

DU IBA launches service marketing module

CITY DESK

Dhaka University's Institute of Business Administration (IBA) recently launched a two-week certificate module on Services Marketing for Competitive Growth (SMCG), said a press release.

This module aims to help service marketing practitioners understand practical implications of the innate characteristics of professional services, and to enable them to cope with the challenges of an increasingly globalised service economy.

Prospective candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline, and have minimum two years of work experience with reputed organisation(s). The latter criteria may be relaxed for exceptional candidates, said the press release.

Brochures with detailed information about the course along with the application form are available on www.iba-du.edu.

Completed applications must be submitted by January 18 at IBA, DU, or via email.

605 cops get

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the first day of Police Week-2020.

Speaking on the occasion, Javed Patwary said legal and departmental action will be taken against officers involved in drug-related activities.

He also urged the officers-in-charge (OCs) to turn their police stations into model ones. "We want to build every police station as symbols of confidence and dependence for people," the IGP added.



Shoppers busy going through winter clothes at makeshift shops on a footpath beside Zila Parishad Pukur Par in Barishal city. With cold wave sweeping through the country, sale of warm clothes has shot up. This photo was taken yesterday afternoon. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Upazila

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making Karim fall on the ground. The chairman also tried to strangle him, Karim claimed.

Hearing his screams, staffers of other departments rushed to the spot and rescued Karim.

The chairman left the scene immediately, added the police official.

Karim filed a case with Gouripur Police Station the next day.

After interrogation, Antor was produced before a Mymensingh court yesterday which sent him to jail, the OC informed.

No bar to try

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He said Hafiz filed the petition to delay the trial proceedings purposefully.

Meanwhile, Hafiz's lawyer Advocate Sabbir Hamza Chowdhury told this correspondent that his client will move an appeal before the Appellate Division challenging the HC order, as the case was not filed in accordance with the law.

Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam argued for Hafiz.

39 killed in train accidents

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accident does not happen," he said, adding that they will also introduce modern technology to prevent accidents.

DEVELOPMENT WORKS

The minister said they introduced four intercity trains and extended route of one train last year, and are going to extend routes of two others shortly.

Works for construction of 39-kilometres of rail track, 37 rail bridges, five station buildings and 26 level crossing gates were completed last year.

Besides, 23km rail tracks and 40 bridges were reconstructed in 2019, he said, adding that a total of 1,144 staff were recruited in 2019.

The minister said 259.57 acres of railway land was recovered from illegal occupation last year.

Another 3,213 acres -- 2,731 acres in west zone and 482 in east zone -- remain under illegal occupation, according to railway's estate department.

He, however, said they are working to formulate a land use policy and form a

board to monitor railway land.

As per the railway master-plan (2016-2045), Bangladesh Railway will implement 230 projects involving Tk 5,53,662 crore.

This fiscal year, the government body is implementing 36 projects involving Tk 12,130 crore and once completed, it would add 1,162.97km rail track, 140 locomotives, 700 carriages, 1,000 wagons, and 125 luggage vans to railways.

Asked about the poor implementation rate of Annual Development Programme, Sujon said physical works of some major project could not be continued during rainy session.

"However, we will not only use the allocated money but also seek further funds at the end of this fiscal year," he said.

The minister said he was working to make railway "corruption free", and has already taken steps against ticket scalping and stopped reserving of tickets by railway staff.

Bangladesh Railway Director General Md Shamsuzzaman was also present at the briefing.

37 bird species spotted

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Char, and part of Charghat.

During the survey, a total of 4,025 birds of 37 species were counted, 27 of which were migratory, said Dipu.

She said the Padma has become compartmentalised by the development of charlands, which are generally a seasonal natural process of the riverine ecology and have a complex ecosystem.

The survey was conducted with focus on the char lands of the river basin. Such riverine habitats support a wide variety of bird species, many of which nest on sandbars and others forage along or in the water channel.

During winter, a number of migratory birds fly in to the Padma char lands, and some people hunt these birds to earn money. Nur-E-Soud, a member of Rajshahi Bird Club, demanded declaration of the Padma riverbeds as a sanctuary for birds.

Don't arrest

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our demands," stated the letter. Leaders of Oikya Parishad in the letter warned that they will not take any responsibility if any kind of untoward incident takes place on the day centring Saraswati Puja coinciding with Dhaka city polls. When asked, Alamgir said that he would forward the letter to the commission for review.

