



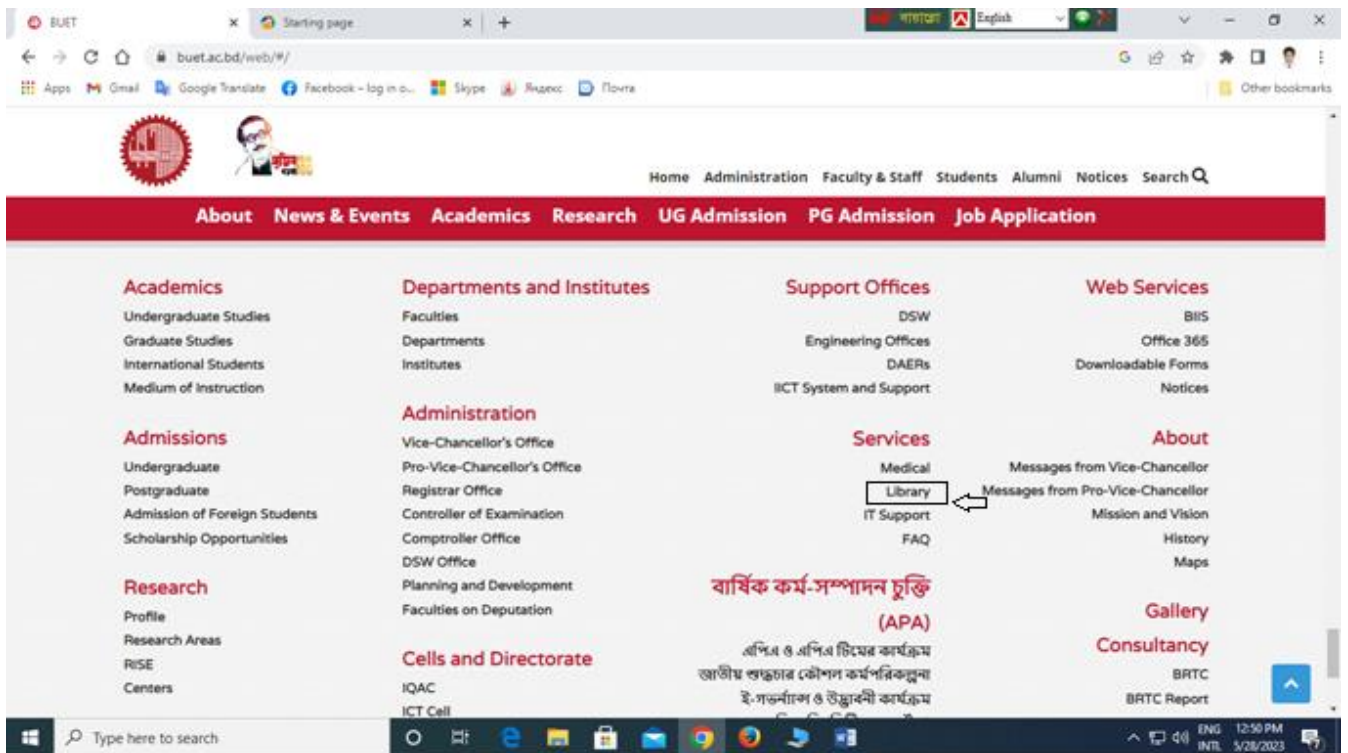
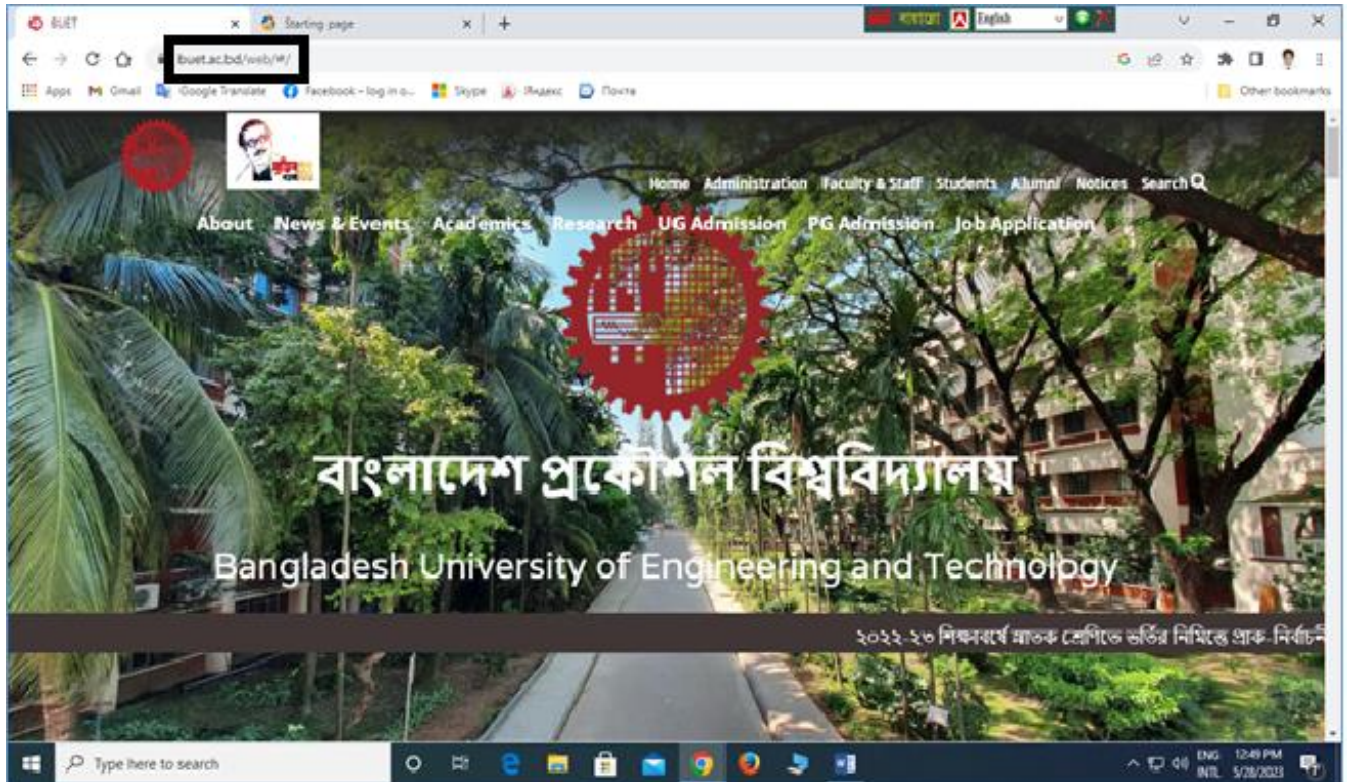
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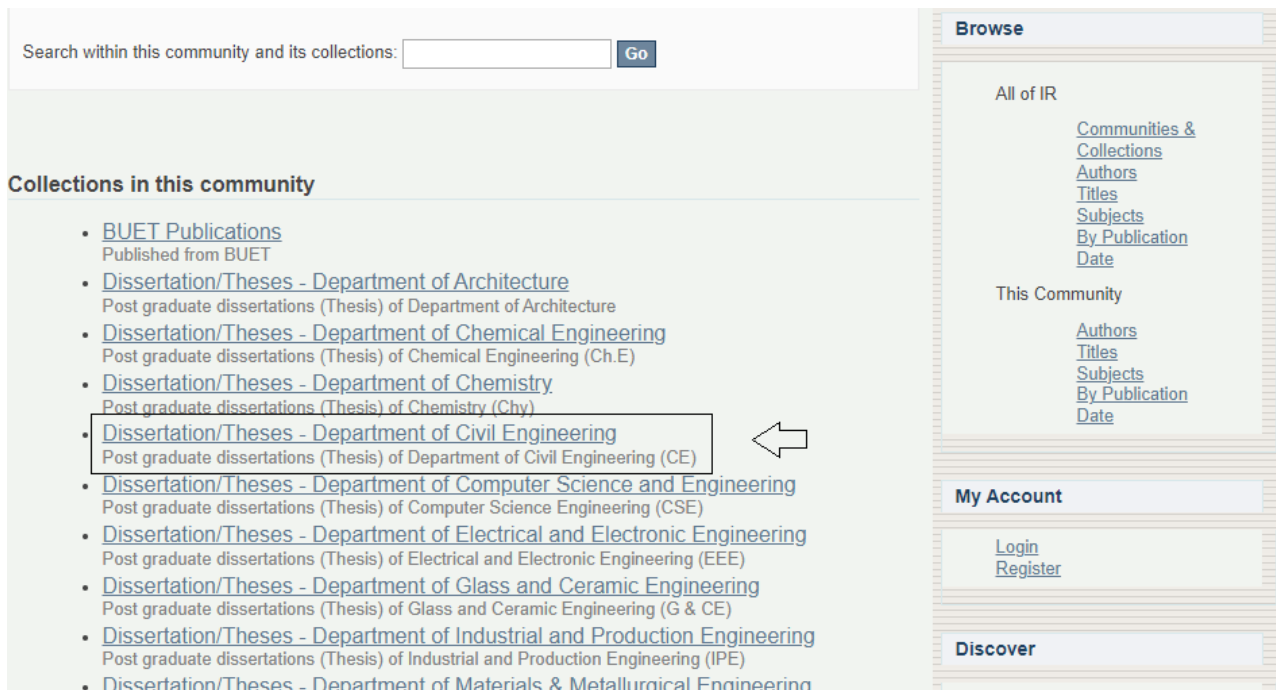
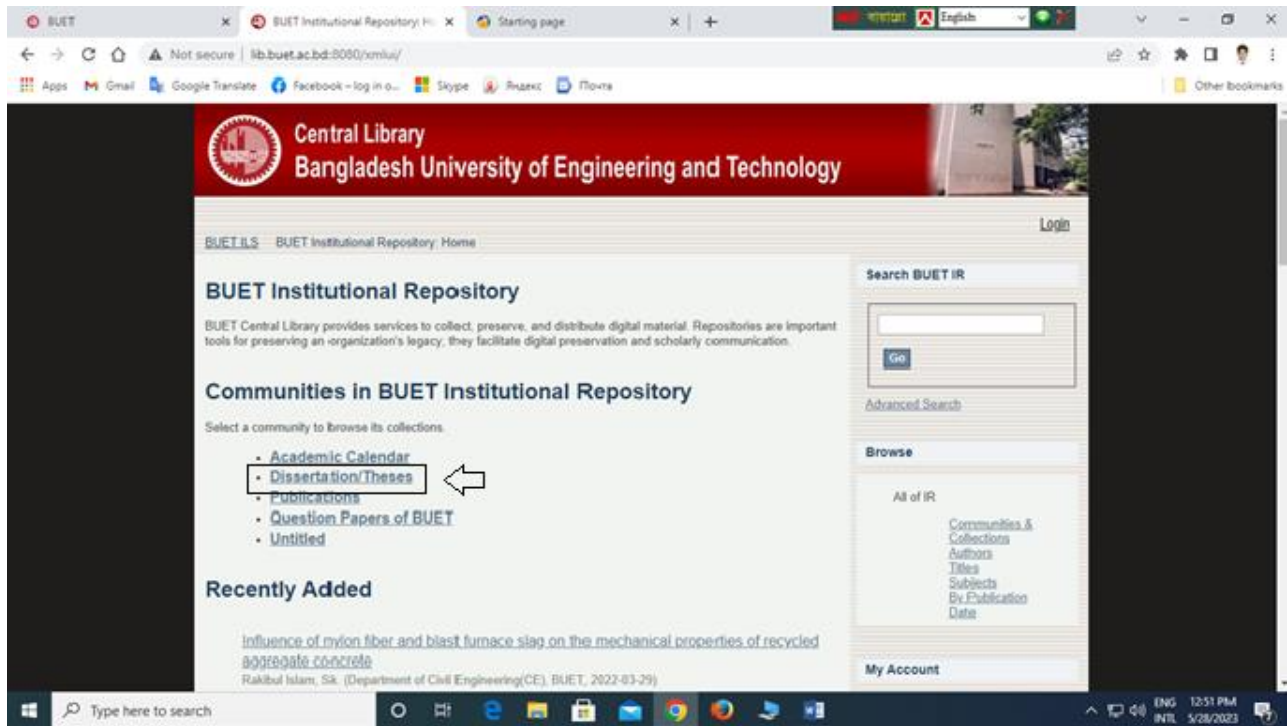
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natural stone aggregate and recycled concrete stone aggregate were used in this study. Nylon being used in rope available in local market was the main source of nylon fiber with the aspect ratio of 200. Nylon fiber offers ductility to the concrete and acts as crack arrester. Besides, partial replacement of OPC with GGBS produce more calcium silicate hydrate resulting pore refinement. It was found that incorporation of nylon fiber with 0.1% volume fraction and 10% replacement of OPC with GGBS in recycled aggregate concrete increased the compressive strength of recycled aggregate about 10.9% compared to that of natural stone aggregate concrete. Though fiber and GGBS did not improve splitting strength and flexural strength, the fiber showed resistance to crack propagation and hence the broken parts of the tested samples did not fall apart. Moreover, just 0.2% volume fraction of nylon fiber can increase the flexural toughness about 73.8% compared to the flexural toughness of conventional concrete. Both nylon fiber and GGBS have no significant effect on modulus of elasticity and Poisson's ratio. On the other hand, rebound hammer test provides conservative estimates of compressive strength of the nylon fiber reinforced recycled aggregate concrete. Considering the combined effect of nylon fiber and GGBS on all the mechanical properties especially on compressive strength, the performance of recycled aggregate concrete can be improved ensuring effective recycling of concrete waste.

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