

14,000 students vie for 1,562 seats in CU

CHITTAGONG, Mar 17: About 14 thousand students have applied for admission into first year Honours classes of Chittagong University here for the session 1990-91, according to a university source, reports BSS.

The admission tests will commence on March 21.

Out of the total 14 thousand admission seekers, only 1562 students will be admitted into 20 departments of the university, the sources added.

Sachin condemns massacre

Meanwhile, Mr. Sachin Prue Jiri, Chairman of Bardanbar Hill District Local Government Parishad in a statement today condemned tribal insurgents for massacring innocent non-tribals at Bushanchara under Rangamati district yesterday.

Termining it as a cowardly action of the insurgents he expressed profound shock at the death of innocent people at the hands of misguided tribal insurgents.

Mr. Jiri called upon the insurgents to return to normal life by accepting government facilities and work for the uplift of tribal areas. He also prayed to Almighty for the peace of the departed souls.

Bangladesh Association for Implementation of Human Rights, Rangamati Branch also condemned the killing by the tribal insurgents and expressed sympathy with the members of the bereaved families and affected people of Bhusanchara.

BRDB Officers' Association executives

By Staff Correspondent

A 12-member new executive committee of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) Officers' Association was elected recently with Rezaur Rahman and ATM Sahebul Islam as its President and Secretary General respectively.

The election followed by the annual general meeting of the association was held in the city on March 15. Other office-bearers elected for the year 1991 are: Serajul Islam and Nurul Islam Akhand, Vice-Presidents, Mujibur Rahman, Joint Secretary; Asaf ul Dowla, Office and Publicity Secretary, Quazi Mohammed Abul Hassan, Sports Secretary; Fariduddin Khan, Cultural Secretary, Abdul Hamid Sarkar, Organising Secretary; and Abdus Samad, Treasurer. Besides, 11 executive members including Manjur Morshed, Fazlur Rahman and Khademul Islam were also elected.

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Prof Sultan Ahmed, Executive Director of the Chittagong University Rural Development Project, today handed over a cheque for Taka two lakh to the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Strajuddin.

The amount was the income of Chittagong University Rural Development Project during the last paddy season.

A simple ceremony was held in this connection in the conference room of the Vice-Chancellor which was attended by Deans of all Faculties, Chairmen of the all Departments and Provosts of all halls.

S. Korea donates 12 jeeps

The Government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) has donated 12 jeeps to the government of Bangladesh through Relief Ministry, reports BSS.

Lt Col (Retd) Hesamuddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Ministry of Relief Sunday formally received these vehicles from Mr Jai Chun Lee, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

SID executives

The members of the Society for International Development (SID), Bangladesh Chapter, in a recent meeting elected the office-bearers and members of its Executive Committee (EC) for 1991-92, says a press release.

The elected office-bearers are : President : Mr. ATM Shamsul Haque, Director, CIRDAP; Vice-Presidents : Mr. Abdul Mueyeb Chowdhury, Director-General, President's Secretariat & Dr. Moinuzzamin Ahmed, Chairman of the Economics Department of the Dhaka University; and Secretary-General : Ms. Fatema Zohora of SID. Besides, 5 Secretaries and 15 members were also elected.

Seminar on common values held in DU

A Seminar on 'Common Values in Different Religions' was held on Saturday at 4-30 p.m. in Room No 2028 of Dhaka University Arts Building says a Press release.

The Seminar was held under the auspices of the 'Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies Professor Wakil Ahmed, pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Chairman of the Centre presided, while Dr. Anisuzzaman, Associate Professor of Philosophy presented the keynote paper. Professor A. Matin and A. Jalil Mia of the Department of Philosophy, Ghazi Shamsur Rahman, President of Bangla Academy, Professor Mubassar Ali of the Engineering University, Dr. Sukomal Barua of the Department of the Pali and Sanskrit, A. K. Fazlul Huq of the Department of Bengali, Professor Anwar Hossain of the Department of History, Dr. Saikat Ara of the Department of Political Science and Professor Aminul Islam, Director of the Centre took part in discussion. Dr. Anisuzzaman in his paper evaluated the historical role of the major religions.



The HRC Group this year organised its annual dinner and cultural show by the swimming pool of Chittagong Club. It was well attended by representatives from various embassies, senior Govt/semi-Govt officials and elites of the city.

