

Justice Obaidul’s book on Liberation War launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A book written by a justice on the country’s Liberation War is a matter of pride, said Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain. He made the comment while addressing as chief guest an event, organised at the Supreme Court Judges Corner to launch a book titled “Oborononio Nirmomotar Chitro: Buddhijibi Hottakando O Onnanya” written by Justice Obaidul Hassan, a judge of the High Court Division of the SC, on Thursday.

The chief justice said Justice Obaidul has witnessed the Liberation War. Besides, he was a judge of the International Crimes Tribunal, which inspired and encouraged him to write the book, he added.

Untold atrocities and killing of intellectuals have been focused in his seasoned writing, which will touch readers, the chief justice said. This book will also help youths know about the brutality unleashed by the Pakistani army and their collaborators.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim, a judge of the High Court Division, conducted the event where Attorney General Mahbubey Alam; Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, chief coordinator of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee; and Mofidul Haque, a trustee of Liberation War Museum, among others, spoke at the event.

Patient ‘tortured to death’

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College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

“We are trying to arrest Jewel, one of the owners of the centre, who is has been on the run since the incident,” said SI Moniruzzaman. Filing of a murder case with the police station is underway.

During a visit to the rehabilitation centre, this correspondent found only two people -- Labib (22) and Arif (35) -- working there. They, however, said they used to be patients at the centre before.

About Jahangir’s death, Labib said he might have died on Thursday night. He said he did not know further details.

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Two

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days like Pahela Falgun, Valentine’s Day and Ekushey February makes me so happy,” said Raihana Sathi, Chandrabindu’s stall attendant.

“Sales of books are satisfactory so far,” said Ahmedul Kabir, a salesperson at Agamee Prakashani.

Stall attendants of Kureghor Prakashoni, Somoy Prakashon, Pearl Publications and Anyaprokash also echoed Kabir as books were flying off the shelves.

Earlier in the morning, the celebration of “Basanta Baran” at DU’s arts and fine arts faculties drew a huge number of people.

As it was a Friday, the fair gates opened around 11am yesterday, the starting time for holidays.

Hundreds of little ones enjoyed their time with Sisimpur’s Halum, Ikri and Tuktuki, marking the third Shishu Prohor (special hours dedicated to children) at the children’s corner on Shurawardy Udayan.

Stalls at the corner were also busy selling a variety of books on Bangla cartoons, ghost stories and rhymes, among other topics.

The fair gates will open at 11am today as well, said organisers.

Confce on language, culture begins at DIU

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Two-day international conference titled “Postcolonial Perspectives: Language, Literature and Culture and the Global South” began at Daffodil International University (DIU) in its 71 Milonayoton yesterday, says a press release.

Bill Ashcroft, professor emeritus of the University of New South Wales in Australia, inaugurated it as chief guest. Prof Fakrul Alam delivered the keynote presentation at the inaugural session.

Prof Himadri Lahiri from Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata joined the conference as a plenary speaker.

DIU Vice Chancellor Prof Yousuf M Islam presided over the ceremony while pro-VC Prof SM Mahabub-Ul-Haque Majumder was present as the guest of honor. The university’s English department head Md Rakibur Rahman Khan delivered the welcome address.

Notable Bangladeshi academics -- Prof AMM Hamidur Rahman, Prof Niaz Zaman and Prof Kaiser Haq -- are scheduled to attend the conference.

Bringing discipline

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urged BPC to prepare a work plan to bring discipline in the sector and ensure objective journalism. He said media is now enjoying absolute freedom but it should function in such a way that freedom of others is not hampered. He also said media freedom is needed for equity-based society, reports UNB.

Information Secretary Kamrun Nahar said, “Yellow journalism should be avoided.”

Editor of The Daily Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury said a database of journalists will be created to bring discipline in the media.

BPC Chairman Justice Md Mamta Uddin Ahmed chaired the programme where Editor of Bangladesh Protidin Naem Nizam was present, among others.

Pedalling for charity

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Kern met with Lal Sobuj Society, a group of cyclists in Barishal, and roamed around the city with them on bicycles.

Tahasannuddin, a member of the group, said they highly appreciate the message Hannah is conveying through her happiness project.

Kern began her journey towards the Sundarbans through Bagerhat on Thursday. According to her website, she will visit Nepal and Pakistan in the subcontinent as well. She aims to raise 50,000 British pounds for the charities -- Crisis, Friends of the Earth, Doctors Without Borders and War Child UK.

It’s a matter of court

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party insists that the cases are politically motivated but the government denies the charges. Quader said that if BNP decides to apply for parole, they should mention why they are seeking it.

AL Joint General Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim, Organising Secretaries SM Kamal Hossen and Afzal Hossen, Publicity Secretary Abdus Sobhan Golap, Office Secretary Barrister Biplob Barua and Deputy Office Secretary Sayem Khan, among others, attended the conference.

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A day of red

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Speaking of universities, yesterday was a busy day for universities with campuses in the city. Dhaka University alone saw a handful of events, hosting alongside the book fair a Falgun concert at Kalabhaban, a concert at TSC, a photowalk at Charukala department, and a “Bashanta Baran Utshab” at the same department.

The concert at Kalabhaban was organised by Samageet, a cultural activism group. Titled “Samageet Bashanta Utshab 1426”, the daylong concert featured such artists as The Ghaashphoring Choir, Samageet, Shohojia, Krishnakali and Leela.

The concert at TSC was the second day of “Bangalink Vibe Day”. While the first day was marked by concerts at Independent University, Bangladesh and Daffodil International University, the second day at DU featured bands such as Chirkutt, Cryptic Fate, Bay of Bengal, Arjan, and more.

For some, the day was beyond just red and yellow though. For example, for the audience at Samageet’s concert at DU’s Kalabhaban, it was more about celebrating the day expressing their own identities than it was about any colours. They came to the concert premises in attires of their choice, some in black, some in blue, and some in chequered designs. They flouted the traditional panjabi/saree binary as well, choosing to wear what fit their mood or what expressed their personalities best.

Beyond university campuses, regular leisure spots of the city also teemed with young couples yesterday. Hatirjheel, a year-long hangout zone, was filled to the brim by visitors. The highlight of the area was its water boats, as young couples preferred to ride the boats to spend the day wafting through the lake.

Other than couples, friends also came out in groups to celebrate the day together. At every hangout spot, they could be seen taking selfies and gossiping with each other. Couple dates among friend circles was a notable group activity.

“Apart from me and my significant other, friends from both sides came to hangout with their partners. Since we are busy for most of the week, we don’t really get to see each other all that often. This is why we’re making the best out of this day by meeting up,” said Istiaque Ahmed, in the middle of taking selfies with his friends.

Apart from dress codes and roaming around, flowers were one of the main attractions of the day. People were seen gifting each other with colourful and aromatic flowers, some packed together in bouquets. Tiaras were a smash hit.

Centring the day, flower businesses thrived. Some hawkers put their regular business on hold to ferry flower for some quick cash. They sold the flowers at a higher price than normal, but it didn’t seem to bother some of the buyers, who were in too benevolent a mood for the day.

“Selling flowers is highly profitable on this day. I’ve switched from my regular business to hawking flowers for today. I’ve bought flowers worth Tk 10,000. I’m looking forward to earn around double that amount,” said Mohammad Hossain, who usually sells clothes at Gulshan.