

JU decides to hold honours final exam

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities have decided to hold the honours final year examinations that were previously postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The exam will be a mixture of online viva-voce and averaging previous three years' CGPA.

In addition, the university will not charge any exam fees and will refund students who have already registered.

The decision was made at a virtual meeting of the university's emergency academic council on Saturday evening following ultimatums issued by students. The session was chaired by VC Prof Farzana Islam.

"A proposal with the expected examination process was placed by the university's technical committee, which was approved by the academics council, with room for modifications if necessary," said Prof Sohel Ahmed of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology department, one of the council members of the university.

According to the proposal, the honours final examination will consider a percentage of a student's previous three years' average CGPA, allocating a total of 50 marks here. The rest of it will come up from class attendance, tutorial marks, and online viva-voce.

JU Pro-VC Prof Amir Hussain said no exam fee will be charged from students, and those who have completed their registration will be refunded.

Meanwhile, students who have been demonstrating on campus demanding completion of exams since early November expressed their satisfaction over the decision.

Judiciary flourished under Hasina govt: Law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the governments that held power immediately before Sheikh Hasina's election, were most reluctant to ensure the independence and proper facilities including the salaries and allowances of judges.

"There was such a situation in the judiciary in between 1988 and 1993-1994 that jail sentences of convicts expired but they could not approach the court for finishing trial proceedings of the cases against them," he said.

Considering the situation, chief adviser of the then caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman had taken steps to commute jail sentences of many convicts and freed them from jail, he explained.

He said this while speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "Development Planning Experience on Bangladesh (Following a planned path of growth with vision)" in Dhaka.

Legislative and parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry organised the event at Cirdap Auditorium with the

division's Secretary Md Mainul Kabir in the chair.

Senior Secretary to the Planning Commission (finance division) Dr Shamul Alam and legislative and parliamentary affairs division's joint secretary Dr Mohammad Mohiuddin also spoke on the occasion.

"Only the Sheikh Hasina-led government has taken necessary measures to reduce the backlog of cases. We are taking time to reduce this backlog. Judges cannot be created and systems cannot be replaced overnight," said the law minister.

The minister said there was no adequate infrastructure facilities for the judiciary when it was separated from the executive on November 1, 2007.

The present government has appointed judges, ensured logistical facilities, and constructed infrastructures to reduce the backlog of cases and to ensure justice for people quickly.

"Besides, the government has introduced the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) system for disposal of the cases outside the court and we of course will get the good result," added the minister.

3 killed as motorbike hits tree in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Three motorcyclists were killed as the vehicle hit a tree in Duaria area of Lalpur upazila in Natore early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Sajeeb Hossain (20), son of Zia Khan from Baraigram upazila of the district, and Faisal Hossain (20), son of Abdul Matin.

Lalpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Selim Reza said the accident happened as the motorbike rider lost control over the motorcycle in the area. The vehicle fell into a nearby paddy field.

304 passengers

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Sayed -- working at the health desk, HSIA -- said between 8am Saturday and 8am yesterday, more than 3,000 people came to Bangladesh by 20 flights of different airlines.

"Of the total incoming passengers, 304 didn't have Covid-19 negative certificates. That's why all of them were sent to institutional quarantine at the city's Diabari," he said.

Most of the 304 returned from different countries in the Middle East by state-owned Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

Many of them were unaware of the obligation to bring Covid-19 negative certificates, said sources at the HSIA.

Chief Health Officer at HSIA Dr Shahrir Sajjad said those who will not bring the negative certificates must stay in institutional quarantine centre for 14 days.

RMG workers' communities get safe water booths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the aim to provide safe drinking water to RMG workers, two water booths were installed in two garment workers' residential communities in Chattogram and Gazipur last month.

The first booth, "Reshmi Drinking Water", was installed in the Chattogram Export Processing Zone area, while the second one, "Shuddho Drinking Water", was launched in Gazipur's Lakkhipura, said a press release issued on Saturday.

The booths were launched as part of a project named "Shujola", implemented by the Swisscontact Bangladesh. Both the booths can produce around 1,000 litres of safe drinking water per hour, which amounts to 8,000 litres of water for an eight-hour working day.

According to a baseline study, the daily water requirement of an RMG worker is two litres; each water booth can serve around 4,000 RMG workers on a regular working day, the release said.

In addition, the booth at Gazipur's Lakkhipura comes with ATM card facility, enabling local RMG workers and their community members to access their bank accounts when necessary.

RT-PCR

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He said the machine is usually capable for 200 samples per 24 hours, but there were more than 300 ones per day. Over 45,000 tests have been conducted since April 9.

"We hope the machine would be active within the next four to five days," he said.

Dr Basudeb Kumar Das, director of Barishal Divisional Health Office, said after the RT-PCR machine went out of order, we have to be depend on Dhaka laboratories for Covid-19 tests.

RHD Engineers' body elects new leadership

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AKM Manir Hossain Pathan, additional chief engineer of Roads and Highways Department (RHD), and Amit Kumar Chakrabarty, its executive engineer, were elected president and general secretary for the executive committee of Roads and Highways Engineers Association's central committee. The election for the 2020-22 session was held at the capital's Sarak Bhaban and online on Saturday, says a press release.