BNP should be allowed to form govt Independent MPs favour parliamentary system

Three independent members of the fifth Jatiya Sangsad Sunday expressed themselves in favour of Parliamentary form of Government and establishment of a sovereign Parliament to which the government will be accountable, reports BSS.

Talking to newsmen immediately after taking oath in the Sangsad Bhaban, the three independent MPs, Major (Rtd) Hafizuddin Ahmed (Bhola-3), Nurul Islam Moni (Borgona-2) and Redwan Ahmed (Comilla-6) said only a sovereign Parliament could reflect the hopes and aspirations of the people.

They also favoured the formation of government by BNP which emerged as the single largest majority in the February 27 parliamentary elections.

Major (Rtd) Hafizuddin Ahmed thanked the caretaker government of Justice Sha-

habuddin Ahmed for holding free, fair and peaceful election in the country.

He appealed to both BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina to contribute their mite to the establishment of a sovereign Parliament and truly a representative government in reflection to the hopes and wishes of the people. He said by sovereign Parliament he meant that the Executive would be accountable and responsible to the legislature.

He was of the view that the past two Parliaments were nothing but a rubber stamp house in which the MPs had no role or no say. He expressed the hope that he would be able to speak on behalf of the people in the present Parliament without any let and hindrance. "Always felt the prick of conscience when I

was MP in the third and the fourth Parliaments", he added.

Both Nurul Islam Moni and Redwan Ahmed reaffirmed their faith in the parliamentary form of government stating that the hopes of the people could be better represented in this system of government.

Mr. Moni told newsmen that he himself, Major (Rtd) Hafiz and Mr. Redwan Ahmed would maintain their independent status in the fifth Parliament.

Both Major (Rtd) Hafizuddin Ahmed and Mr. Redwan Ahmed were associated with JATIYA Party till the downfall of the former President Ershad's government. But they fought the parliamentary election as independent candidates and won.

Course on 'potentials of mind' ends

A second course on proven techniques to increase the 'potentials of your mind,' has ended with 42 men and women participating in it, reports BSS.

People from different strata, including a former member of the parliament, attended the 4-day course conducted by Prof Hammed Qazi, who lives in London.

Prof Qazi said the technique shows how to express more of your human potentials and develop training to increase awareness of one's infinite mental faculties.

Former Adviser for Agriculture, Azizul Haq gave away the certificates Sunday night to the participants, who narrated their experiences and benefits.

SC Bar polls March 27, 28

The election of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association 1991-92 will be held on March 27 and 28, reports BSS.

Seven candidates seeking membership in the Executive Committee have been elected unopposed. They are: Mr. Abdus Saleque Mollah, A. K. M. Asaduzzaman, A. K. M. Fazl, Jagdish Chandra Sarker, Md Nur Hossain Chowdhury, Nazrul Islam Chowdhury and Sufia Khatun-Il.

Following candidates are contesting in the election for the post of President.

Abdul Baset Mojumder, Alimuzzaman Chowdhury, Alhaj H. K. Abdul Hye, K. S. Nabi, Dr. Rafiqur Rahman and Shamsul Haque Chowdhury.

Vice-President: Humayun Hossain Khan, Abdul Wahab, M. C. Bhuiyan, Md. Hannan, Quazi Awlad Hossain, Shahabuddin Ahmed and Mr. Toqail Ahmed.

Secretary: A. F. M. Ali Asgar, A. F. M. Mesbahuddin, Md. Fazlul Haque and Md. Harunur Rashid.

Treasurer: Abu Baker Siddique, Khondoker Saiful Haque and Mvi Md. Wahidullah.

Assistant Secretary: Abdul Gani Talukdar, Jahirul Islam Bhuiyan, Micheal Malo, Mir Mokheaur Rahman, Md. Ibrahim Khalil, Alhaj Md. Mahmud Hossain, Md. Obaidul Huq Pirzada, Md. Rafiqullah Chowdhury, Mohammad Abdul Hafiz and Zainul Abedin.

Lions opens modern optical department

A modern optical department was opened Friday at the Lions Eye Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agrargon, Dhaka says a Press release.

Lion M. R. Siddique formally inaugurated the department. Lt. Dr. G. Mayed, Chairman, BLF presided over the function.

