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DU admission tests

The admission test for M.Sc (First Part) of the Botany Department of the Dhaka University of 1989-90 session will be held on February 11 at 2 pm, a University press release said Wednesday, reports BSS.

The admission tests of the M.Sc (First Part) of the Applied Chemistry Department, scheduled to be held on February 11, will now be held on February 17 at 2 pm, the release added.

Qamrul's contribution recalled

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a remembrance meeting on renowned artist Qamrul Hasan said, that the artworks of late artist would inspire the future generation in national life.

The meeting was arranged today (Thursday) on the occasion of his third death anniversary by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) Officers Association in BSCIC Bhaban, a press release said.

The chief guest, Md. Strajuddin, Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operative, said that the brush of late Kamurul Hasan had inspired the freedom fighters during the Liberation War for which he would remain alive in our memory.

Presided over by Md. Moniruzzaman Chowdhury, Chairman, BSCIC, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Journalist Santosh Gupta, artist Syed Jahangir and Md. Rezaul Haque, President, BSCIC Officers Association.

Tk 89.32 cr Swedish grant

Bangladesh is to receive Swedish kronor 145 million equivalent to Taka 89.32 crore as grant from Sweden under an agreement signed between the two governments in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

The grant is under bilateral economic development cooperation assistance of Sweden government to be disbursed during the financial year 1991-92.

The agreement is the outcome of four-day bilateral planning discussion meeting between Bangladesh government and the Sweden government.

Sweden has been involved in the development process of Bangladesh since independence and the assistance is mostly on rural development, health and education sector development.

The Joint Secretary of the Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance, Dr A.M. Shawkat Ali and the head of the CIDA mission in Dhaka, Mr Bengt Liljenroth, signed the agreement at the NEC Building of ERD in Dhaka on behalf of their respective governments.



Dr. A M M Shawkat Ali, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance and Bengt Liljenroth, Head of the SIDA mission in Dhaka signed an agreement on behalf of their respective Governments in Dhaka on Thursday. Bangladesh is to receive Taka 89 crore 32 lakh as grant from Sweden under this agreement.

Dateline Chittagong

AL, BNP workers clash: 5 injured

CHITTAGONG, Feb 7: At least five persons were injured and two election camps damaged in clashes between supporters of rival candidates here Wednesday, reports BSS.

In a press release, BNP alleged that workers of Awami League attacked a BNP procession injuring five seriously and damaging a BNP election camp at Joynagar of Chawkbazar Wednesday afternoon.

Abdullah al-Noman, BNP candidate for Chittagong 9 constituency, condemned the attack.

In a press release, Awami League alleged that a group of Jamaat-e-Islami workers ransacked its election camp at Agrabad.

Tribal repatriation talks hailed

Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill People's Council (CHIPC) Wednesday hailed Indo-Bangladesh official level talks on February 11 for repatriation of tribals from the Indian refugee camps, reports BSS.

In a statement here, joint convener of CHIPC Mr Bakul Chandra Chakma expressed optimism about the repatriation of the tribals and demanded that they should be rehabilitated in their original homes and enroled as voters

enabling them to exercise their rights.

He also demanded removal of chairman of three hill districts Local Government Parishads to what he suggested ensure free and fair election.

Insurgent surrenders

Shubhomoy Chakma, an insurgent, surrendered to the security forces at Matiranga, Khagrachari region, Tuesday with one 9MM SMG and 92 rounds of ammunition, an official source said here Wednesday, reports BSS.

A total of 32 insurgents have surrendered in Khagrachari in last four months. They had with them six rifles of various types, seven country made guns, three pistols and an SMG and ammunition, the source added.

One arrested

A member of tribal insurgents was injured and arrested along with a rifle in an ambush by law enforcing agencies at Mochachari under Kawkhali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District Wednesday afternoon, and official source said, reports BSS.

In another ambush, a separate group of insurgents, however, escaped leaving behind documents, notebooks, blankets and other winter clothes at Dabunyahari also under Kawkhali Upazila.

Ershad's release demanded

Jattiya Party brought out a procession at Sholashahar here Tuesday demanding release of its leaders including former president Ershad, a party press release said, reports BSS.

Starting from Bibirhat Sholashahar, the procession passed through different roads. Chittagong-10 constituency candidate Harun-ar-Rahid Khan and other local leaders led the procession.

Local JP supporters held a public meeting at Panchalaish with the party leader Abdus Salam Member in the chair.

Mr. Harun-ar-Rashid Khan, who attended the meeting as the chief guest said that Jattiya Party had executed massive development programmes during its nine-year rule. "We are not ashamed of appearing before the people as our party has accomplished many development works", he added.

All Husain, Abdur Rahman, Abul Husain Sowdagar, Advocate Mabud Chowdhury and others addressed the meeting.

Dateline Khulna

Impartial role of UP chairmen in polls sought

KHULNA, Feb 7: The Divisional Commissioner of Khulna AKM Fazul Huq Mia called upon the Union Parishad chairmen and members to extend their all out cooperation for holding February 27 parliamentary elections free and fair by playing impartial roles.

He was addressing the Union Parishad Chairmen of Khulna District at a briefing function related to the election held on Monday at Deputy Commissioner's conference room.

He said there was a great importance of the local administration in discharging their duties for holding free and fair polls. He hoped that the ensuing JS election would be a milestone in the election history of Bangladesh.

Presided over by the DC Asaduzzaman Bhuiyan the briefing was addressed by a good number of UP chairmen.

