

Metropolitan

Christmas celebrated in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 25: Members of the Christian community here today celebrated their biggest festival, Christmas, marking the birth anniversary of the Jesus Christ amid traditional enthusiasm and rites and rituals, reports BSS.

To mark the occasion, Christian villages of Patharghata, Old Church, Jamal Khan and Peeringi Bazar of the city

wore festive look. The occasion marked with colourful Christmas parties, illumination, decoration of Christmas trees and cutting of Christmas cake amidst carol singing.

Special prayers were also held at Saint Merry's at Jamal Khan, Old Church at Laldighi and Patharghata Church.

To mark the occasion, local dailies have published some ar-

cles while Bangladesh Betar also put up special programmes.

Chittagong City Mayor in a message on the occasion conveyed the greetings to the members of the Christian community and urged the Christian community to help build a happy, prosperous and self-reliant Bangladesh through concerted efforts.



A Father at Kakrail Church giving communion to the children on the occasion of Christmas Day yesterday. — Star photo

Jessore jail incident Victims offered free legal aid

Jatiya Ainjibi Parishad (JAP) has offered free legal aid to the victims of Sunday's crackdown on rebel inmates in Jessore Central Jail, reports UNB.

In a joint statement Tuesday, JAP president Luthfur Rahman Shahjahan and general secretary Adilur Rahman Khan requested the families of the victims to contact the local JAP members to avail the free legal aid.

It suggested that the hearing of the inquiry committee initiated by the government should be held in public so that political parties and all concerned can openly provide evidence without fear.

Justice Ibrahim Trust Fund deed signed

The deed signing ceremony of the Justice Muhammad Ibrahim Trust Fund was held Tuesday. The deed was signed by Prof Akmal Hussain on behalf of the society and National Professor Sufia Ahmed and Tariq Ibrahim, daughter and son of late Justice Ibrahim as founders, said a press release.

With the opening of this Trust Fund, the number of the Society's Trust Funds stands at twelve.

Prof Wakil Ahmed, president of the society, Barrister Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed, Prof M Harunur Rashid, Prof Syed Giasuddin Ahmed, Prof Sirajul Islam and Dr Najma Khan Majlis were present among others on the occasion.

Firearms recovered in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 25: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) recovered five firearms, 30 rounds of bullet and arrested seven persons in this connection during the last 24 hours ending 6 pm today, reports BSS.

According to CMP sources, the firearms recovered included two foreign revolvers, one foreign gun and two light guns.

Besides some 32 persons were arrested on different charges during the last 24 hours.

Handicraft exhibition

A three-day handicraft exhibition organised by Annay, an organisation for women, will begin at Mugdapara Community Centre on December 28, says a press release.

Interested manufacturing organisations are requested to contact Annay, 1/4 South Mugdapara.

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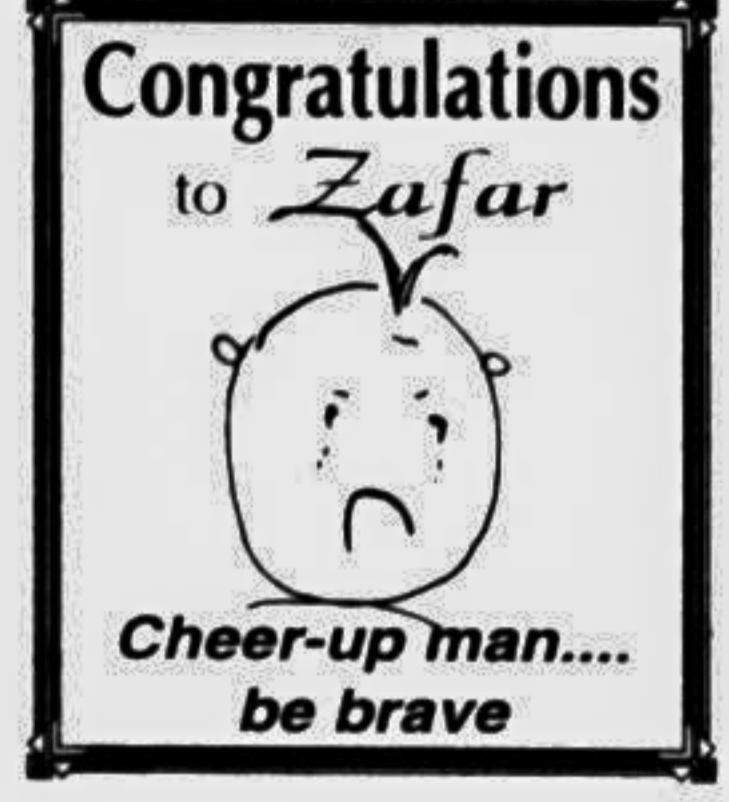
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Reception: Shikhabarta will accord a reception to the teachers who took part in Liberation War. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 2.30 pm.

Cultural competition: A three-day literary and cultural competition organised by Amra Kuri, a juvenile cultural centre will begin. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

General meeting: The 24th annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Nat'l Scouts Council will be held. Chief guest: President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. Venue: National Scout Building premises. Time: 10 am.

Drama: A six-day long drama festival organised by Theatre Centre for Social Development (TCSO) will begin. Venue: Central Public Library auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Children art competition: An art competition titled "Happy New Year" for children will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5 pm.

Protest rally: To mark the death anniversary of Nuban Ahmed, a lecturer of Economics Department at Dhaka University, a protest rally will be held. Venue: From Aparajeo Bangla to Nat'l Press Club. Time: 12 noon.

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Musical evening: Senali Bank will hold a cultural evening marking the Silver Jubilee of Victory Day and twenty-five years of the bank. Venue: Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) auditorium at Motijheel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Reception: Lear Levin, an American film-maker on whose footage the film Mukti Gaan is based will be accorded an open air reception. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 3 pm.

Lecture: The Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians will hold a lecture on ultrasonography. Venue: Lecture room of Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography, Eastern Plaza 9th floor. Time: 9 am to 12 noon.

AGM, reunion of Pabna Samity: The 71st annual general meeting and reunion of the Pabna Samity, Dhaka will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 3 pm. It will be followed by a cultural function. Chief guest: Minister of State for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed.

Publication ceremony: A publication ceremony of two books by Begum Khaleda Manzur-e-Khuda and Dr Manzur-e-Khuda will be held. Venue: VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club. The 3.30 pm.

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