Two remanded

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since he was sacked last year. A phone that was recovered by police also belonged to Nazmul, sources added.

Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of police sources said they were also investigating into the incident, but have not found any militant links yet.

CONDEMNATION ALL AROUND

Eminent personalities and different organisations yesterday strongly condemned the attack on Dr Sarwar Ali and his family members, and demanded immediate arrest of the attackers.

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee in a statement said, "We are deeply concerned by the attack on one of the leaders of the human rights movement in Bangladesh, Liberation War Museum trustee, and valiant Freedom Fighter Dr Sarwar Ali and his family members," said a statement by the committee.

More than 80 distinguished personalities, including judges, educationists, artists, writers, journalists, social workers, cultural activists and lawyers, signed the statement.

Among the signatories are Justice Mohammad Golam Rabbani; writer and journalist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury; Barrister Shafique Ahmed; Justice Syed Amirul Islam; Justice Shamsul Huda; Justice Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik; Colonel (retired) Abu Osman Chowdhury; Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir; Prof Anupam Sen; writer Hasan Azizul Huq; artists Hashem Khan and Rafiqun Nabi; Prof Panna Kaiser; Prof Mahfuza Khanam; freedom fighter Capt (retired) Sahabuddin Ahmed Bir Uttam; Capt

(retired) Akram Ahmed Bir Uttam; Maj Gen (retired) Mohammad Abdur Rashid; Dr Amzad Hossain; Nurjahan Bose; Dr Nurun Nabi; writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir; Prof Muntassir Mamoon; Liberation War martyrs' widows Shyamali Nasreen Chowdhury and Salma Haque; columnist Syed Mahbubur Rashid; educationist Mamtaz Latif; and journalist, and filmmaker Shamim Akhter.

In another statement, 24 eminent personalities condemned and expressed their concern over the attack.

Their statement demanded that the government find out the local and international perpetrators behind the attack and bring them to book.

The signatories also said they will hold a citizen's protest rally in front of the National Museum at 3pm on January 13.

Among others, National Professor Dr Anisuzzaman, Advocate Sultana Kamal, Oikya Nap President Pankaj Bhattacharya, Prof MM Akash, and Prof Rubaiyat Ferdous were signatories of the joint statement.

Ain O Salish Kendra expressed grave concern over the attack on Dr Sarwar Ali and his family members. It demanded immediate identification of the culprits and urged authorities to bring them to book.

Sector Commanders' Forum -- in a statement condemned the attack on Dr Ali, a member of the forum's advisory board. It demanded swift identification and punishment of the attackers.

Among others, Communist Party of Bangladesh, Manobadhikar Sanskriti Foundation and Chhayanaut also issued statements condemning the attack.



WARMING UP WITH PITHA. Winter and pitha are synonymous in Bangladesh. From homes to street corners, the delicious steam wafting from plates of pitha never fails to bring smile to faces. This photo was taken from Sylhet Government Women's College, where students organised a daylong "Pitha Utsab" yesterday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

UCEP receives

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During construction of a new hotel by Ahyon Hotel & Resort Ltd, the adjoining UCEP Regional Office and UCEP Technical School building were severely damaged.

The buildings developed cracks and had to be evacuated upon recommendation of experts.

Two departments had to be relocated, hampering the studies and training of students.

The company agreed to pay Tk 1 crore as compensation following discussions with UCEP Bangladesh, the press release noted.

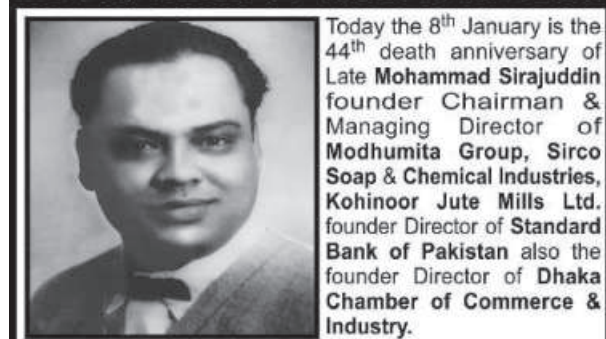
In this regard, The Daily Star had published a report headlined "Hotel construction puts trade school buildings at risk" on October 2 last year.