AL call to uphold democracy

BSS adds: A projection meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the Shibbari Golchattar, here under the auspices of Bangladesh Awami League in connection with parliamentary polls, reports BSS.

Speaking at the meeting Advocate Manzurul Imam called upon the people to vote for Awami League candidates for upholding the democratic process initiated in the country after the fall of autocratic government of deposed President Ershad. He also said that Awami League would always stand by the people in their just struggle for establishing democratic government and improve the lot of the common people.

The meeting was presided over by Munshi Mosharaf Hossain and addressed, among others, by Advocate Manzurul Imam, a candidate for JS seat from Khulna-2 constituency, Shamsur Rahman Mani,

Advocate Mainuddin Ahmed, Prof. Alamgir Kabir, Sheikh

Alauddin-al-Azad Milan, AK Abdullah and Abdul Hai.

After the meeting a big procession was brought out in the city in favour of Awami League candidate for the ensuing polls.

Professionals join BNP

Our Staff Correspondent adds, a good number of people and professionals joined BNP under leadership of Begum Khaleida Zia with a view to implement the 19-point programmes of Saheed Ziaur Rahman.

BNP Central Committee Vice President and a nominee for Khulna-2 constituency Advocate Shaikh Razzak Ali attended the joining ceremony as chief guest.

Those who joined the organisation include Dr. Ashraf Hossain, Advocate Esalakh Ali, Khondokar Enamur Rahman, Master Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, Gazi Abdul Matin, Md Hanif Shaikh, Sakawat Hossain and Md Alamgir Hossain.

Five-Party

The Five-Party Alliance, United Communist League and Oikkya Prakria nominated candidate for Khulna-2 constituency Advocate A. B. M. Nurul Alam called upon all to cast their vote in favour of the Jote for accelerating the democratic movement in the country.

He was addressing a news conference at local BSD office Monday night.

He said if voted to power his party will repeal all amendments except the one and three of the Constitution.

The conference was attended among others by the District Secretary of Workers Party Zillur Rahman, District Secretary of JSD (Nu) Azizul

Islam and its City Unit President Khalid Hossain.

Jamaat for Islamic laws

Naeib-e-Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, Maulana AKM Yousuf said here Monday that there is no alternative to elect honest and dedicated persons for the country's administration.

Maulana Yousuf, a Jamaat-e-Islami nominee for Khulna-3 constituency said this while speaking at a public meeting at Deana Crescent Baza.

The meeting was addressed among others by Shaikh Kamrul Alam, Noniruzzaman and Zahangir Kabir.

Cautioning the people against the hypocrisy and false hood of a political party, Maulana Yusuf said during the tenure of that party people had to share food with dogs from the dustbins. He urged the people not to mislead by the tall talks of that party.

He also said if voted to power in the coming parliamentary election Jamaat would introduce Islamic, Labour law, interest free agricultural loan and repeal of all black laws. He called upon all to cast their vote for balance election symbol of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Artificial legs

Crippled persons are getting back their ability to move through fixation of artificial legs at the limb camp project in Khulna, organised by Khulna Rotary Club in cooperation with and assistance of Mid-Harst and Pitt Worth Rotary Club of England and Joypur city, Cripple Assistance Association of India.

Arms recovered

Khulna thana police recovered an unclaimed pipe gun Monday from Rupsha Ferry Ghat area.

ML (Kader) pledges to establish Islamic rule

Muslim League favours a form of government through a "happy marriage between the presidential and parliamentary systems," reports UNB.

Announcing the party's election manifesto at a press conference in Dhaka on Thursday afternoon Muslim League President Kazi Abdul Kader said neither absolute presidential system nor rigid parliamentary system can be effective in the context of the country's socio-economic and political realities.

He said the representatives of Muslim League will oppose any move to establish a parliamentary form of government in the coming parliament.

Kader said if voted to power his party will reframe the constitution in the light of the holy Qoran, declare Islam as State principle and turn the country into an Islamic Republic.

If elected, Muslim League will go for building a strong and modern armed forces, increase budgetary allocation for defence and compulsory military training to protect the country from external threats.

The party will repeal the Special Powers Act, 1974, Printing and Publication Act 1973, separate the judiciary from the executive and introduce 'panchayat' system at union levels, he said.

About the economic programmes, Kader said his party will favour free economy to establish a self-reliant economic infrastructure and attach priority to agriculture

sector by ensuring fair price for produce, bring the agricultural inputs within the purchasing capacity and exempt

interests on agricultural loan up to Taka 5000.

Kader further said his party, if elected, will waive land tax up to 25 bighas, take steps to provide housing facilities for the homeless and solve unemployment problem, lease water bodies to bonafide fishermen, promote industrialisation and encourage foreign investment.

Muslim League also favours increased budgetary allocation for education sector, ensure medicare for all, establish four medical universities and four women universities in four divisions.

Kader said the main objective of the foreign policy will

Bangladeshi child adjudged best artist in Asia

Ten-year-old Muntazur Mansur of Chittagong has been adjudged the best artist in the Asian Children's Painting Festival held in Japan on the occasion of the International Literacy Year-90, a PID handout said on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Another Bangladeshi participant from Dhaka, Dewan Sanjida Parveen (6), has won an excellency award, the Press release added.

The festival was jointly sponsored by Mitsubishi Public Affairs Committee, Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Club and Association and National Federation of UNESCO Association in Japan. The theme of the festival was 'My Life in the day-to-day life of the Asian children.'

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