The frames for the Eye Hospital have been donated by Lions Clubs of Menden, West Germany and arranged by Lion Mohd. Wahidullah of Lions Club of Dhaka Mahanagar. The frames would be distributed free of cost to poor patients. The hospital will remain open everyday between 8.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Sohel Smriti Trust distributes scholarships

Sohel Smriti Trust recently distributed 26 scholarships among the students of Class-V and VIII of schools and madrasahs of Matlab Upazila in the district of Chandpur in a function after conducting a written examination, says a Press release.

The function was presided over by Mr. Nurul Anwar, U.N.O. Matlab and President of the Trust. Among others, Principal Salamati Ullah, Mr. Shamsuzzaman, Mr. A. Rashid, Dr. Md. Yunus, Dr. Anisur Rahman, Dr. Shamim Akhter Khan, and Mr. Maksudul Hoque Bablu spoke on the occasion.

Bangla Language Movement hero Principal Abul Kashem paying rich tributes for his valuable contributions to the nation.

A condolence meeting arranged by the association with journalist Abu Mohammed Shaheen in the chair was addressed by Moinuddin Kadri Shawkat, Editor of the Weekly Ittehad, Kazi Rashiduddin, Prof Humayun Kabir, C Chitta Sarma, Jamaluddin Ahmed, Abdunur Chowdhury and Ayub Ali.

The speakers called upon the enlightened people of the society to follow the ideals of the late Principal Abul Kashem.

1 hurt, ornaments looted

Dacoits shot and injured a woman, looted gold ornaments and electronic sets worth Taka two lakh from a house at South Bangrim under Patiya upazila early Saturday, police said.

The dacoits numbering ten forced into the house of one Zafar Ahmed and snatched away ten tola gold ornaments, three radio cassette recorders and other movable properties at the gun point. They opened fire when the housewife Mahmuna Khatun tried to resist them. She was injured and admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Correction

By DU Correspondent
The Dhaka University authorities on Sunday pointed out a mistake in the list of 25 elected registered graduate representatives to the Senate, published in newspapers on March 14.

Syed Rezaur Rahman, Principal, Dhanomdi Law College, was elected a registered graduate representative, whose name was dropped from the list, the press release added.

Lest We Forget Abul Mansur Ahmad

By Staff Correspondent

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Abul Mansur Ahmad, a renowned litterateur, journalist, lawyer and politician of the subcontinent. Born on 3 September in Dhanikhola, a village 10 miles south of Mymensingh district, Abul Mansur through sheer determination and talent broke away from the intellectual confines of a village life and made his mark in the literary circles of Calcutta, the capital of the then undivided Bengal.

Jibur Rahman's 6-point programme in 1966, that later developed into the struggle for an independence.

Abul Mansur served as the Education Minister of the short lived United Front government in 1954 and subsequently as the senior most cabinet member and the Commerce and Industries Minister in the central government of Suhrawardy's cabinet in 1956-57.

Following the promulgation of martial law by Ayub Khan in 1958 he, along with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and many other prominent leaders, were arrested and kept in jail for several years. He was



It was as a school boy that Abul Mansur started to write. While in college he became a regular writer for the prestigious monthly 'Saugat'. It was while he was a regular contributor for Saugat that Abul Mansur established himself as the foremost satirist of his time. His political and social satires like 'Huzur-e-Kelba', 'Naeb-e-Nab', 'Dharma Rajya', etc which remains unsurpassed in wit and sharpness, were published in the Saugat during the 1920s.

Along with his career as a writer Abul Mansur became actively involved in public life. He started his early political career in congress. Subsequently he joined Sher-e-Bangla A. K. Fazlul Huq's 'Krishak Praja Party.

It was while living in Calcutta that he befriended Shaheed Suhrawardy and started a life long friendship and political camaraderie that ended when Abul Mansur retired from politics at the news of Suhrawardy's death in 1964. Being aware of the absence of a daily mouth-piece for the Muslims of Bengal, Suhrawardy launched the 'Daily Ittehad' with Abul Mansur as its editor, a position he held till partition in 1947, when he returned to his native Mymensingh.

He was still editing The Ittehad when M. A. Jinnah made his speech declaring Urdu to be the only state language of Pakistan. He strongly condemned this in his editorials in The Ittehad and lent the support of his paper behind the nascent language movement that was brewing up in Dhaka and all over eastern Bengal.

