

CU syndicate to decide on grading system today

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) authorities are likely to settle the ongoing grading system crisis in evaluating the answer script today.

A syndicate meeting has been convened at the office of the vice-chancellor to take a final decision over the matter.

Sources said the seven-member committee, constituted on September 30 to review the recommendations submitted earlier by the deans of different faculties, has completed its assignment.

At a meeting on Thursday, the committee finalised the report. Vice-Chancellor Prof AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury was in the chair.

When contacted, the VC told The Daily Star that they were very much optimistic about the success of the syndicate meeting in removing the

pitfalls in present grading system.

A highly placed CU source said the authorities are going to revise the grading system instead of reviving the class system.

"As per the recommendations made by the deans of different faculties, the seven-member committee headed by the VC has completed the harmonising process of their proposals only to make a revision of the existing grading system," the sources added.

Earlier, the students had launched a strong movement on the campus from August 11 demanding immediate cancellation of the grading system.

Following the movement, CU authorities had postponed all the examinations under the grading system about two months ago.

Int'l conference on health begins Oct 19

UNB, Dhaka

A three-day international conference titled 'Public-private partnerships in healthcare for the poor and disadvantaged' will begin in the city on October 19.

Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the conference at Hotel Sheraton.

Health and Family Welfare Ministry, Northern Ireland Centre for Cooperation and Development, British Council and WHO have jointly arranged the conference, sponsored by DFID and WHO.

Delegates from about 24 countries will take part in the conference to share information and reach a consensus on the prospect of improving healthcare for the poor and disadvantaged through public-private partnership (PPP) approach.

The PPP, a DFID-funded experimental intervention of the health ministry, is operating successfully in Brahmanpara upazila, Comilla, and Sariakandi upazila, Bogra.



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Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka offers prayer after unveiling the plaque of Shaheed Zehad Square at Dainik Bangla intersection in the city yesterday.

Law against hydraulic horns demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday held a rally, demanding that the government introduces law against hydraulic horns in motor vehicles.

Addressing the rally at Mahakhali, the speakers said noise pollution in the city has passed tolerance level due to hydraulic horns.

Although the level of sound tolerance is 45 decibels, in some city areas the sound level is 106 decibels, they noted.

They alleged that the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, 1983 and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ordinance, 1976, which deal with noise pollution, are not being enforced properly.

Referring to the World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and World Bank (WB) reports, the speakers pointed out that noise pollution causes many diseases.



The Bapa organisers urged the government to take necessary action against noise pollution, of which the children are the worst sufferers.

Presided over by Bapa Secretary Abu Naser Khan, the rally was also attended by Prof M Sirajul Islam, Dr Nuruddin, Farhana Abedin and Advocate Abul Kalam Azad.

BTV jeep stolen

UNB, Dhaka

An Isuzu Trooper jeep of BTV's news team was stolen from the premises of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday afternoon.

The BTV team had gone to cover the special 'munajat' at the mosque on the occasion of completion of two years of the ruling four-party coalition government.

The driver found the jeep missing after he came back from the Juma prayers at the mosque.

Some equipment, including tripod, microphone and batteries, were in the white jeep (Dhaka Metro-Bha 9033), BTV sources said.

The BTV authorities have filed a general diary with the police.

Seminar on promotion of trade with India

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day seminar on 'Promotion of trade and investment between northeastern states of India and Bangladesh' will begin in Sylhet on October 14.

Barkat Ullah Bulu, adviser to the commerce ministry, will be present as chief guest and Bol Executive Industries.

An Indian High Commission press release expressed the hope that the seminar would pave the way for increased business interactions between India and Bangladesh in general and the northeastern states of India and Bangladesh in particular.

President hosts reception for CPA confce delegates

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed hosted a reception for the delegates to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference at Bangabhaban yesterday.

CPA Conference President and Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, CPA Executive Committee Chairman Bob Speller and Secretary General Denis Marshall were among the dignitaries who attended the function.

Welcoming the guests, the president hoped that the CPA would play an active role in helping democracy flourish in the Commonwealth countries.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Professor Dr Nawab Ali Ahmed will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

He was head of surgery department at DMCH, PG and CMCH. He also wrote books on health in Bangla.

A milad mahfil will be held at Ahmed Medical Centre tomorrow to mark his death anniversary. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

