

CU admission test from Feb 24

CU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test for honours courses under 2003-2004 session in Chittagong University (CU) will begin on February 24 next year.

The CU authorities will start distribution of application forms for admission on December 17. Each form has been priced at Tk300.

The admission committee fixed the dates at its first meeting yesterday, with Vice-Chancellor Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury in the chair.

Students having a total GPA of six in HSC and SSC examinations can apply for admission under the science faculty.

For admission to business administration faculty and social science faculty, the candidates must have a total GPA of 5.5. The committee, however, may revise the conditions in its next meeting which is likely to be held in a couple of days, said a dean.

The terms and conditions for the students who appeared in the SSC and

1,623 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,623 people, including three identified criminals, during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered seven fire-arms and 11 rounds of bullet and filed three cases against four people under the Arms Act.

HSC examinations under traditional system will remain unchanged. Students having two second divisions will be eligible to apply.

The admission test will be held under Multiple Choice of Question (MCQ) system with a total of 100 marks. The university has nearly 2800 seats under five faculties and two institutes.

The meeting also decided to raise the number of seats to 30 from 10 under quota system for those living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region permanently.

Drivers asked to avoid cantonment roads on Nov 21

BSS, Dhaka

A number of programmes will be held at the Dhaka Cantonment on November 21 to mark the Armed Forces Day.

President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Iajuddin Ahmed will attend the programmes, said an ISPR press release.

To avoid traffic congestion, all vehicles except those carrying cantonment residents and the invited guests have been requested not to use the roads in the cantonment area from 6.00am to 10.00am on the day.

The Armed Forces Division regrets the inconvenience due to the restriction on vehicular movement.



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Food Minister Abdullah-Al Noman inaugurated BRTC special bus service on the occasion of Eid at Motijheel in the city yesterday. The buses will run on Dhaka-Chittagong Raozan route.

Special train service for Eid passengers

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Railway has arranged special train service from November 21 to December 4 to facilitate the journey of home-bound passengers on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

A pair of special trains will run between Dhaka and Noakhali from November 23 till the day before the Eid. The special trains will leave Dhaka at 9.00am and reach Noakhali at 4.20 pm daily, said a press release.

Another pair of trains will ply Dhaka-Dewanganj Bazar route from November 23 till the day before the Eid and from November 28 to 30.

Two pairs of trains will run between Chittagong and Chandpur. The first special train will leave Chittagong at 1.30 pm every day from November 21 till two days before the Eid.

The train will leave Chittagong at 9.30am the day before the Eid and at 1.30pm from November 29 to December 4.

The second special train will leave Chittagong at 4.00pm from November 21 till two days before the Eid-ul-Fitr and from November 29 to December 4. The train will also leave Chittagong the day before the Eid at 11.30am.

No inter-city train will ply on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr and some mail and local trains will not run on the day. Also, some inter-city trains will not ply the day after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Passengers were requested to contact the local station masters for details.

Khaleda meets Bangladeshi expatriates in S Arabia

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, now in Saudi Arabia to perform holy Umrah, spent her time offering prayers and meeting with Bangladeshi expatriates on Sunday and Monday.

She met BNP representatives in Madina, Riyadh and Jeddah and exchanged views on various matters, says a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

The PM also exchanged pleasantries with the Bangladeshi teachers working for King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah on Sunday.

Khaleda offered her Asr, Magrib, Esha and Tarabi prayers at Masjid-e-Nababi in jamaat during the two days and took iftar with lakhs of pilgrims at the mosque.

She also prayed for the welfare and progress of the nation and for the world peace.

Fire at Hazaribagh tannery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A devastating fire broke out at a tannery at Hazaribagh in the city on Sunday evening.

A huge quantity of tannery chemicals, spare parts and tanned leather were gutted in the fire at the Bay Tanneries Ltd.

An electrical short circuit in the spray room of the factory sparked off the fire, sources said.

Firefighters with the help of locals brought the blaze under control after an hour-long struggle.

16 launches, 53 cargo vessels fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixty-nine passenger launches and cargo vessels have been fined Tk 7.5 lakh during the on-going drive against faulty vessels in the past week.

Sixteen passenger launches were fined as they did not have safety equipment for the passengers and up-to-date

survey documents. The rest are cargo vessels.

The drive was conducted at Dhaka Sadarghat Launch Terminal and Chittagong port area from November 7 to 15.

A passenger launch, MVDarbar, was also seized for failing to produce valid documents.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the river basins of the northern and central parts of the country in the early morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Chittagong and the lowest of 14.2 degree at Srirongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:12pm today and rises at 6:16 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.3	18.3	55	61
Chittagong	30.5	17.2	70	51
Rajshahi	28.6	16.5	76	83
Khulna	30.0	18.4	84	70
Barisal	29.4	17.2	81	81
Sylhet	29.0	16.9	67	71
Cox's Bazar	30.0	19.6	71	--

<p>Film festival</p> <p>As part of French-German Film Festival 2003, four films will be screened. The films titled 'L'Appartement' directed by Gilles Mimouni (1997) and 'Ca Commence Aujourd'hui' directed by Bertrand Tavernier (1991) will be screened at Alliance Francaise at 10.30am and 7.00pm, while the films 'Abschied Von Buckow' directed by Jan Schutte (2000) and 'Crazy' directed by Hans-Christian Schmid (2000) will be screened at Goethe Institut at 3.00pm and 7.00pm.</p> <p>Seminar</p> <p>A seminar on 'Findings of national child labour survey in Bangladesh', organised by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and International Labour Organisation, will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Auditorium of the Parisankhyan Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.30am.</p> <p>Roundtable</p> <p>Unicef in collaboration with the Bangladesh Observer will hold a roundtable on HIV/AIDS pandemic in Bangladesh. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2.30pm.</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>A national workshop on 'Safe food and public health' will be held with State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.</p> <p>Discussion on Bhasani</p> <p>Bangladesh National Awami Party organises a discussion and iftar to mark the 27th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of the Bangladesh Awami Jubo League Secretariat will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 11.00am.</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>A discussion on the 'Importance of cotton cultivation in protecting textile and garment industries to face the challenges of open market economy in 2005' will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.</p> <p>Scientific seminar</p> <p>Asthma Association, Bangladesh organises a scientific seminar in observance of World COPD Day-2003. Venue: Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital, Mohakhali. Time: 9.00am.</p> <p>Inauguration</p> <p>The inaugural ceremony of Agriculturists' Association of Bangladesh will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: 83, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Farmgate. Time: 3.30pm.</p> <p>Ramadan discussion</p> <p>A discussion on the 'Spirit of self-purification and Ramadan' will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief guest. Venue: Al Nahiyon Shishu Paribar, Mirpur Section-2. Time: 4.15pm.</p> <p>Henna festival</p> <p>A daylong henna festival and competition, organised by Dhakabashi in celebration of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, will be held. Venue: Vaskar Novera hall of National Museum. Time: 11.30am.</p> <p>Philosophy Day</p> <p>The philosophy department of Dhaka University organises a programme in connection with the inaugural ceremony of Unesco-declared Philosophy Day. Venue: Room No 2028 of arts faculty. Time: 10.30am.</p> <p>Revolution Day discussion</p> <p>A discussion on the 'Revolution of November 7: Importance, teaching and our role', organised by Jatiya Jubo Command, will be held. Venue: Grand Azad Hotel, Purana Paltan. Time: 2.30pm.</p>
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