He became deeply involved in the political movements in Pakistan and was a key member of the United Front that brought about the electoral debacle of Muslim League in 1954. Abul Mansur was the author of the famous 21-Point programme (popularly called Ekush Dafa) which became the most powerful and comprehensive political programme for protecting the political, economic and cultural rights of the Bengalis. It was the Ekush Dafa that served as the basis of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mu-

jailed again in 1963-64 period. Long period of solitary confinement took a heavy toll on his health from which he never fully recovered as long as he lived.

His published his famous political autobiography 'Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bashar' (Fifty years of Politics As I saw it) during the late sixties. During the same period he wrote hundreds of articles on the current socio-economic problems.

Following the birth of Bangladesh he started a regular weekly column in The Daily Ittehad. In this column he dealt with the issues facing the newly born country and made bold and clear suggestions as to the policies the government should adopt. His articles of this period displays the author's clarity of thought and inciseness of his vision. He foresaw many of the problems that were subsequently to engulf Bangladesh and wrote endlessly as to how to avoid them. Most of his warnings and suggestions fell on deaf ears.

About two week before his death in 1979, Abul Mansur published the second volume of his autobiography entitled 'Atmakatha', which dealt with his literary, journalistic and personal life.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was among the political giants of Bangladesh who, through life long struggle for independence of the country and for the economic prosperity of its people, has left for us all an inspiring legacy of commitment, sacrifice and vision.

Dateline Chittagong

Bring back stranded tribals: CHHPC

Political solution to HT problems sought

CHITTAGONG, Mar 17: Chittagong Hill Tract Hill People's Council (CHHPC) executive committee, at a meeting here Friday, called upon the elected parliament members to contribute their mite to finding a political solution to the Hill Tract problems, a CHHPC press release said Saturday, reports BSS.

The meeting also urged them to make concerted efforts to bring back tribals stranded in Indian refugee camps.

Presided over by the Council President, Subodh Bikas Chakma, the meeting commended the role of political parties, students, professionals and intellectuals during the movement against autocratic government of former President IIM Ershad. It said, the CHHPC would do everything possible for furthering the cause of democracy in the country.

Another press release of CHHPC said that a 21-member executive committee for the Council was constituted recently with Subodh Bikas Chakma as its President, Oin Dewan as General Secretary and Monotosh Dewan as Finance Secretary.

Kindergarten school opened
Goutam Dewan, Chairman of Rangamati Local Govern-

ment Parishad inaugurated Lakera's Kindergarten School at Rangamati town Saturday morning, local Government Parishad sources said.

The inaugural function was presided over by Ruksana Amin, Principal of the School. Zonal Commander Lt Col Shaif Mohammed Mehbub also addressed the function.

A cultural function was also held on the occasion.

Killers' punishment demanded

In another development, Islami Chhatra Shibir Central President, Muhammad Aminul Islam, Saturday demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Shibir leader Feroz Mahmud.

Addressing a conference of workers of Chittagong University branch of Shibir at Dewan Bazar Islamic Academy he said, the killing of Shibir leader after the free and fair Jatiya Sangsad elections was part of a conspiracy to keep the university closed. He blamed Chhatra League (H-A) activists for killing Feroz Mahmud, a university student on Monday last.

He threatened that Islami Chhatra Shibir would go for action if the killers of Feroz were not arrested and punished. He resented what he called silence of police in this

connection.

The conference held with the branch President AIIM Hamidur Rahman Azad was also addressed by Muhammad Rezaul Karim and Gulam Kibria — both local leaders.

Cross dam built

A cross dam was built during the past two days on the Hattiya Khal under Lohagara upazila by local people on self-help basis.

According to a press release of Jamaat-e-Islami, several thousand people under the leadership of MP-elect from Satkania-Lohagara constituency, Shajahan Chowdhury, took part in building the dam much needed for facilitating irrigation on vast tract of arable land on both sides of the Hattiya Khal.

The cross dam could not be built for lack of fund.

Addressing the local people at the dam site Shajahan Chowdhury, a Jamaat MP-elect, said that the people could accomplish many tasks if they had will and could put in concerted efforts to do so. The country has limited resources and we have to accomplish our own works wherever possible, he added.

Tributes to Abul Kashem

Bangladesh Association of Journalists for Human Rights Saturday condoled the death of