

JU Day celebrations begin Jan 12

JU CORRESPONDENT

A five-day programme celebrating the Jahangirnagar University (JU) Day will begin on the campus on January 12.

The celebrations will start with the hoisting of national and university flags in front of the life science faculty building at 9:15am.

Later, students, teachers, officers and employees will parade through the campus in a colourful procession.

Different organisations and theatre groups of the university will stage cultural shows and drama on the Muktamanch (amphitheatre) in the evening on January 13, 14 and 15.

A discussion will be held with the participation of former and present students and teachers at the Muktamanch at 10:30am on January 16.

Also a friendly football match and a handball match between the former and present students will be held 3.00pm and 3.45pm on the day. Only the girl students will take part in the handball match.

The university began its journey on January 12 in 1971 with 150 students in economics, geography, mathematics and statistics department.

The university authorities have asked students, teachers, officers and employees to register for the celebrations by January 12.

Registration forms will be available at the JU branch and Shahbagh branch of Agrani Bank.

Tauhidul Islam joins DESA as member

Md Tauhidul Islam has joined the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) as its member (engineering & commercial) recently, says a press release.

A graduate in engineering, he also served the then EPIDC and Rural Electrification Board.

He is widely experienced in manufacture of electrical machinery, maintenance and electricity distribution management.



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The Aikatan Sangkriti Charcha Kendra, a cultural organisation, took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to celebrate the 89th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

JCD leaders asked to exercise utmost restraint

Silver jubilee programme begins Jan 1

DU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, yesterday said accountability of the leadership has been established in all tiers of the party.

Speaking at a press briefing, they said the party leaders and activists have been urged to exercise utmost restraint while making comments against the opposition leaders and give up hostile activities against the supporters of other parties. These have been widely acclaimed in all quarters, they added.

The press briefing was organised in connection with the silver jubilee of the JCD on January 1 at the office of the Dhaka University Journalists Association at Teachers Students Centre.

The JCD leaders said no evil force can stop the onward march of the party and no conspiracy will succeed in tarnishing the image of the country.

"Our 11 teams completed organisational activities in all the six divisions of the country during the month of Ramadan under the guidance of BNP Senior Joint

Secretary General Tarique Rahman," said JCD General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal.

JCD President Sahabuddin Laltu, Shafiq Bari Babu, Sultan Salauddin Tuku, Farhad Hossain Azad, Asaduzzaman Asad, Omar Faruk Shafin and Amirul Islam Khan Alim were present at the press briefing.

Meanwhile, the JCD has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the silver jubilee in a befitting manner.

The programmes include hoisting of organisational flag at the central office, distribution of sweets and cutting of cakes in the early hours of January 1.

Later, Prime Minister Khaleda

Zia will address a discussion at Ramna as chief guest. It will be followed by a cultural function.

The JCD's Dhaka Metropolitan (North) unit will organise a discussion and cultural function on January 5, the DU unit will bring out a colourful rally on the campus on January 6, Dhaka Metropolitan (South) unit will organise a discussion and cultural function on January 7, while Jagannath University unit and Jahangirnagar University unit will hold their programmes on January 9 and 13 respectively.

Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman will address a reunion of former JCD leaders as chief guest on January 15.

Mukherjee meets Khosru

BSS, Dhaka

Indian State Minister for Commerce and Industries S B Mukherjee called on Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his secretariat office yesterday.

They discussed trade issues particularly the removal of trade imbalance and non-tariff barriers, an official press release said.

The commerce minister raised the issue of duty free access of Bangladeshi goods to Indian market.

Mukherjee hoped that the two countries would be able to boost their trade through more discussion on those issues.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr Veena Sikri was present.

Computer club opens at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

A computer club styled as 'Projukti Projonmo' (generation of technology users) was launched on the Chittagong University (CU) campus yesterday.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. M Shamsuddin attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest while Chairman of computer science department Prof. Dr. Nurul Mostafa and Prof. Dr Kazi Ahmed Nabi of finance department were present as special guests.

The Pro-VC said in this era of information technology, students of all disciplines should keep up-to-date with the technology to survive in a competitive world.

Chairman of management department Md. Abdullah Mamun, Associate Professor of Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science Dr Md Al Amin, Dr Mohammed Shahadat Hossain, Md Basir Uddin and Sadekur Rahman Apu also spoke.

Later, an animation film titled 'Final Fantasy' was screened.

The computer club also launched its web site at the function.

Second death anniversary of Mortuza BCL calls strike at CU tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday called a strike at Chittagong University for tomorrow to press home its demand for immediate arrest and trial of the killers of its leader Ali Mortuza Chowdhury.

Yesterday was the second death anniversary of Ali Mortuza.

The BCL marked the day with a mourning procession on the Chittagong University campus.

The leaders also placed wreaths at his graveyard at Chhararkul in Hathazari upazila in the early hours of yesterday.

Senior vice-president of BCL Ali Mortuza was killed by Shibir cadres

in 2001.

Although two years have elapsed after the killing, police have failed to arrest any of the six Shibir cadres accused in the case. Even they did not submit any chargesheet.

The strike was announced at a rally of the BCL held on the campus at 12.00 noon.

Ex-president and central member Zillur Rahman Jewel, ex-general secretary and central Assistant Secretary Nasir Haider Babul, CU BCL President Mahub Elahi and General Secretary Kazi Mazharul Islam spoke at the rally.

Speakers at the rally demanded immediate arrest and trial for the killers of Ali Mortuza.

WTC earth-breaking ceremony in Jan

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) will hold the earth-breaking ceremony of World Trade Centre (WTC) in the port city next month.

It was disclosed at the annual general meeting of the chamber held at its auditorium yesterday, with its President Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair.

The chamber president said the process of concept design, finalisation of architectural design as well as structural and area distribution activities for the WTC are progressing fast.

He hoped that the construction work would begin in the first or second month of the next year.

The meeting was also informed that the month-long Chittagong International Trade Fair would start at the Polo ground on February 18.

Thailand would take part in the fair as the partner country for the second consecutive year.

Former CCCI vice-president MA Latif, ex-first vice president of BGMEA SM Fazlul Haque, Convener of Women Entrepreneurs Standing Committee Monwara Hakim Ali, and CCCI directors Dr Moinul Islam Mahmud, Md Shahjahan, Mahub Ali, Afsar Ahmed Chowdhury, Hasanuzzaman

Chowdhury, Kamal Mostafa Chowdhury and Ashik Bhuyian attended the meeting.

1573 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested a total of 1,573 people, including five listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6am yesterday.