swift Code:	BALBBDDH015

Invitation Letter for Visa Formalities

The organizers will be pleased to provide an invitation letter if required for visa purpose. Delegates seeking visa should request for an invitation letter from the organizers after completing the registration procedure for the event.

The following documents will be required for obtaining invitation letter from the organizers.

- i. Filled-in registration form, ii) Registration fee payment slip

Conference Organizers

The details of the organizers are available in the following link

Assam University, India:	http://www.aus.ac.in/
Uttara University, Bangladesh:	http://www.uttarauniversity.edu.bd
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