

Sircar tells int'l confce People's rights guaranteed in light of '72 Constitution

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said people's rights were being looked after by the government in light of the basic human rights guaranteed by the Constitution, reports BSS.

"We have a Constitution framed in 1972 which is one of the best in the world," he said adding that the judiciary in the country was also strong to protect all social, economic and cultural rights of the people in Bangladesh.

The Education Minister was inaugurating an international conference on "Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" at the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University.

Justice Sultan Hussein Khan, Chairman of Bangladesh Press Council, was in the chair at the inaugural function of the conference which would continue up to April 24. Humanist and Ethical Association of Bangladesh has organised it.

The function was also addressed by Mainul Hossain as the chief guest, association

president Dr M Patwary, Prof M Ershadul Bari of Dhaka University, Dr David Bitle, secretary general of Australian chapter of the International Commission of Jurists, and Mano Anandappa of the Centre for Policy Research and Analysis of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Besides, a four-member Indian delegation is also attending the conference, the association sources said.

The Education Minister referred to several Articles of the Bangladesh Constitution which were safeguarding rights of the people.

Jamiruddin Sircar also referred to the UN declared universal human rights and said rights of the people, particularly in developing countries, could be protected in a better way if arms production was reduced by 25 per cent.

"This will help a lot to establish the rights of the people to education, health and other key areas in the developing countries," he observed.

Sunil's show opens

By Staff Correspondent

The first-ever solo exhibition of painting by Sunil Ranjan Howlader began yesterday at the city's Gallery Tone.

The nine-day long show was inaugurated by Swiss Charge d' Affaires Albert Mehr.

Sunil, a graduate of the Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University, has previously participated in a number of group exhibitions at home and abroad, including the Sixth Asian Art Biennale and the 11th National Art Exhibition in Dhaka. He is also a member of the Miniature Art Society of Bangladesh, and last year he was awarded the second prize in mixed media at the International Miniature Art Competition, held in Montana, USA.

The current exhibition brings together some forty paintings, done in oil and acrylic.

Sunil's canvas mostly depict the bucolic — the outcome of a childhood spent in a Barguna village. He employs vibrant nature colours — green, red, yellow, blue — to give life to his idyllic village scenes.



Visitors at the solo painting exhibition by Sunil Howlader at the Gallery Tone in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Saifur calls on Chief Emeka

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman on Thursday called on Chief Emeka Anayoku, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, according to a message received in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Trust spends Tk 40 lakh on temples

Hindu Welfare Trust during the current fiscal spent Tk 40 lakh for renovation and development works of Hindu worship places, reports UNB.



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BSP meeting

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) will be held on April 29 at 5 pm at The Daily Star office, Dhanmondi, reports UNB.

Magic show

On the occasion of welcoming the Bengali New Year All Raj, a young magician, presented an hour long magic performance at the American Institute School auditorium in the city recently.

Notice

Our regular feature Dhaka Day by Day could not be carried today due to space constraint. The inconvenience caused to the readers is regretted.

What's on today . . .

SAARCH seminar: The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects' seminar will be held. Venue: Melonce Room, Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9:45 am. Chief guest: Minister for Housing Md Rafiqul Islam Mia.

Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of one year diploma course in interior design will be held. Venue: South Lawn, Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Exterior-Interior (P) Ltd and Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd jointly have organised the course.

Workshop on fertiliser marketing: A one-day workshop on 'fertiliser marketing in Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 9 am. Centre from Free Mind, Free Market has arranged the workshop for the journalists. Chief guest: Minister for Food Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

GSS annual seminar: National Legal Aid Network of the Ganoshahajya Sangstha (GSS) has organised the two-day annual seminar. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhet. Time 9:30 pm. Chief guest: Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Bailey Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. A talk on convention on the rights of the club will be held.

Art exhibition: The opening ceremony of the fifth solo art show by architect Abdus Salam will be held. Venue: National Museum. Time: 5:30 pm. Chief guest: Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman.

Musical soiree: Dhaka Grammar School will hold a music session in connection with the Bengali New Year 1402 celebration. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

MBBS admission test results likely next week

By DMCH Correspondent

The final results of the admission test for the first year MBBS course will be announced within seven days, an official said yesterday.

A waiting list of 200 students according to merit will also be published along with the results.

The written admission test was held on March 17. After publishing the written results, 2,500 students were selected for the viva voce.

The students appeared in the viva voce in 13 medical colleges from April 13 to 18.

Among the 2,500 students, 987 were from the Dhaka Medical College (DMC).

The authorities expect that they can admit the students in the medical colleges within two weeks after the publication of the results.

Last year, the written results were published within ten days.

In all, 22,450 students had appeared in the admission test for total 14,500 seats at the 13 government medical colleges, the officials said.

Last year, about 16 thousand students sat for the test.

This year, the authorities changed some of the rules for the test. According to the new rules, the total mark was 190

instead of 140, and the candidates were given one and half hours for completing their answers.

Last year the students answered 100 marks in one hour and 20 minute.

The authorities had also increased the number of seats from 1325 to 1450.

Students who had passed the SSC and HSC examinations in 1990 and 1992 respectively were also allowed to appear in the test along with the regular students.

The number of students to be admitted to the eight old medical colleges is 150 each and in the five new ones 50 each.

There are also 16 reserved seats for the tribal students.

The old medical colleges are Dhaka Medical College, Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka, Mymensingh Medical College, Chittagong Medical College, M A G Osmani Medical College, Sylhet, Rajshahi Medical College, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College, Barisal and Rangpur Medical College.

The new ones are Faridpur Medical College, Comilla Medical College, Khulna Medical College, Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College, Bogra and Dinajpur Medical College.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and the regions of Khulna during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country except Rajshahi division where day temperature may rise slightly.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen forecast little change. Giving extended outlook for another five days Met says that there would be no marked change.

Meantime, Madaripur experienced the highest 13 mm rain during the last 24 hours till 6:00 am yesterday. Chandpur had 9 mm and Khulna 2 mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 38.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Chuadanga while the lowest 21.6 degrees at Madaripur and Satkhira.

The sun sets today at 6:23 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31 am.

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