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44th DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MOHAMMAD SIRAJUDDIN



Today the 8th January is the 44th death anniversary of Late Mohammad Sirajuddin founder Chairman & Managing Director of Modhumita Group, Sirco Soap & Chemical Industries, Kohinoor Jute Mills Ltd, founder Director of Standard Bank of Pakistan also the founder Director of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Though he is not in this world, he lives in our hearts, in our minds, in our memory. Entrepreneurs like him are rare who left behind foot prints for generations to follow.

All friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

All Members of Modhumita Family

Car, SUV, microbus to get

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Currently, 109 vehicle inspectors are struggling to deal with checking fitness of around seven lakh vehicles in the country. BRIA has only one vehicle inspection centre (VIC) at its Mirpur office to check some elements digitally.

Some 100 commercial vehicles (buses and trucks) are tested there every day. Rest of the vehicles are inspected manually. According to the circular, like the existing system, a brand-new car or SUV or microbus need not take fitness clearance for the first five years.

Afterwards, such vehicles have to renew their fitness for two years. Owners, however, have to pay fitness fees for two years at once, reads the circular.

Currently, a car or SUV or microbus owner has to pay Tk 450 and 15 percent VAT and 10 percent supplementary duty

as inspection fee and the same amount as fitness fee annually.

Now, they have to pay the inspection fee once in two years, and two years' fitness fee at one time, Lokman said. Owners can now pay all fees, tax token and advance income tax online, he added.

Till last year, a total of 43.01 lakh vehicles had registered with BRIA since independence. Of those vehicles, 5.34 lakh are cars, SUVs and microbuses.

Asked whether this decision can pose any safety risk, Kazi Md Shifun Newaz, assistant professor of Accident Research Institute of Buet, said, "Private cars usually get proper maintenance. I think fitness test after two years will not cause any safety risk."

Newaz, however, said after a certain time -- may be 15 or 20 years -- such vehicles should go through fitness tests annually.

HC to deliver order on

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HC bench sought a probe report from the ministry's sexual harassment prevention committee over the alleged sexual and mental harassment of the woman.

The director general of foreign ministry's research wing, who is also the head of sexual harassment prevention committee, was asked to submit the report to the HC within 30 days.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why their inaction against three foreign ministry officials for mentally and sexually harassing

her at home and abroad should not be declared illegal.

The bench passed the order and issued the rule following a writ petition filed by the woman seeking necessary order.

The woman filed another petition on January 6 as a supplementary to the earlier one, seeking stay on the termination order. Petitioner's lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua told The Daily Star on January 5 that three foreign ministry officials had harassed his client sexually and mentally at their offices in Tokyo, Mumbai and Dhaka in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

19.5 lakh people

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He said BPDB signed an agreement with Shenzhen Star Instrument on May 26 last year, for procurement and installation of 1,50,575 prepaid meters in Cumilla and Mymensingh zones. "KfW Germany has financed the project. On the basis of turnkey, the contractor has started the project work," he said.

According to BPDB, 54,000 smart prepaid meters have already collected for its four zones, financed by BPDB themselves.

Besides, it signed a contract on

November 28 with a supplier firm for procuring 55,000 smart prepaid meters for its four zones.

The state-run company has floated tenders to procure and install 1,05,000 smart prepaid meters.

Under Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) with upgradation of unified prepaid system, BPDB will implement the project with its own finance.

A plan will be taken to procure and install another 6,00,000 smart prepaid meters under the BPDB's four distribution zones, sources said.

Vacancy Announcement

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, (BRAC JGPSPH) invites applications for the position of **Research Associate** for the project named "BRAC HNPP IMPACT STUDY". Besides experience in conflict country & managing surveys and field staff in developing countries is strongly preferred.

Education: Master's degree in public policy, or other quantitative social science disciplines (Master of Public Health degree's preferred)

A minimum of 1-year of work experience as a survey expert is required.

Salary: Negotiable | **Job Location:** BRAC JGPSPH, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Suitable Individuals are interested in applying for this consultancy must submit their CV along with a cover letter to HR, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University through email: recruitment.sph@bracu.ac.bd by **Wednesday, January 15th, 2020.**

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1.	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives.
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3.	Budget and source of funds	Construction of Infrastructure in Sylhet City Corporation.
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4.	Budget and source of funds	ADP/ADP(Special)/Revenue fund of SCC.
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410033 (OTM)	Installation of 3 Nos. Deep Tube Well at Ward No. 25.	23/01/2020
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5.	Name, designation & address of PE	Engr. Md. Ali Akbar, Executive Engineer, Sylhet City Corporation, 0821-714036.
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