M Abdul Kalam Azad and Md Aamanullah, both superintending engineers, were elected vice presidents. Md Rucunazzaman and Syed Halimur Rahman were elected joint secretaries, and Shuvra Das, sub-divisional engineer, was elected organising secretary, the press release said.



Manir



Amit

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Eight of the accused gave their confessional statements before separate magistrates narrating the horrifying torture during investigation on different dates last year.

Inspector Wahiduzzaman of Detective Branch of police submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Dhaka against 25 Buet students on November 13 last year. Of them, 22 accused were earlier arrested and they were remanded several times. During the investigation, eight of the accused gave confessional statements to magistrates on different dates.

Three others -- Mustafa Rafid, Morshed-Uz-Zaman Mondol alias Jishan and Ehtashamul Rabbi Tanim are absconding.

Govt must

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Also, it was promised that "special governance" will be ensured through combined functioning of the regional council and CHT district councils, said Goutam.

However, rules for election and voter lists for the district councils have not been finalised in nearly two decades, he said.

He added although some key changes in the CHT Land Commission Law were made in 2016, a set of rules was yet to be formulated.

The land commission will not be functional properly without the rules, he further said.

The region was historically a hub for communal harmony but crisis was created artificially after creating settlements through bringing people from outside, said Chakma Circle Chief Raja Devasish Roy.

Although building establishments within the periphery of reserve forests is prohibited, the law has not been followed accordingly, he said.

Presiding over the discussion, CHT

Commission Co-chair Sultana Kamal said full implementation of the CHT accord is a prerequisite to bring change in peoples' lives in the region.

She said the prime minister has assured them time and again that she is committed both politically and ethically to fully implement the accord.

ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda said despite the accord's promises that the region will be an ethnic people-dominated area, now all arrangements have been taken to erase their presence from there.

The latest of this is ousting of Mro community people in the name of building a luxury hotel, he said.

It is a pity that demand for the accord's implementation has to be raised even 23 years after its signing, said CHT Commission Member Bina D'costa, while presenting a concept paper.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir moderated the discussion, while Meghna Guhathakurta, executive director of Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, also spoke.

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because no rickshaw or buses of different routes ply through that road.

Assistant Professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology's Accident Research Institute, Kazi Md Shifun Newaz said he does not know about the success or failure of the circular bus services launched in the city last year.

"But to run an effective circular bus service, a study is very important on the route which will be selected before its operation. In the study, the authority will have to calculate the demand of circular buses in the selected route, they will have to take all logistical preparation for it, such as marking designated passenger stoppages," he added.

BRTC launched Dhanmondi and Uttara services following the DMP recommendations that bus service in those areas would reduce congestion caused by private vehicles and rickshaws.

SC denies

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year rejected a petition filed by them seeking bail in the cases.

Later, they submitted a petition to the Appellate Division challenging the HC's rejection order. After virtually holding hearing on it, the apex court yesterday dismissed their petition.

Lawyer Arshadur Rauf appeared for the two while Attorney General AM Amin Uddin opposed their bail petition.

A Dhaka court on October 10, 2018 sentenced 19 persons -- including former state minister and BNP leader Lutfozzaman Babar to death, and 19 others -- including BNP's acting chairman Tarique Rahman, to life imprisonment in connection with two cases over the August 21 grenade attack.

Besides, 11 people including Khan Sayeed Hasan and Obaidur Rahman Khan were given different jail terms in the cases.

At least 24 people were killed and around 300 injured in the grisly attack on an Awami League rally on the capital's Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

Sheikh Hasina, the then opposition leader in parliament, narrowly escaped the attack with an ear injury.

UGC to sit

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A UGC member said vice chancellors of several universities, while speaking at the meeting between them and UGC on December 1, raised the issue of semester final exams.

VCs said that many students were in the middle of their honours final year and postgraduate studies; some have completed theoretical exams and only need to appear at practical exams.

"VCs said that it is high time to allow public universities to hold the final exams of last semester honours students, so that they can take part in the upcoming BCS exam with an 'appeared' certificate," the member said.

The Bangladesh Civil Service is a highly competitive examination conducted by the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (BPSC) for recruitment in various Bangladesh Civil Service cadres.

During the last week of November, BPSC published the circular of holding the 43rd BCS examination, aiming to recruit 1,814 people in different cadres.

The application process for the 43rd BCS will open on December 31 and the deadline is on January 30.

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Corrigendum

This is to notify that the EOI notification of Department of Archaeology was published Vide letter No. 43.23.0000.120.07.002.20/16, dated:29.11.20 in the Daily Star and The Daily Bhorer Gagoj on 03.12.2020. The following amendment is requested in the notification sl. No. 14(b).

Sl.No.	EOI opening date & Time Published	Amendment
1.	14(b)International Heritage Specialist (Conservation Architect) Date:27.12.2020, Time 2:30 PM.	14(b)International Heritage Specialist (Conservation Architect) Date:28.12.2020, Time 2:30 PM.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

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