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Russian Ambassador in Bangladesh Eugeny P Ivanov called on the Director General of Bangladesh Coast Guard...

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Visitors at a photo exhibition organised in observance of National Mourning Day at the Mukhtijuddha Jadughar in Segun Bagicha yesterday.

NSTM Director says

Popular science lecture series likely to resume from Sept

National Science and Technology Museum (NSTM) is likely to resume its Popular Science Lecture Series Programme from next month.

It could not be arranged during the last six months due to constraints, like availability of speakers as well as funds.

The programme, which was introduced in fiscal 1995-96, created much enthusiasm among the people, but it was suspended on January 8 last after 43 deliberations.

The main problem of continuing the programme is to get popular speakers. It is really difficult to get such speakers because of their busy schedule.

Among the popular speakers are Dr Abdullah Al Mutt Shafiq, Prof Jamal Nazul Islam, Prof A R Khan, Prof Shamsur Ali, Prof Jamilur Reza, Prof Anun Nishat, Prof Asgar Ali, Prof Iqbal Mahmood, Prof Shaquie Haider Chowdhury, Prof MA Saleh, Prof Mohammad Muhibur Rahman, Prof S Z Haider, Prof Mofizuddin Ahmed and Prof M Amanullah.

People want to listen to them more and more because of their presentation of complicated science topics in a simpler way before the audience, the director said.

The science museum got a very good response from young scientists who are interested in delivering lectures on popular science topics but a few are capable of presenting their subject matter in plain words, he said.

Even then, Khan added, "we are optimistic about continuing the programme due to positive response from all corners including the government, common people and scientists."

The venue will be shifted from the auditorium of the science museum to the heart of the city for the convenience of the audience who include students, service holders and housewives, the director informed.

The programme will be held on Wednesday as before. Meanwhile, the museum authorities have taken steps to bring out a publication compiling the popular lectures within two months.

Anti-fundamentalism rally Aug 20

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) yesterday urged the cultural activists to join its mourning rally in front of the TSC on Aug 15, reports BSS.

After the rally in the morning, the cultural workers will march toward the Bangabandhu Museum to place wreaths at the portrait of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

A meeting of the jote chaired by Golam Kuddus also decided to hold an anti-fundamentalism rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 4 pm on Aug 20 and join the public meeting of Mukhtijuddher Chetona Bastabayan and Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee on Aug 22.

Obituary

Jalaluddin Ahmed (Badsha Mia), a former GM of Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation died of heart attack at his Uttara residence early yesterday. He was 76, reports UNB.

Late Jalaluddin Ahmed left behind four daughters, one son and a host of well-wishers.

His qukhwani will be held after Asr prayers tomorrow at Uttara House 19, Road 13, Sector 1.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Atiqur Rahman, a former assistant vice president of Uttara Bank will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his 10/4 Pallabi residence in the city, reports BSS.

Rahman who hailed from Tona, Jessore, died at his residence on Wednesday. He was 60.

He was buried at Kalsi graveyard, Mirpur.

A nephew of late Md Abdul Hakim, ex-speaker of the erstwhile East Pakistan Legislative Assembly, Rahman has left behind a mother, wife, a son and a daughter, family sources said.

BAU VC tells BSS Tolerance must for congenial academic atmosphere

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Vice-Chancellor Prof Mulimmed Hussain yesterday stressed on utmost tolerance and understanding of different opinions for upholding social values and promoting democratic practice in all strata of life to ensure congenial academic atmosphere.

In an interview with BSS, Prof Hussain expressed his satisfaction that he has been receiving all-out cooperation from the students, teachers, officers and the employees of the university for a violence-free and a session jam-free campus. There were no unauthorised closure of classes or postponement examinations since his taking over the charge of the VC's office nine months before, he said.

When his attention was drawn to the session jam situation, the noted educationist said, six faculties of the university, only the agriculture faculty is facing serious session jam. One of the main causes of the session jam was the supplementary examination system which would be abolished gradually. The university authority had decided in principle to introduce semester system in the long run in order to minimise session jam, he informed.

Prof Hussain observed that the students' organisations should devote to the welfare of the students and improvement of academic atmosphere instead of tailing political parties. In this context, he suggested weakening ties between political parties and students' organisations for the greater interest of the nation.

Prof Hussain said since its establishment in 1961, the Agricultural University has been playing an important role in developing technology appropriate and consistent to our agriculture and transferring it to the farmer at the field level.

Prof Hussain urged the government to allocate adequate fund for academic and research programmes of the university so that it could play due role in the national agricultural sector.

He disclosed that the university authorities had taken necessary measures to hold the fourth convocation of the university at the end of this year. The Chancellor of the University Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to distribute the certificates at the convocation.

Prof Hussain, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Bio-chemical Society, laid emphasis on increasing the existing capability of genetic engineering to strengthen research work in biotechnology which, he observed, is vital for generation of new species and increased crop production.

Referring to the steps taken to enhance facilities in the university, the vice chancellor said the authorities had taken required measures to construct a 300-seat dormitory for female students to solve the existing accommodation problem. Another dormitory for male students with 600-seat capacity is being constructed, which will be opened soon, he added.

Prof Hussain expressed his ambition to establish a central library for rapid and effective operation of the research activities undertaken by the university and to establish a university museum to preserve the milestones of the chronological developments in the agricultural sector of the country.

Saudi envoy calls on Mannan

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Abdullah O Barry, called on State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan at the latter's office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to mutual interest, problems and benefits of Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia in particular.

The acting secretary and the joint secretary of Labour and Manpower Ministry were present during the meeting.

Mannan blames AL for unleashing terrorism in Feni town

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has blamed the ruling Awami League for unleashing terrorism in the Feni town for the last four days.

The ruling party MP is directly involved in the acts of terrorism at the Feni Technical College and the adjoining areas, creating an anarchic situation in the town, the BNP leader said in a statement yesterday.

Mannan Bhuiyan further alleged that the ruling party-backed terrorists attacked the BNP workers and the people as well, leaving 10 activists injured.

He said the situation has worsened further following the arrest of two workers of Chharta Dal, student wing of BNP, yesterday.

Leaders of Puja Udjapan Parishad call on Rafiq

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam yesterday said Bangladesh has established a bright example of communal harmony, reports BSS.

He said this at a meeting with the leaders of Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad at the conference room of the ministry.

A 15-member delegation of the parishad led by Barrister Sudhir Chandra Das met the minister. The delegation included Justice Devesh Chandra Bhattacharya, Major General (Retd) C R Datta and Prof Lait Mohon Nath.

They thanked the minister as the Janmastomi and Durga Puja were observed peacefully last year and requested to take necessary measures to maintain peaceful atmosphere in the country during the coming Janmastomi and Durga Puja. The minister assured them and said all possible steps would be taken to observe the Janmastomi and Durga Puja in a peaceful atmosphere.



A half-yearly reunion of REC-69 (Rajshahi Engineering College, Series-69) was held at a city hotel recently. Photo shows members of the executive committee of REC-69 (from left) Nazrul Islam, Director, Mozammel Hossain, Director, Kazi Shariful Haque, Director, Kazi Rezaul Mostafa, Director, Enamul Haque Chowdhury, Executive Director, Syed Munsif Ali, Finance Director, and A H M Shafiqul Islam, Director, with chief guest Prof Dr Sikandar Ali delivering speech.



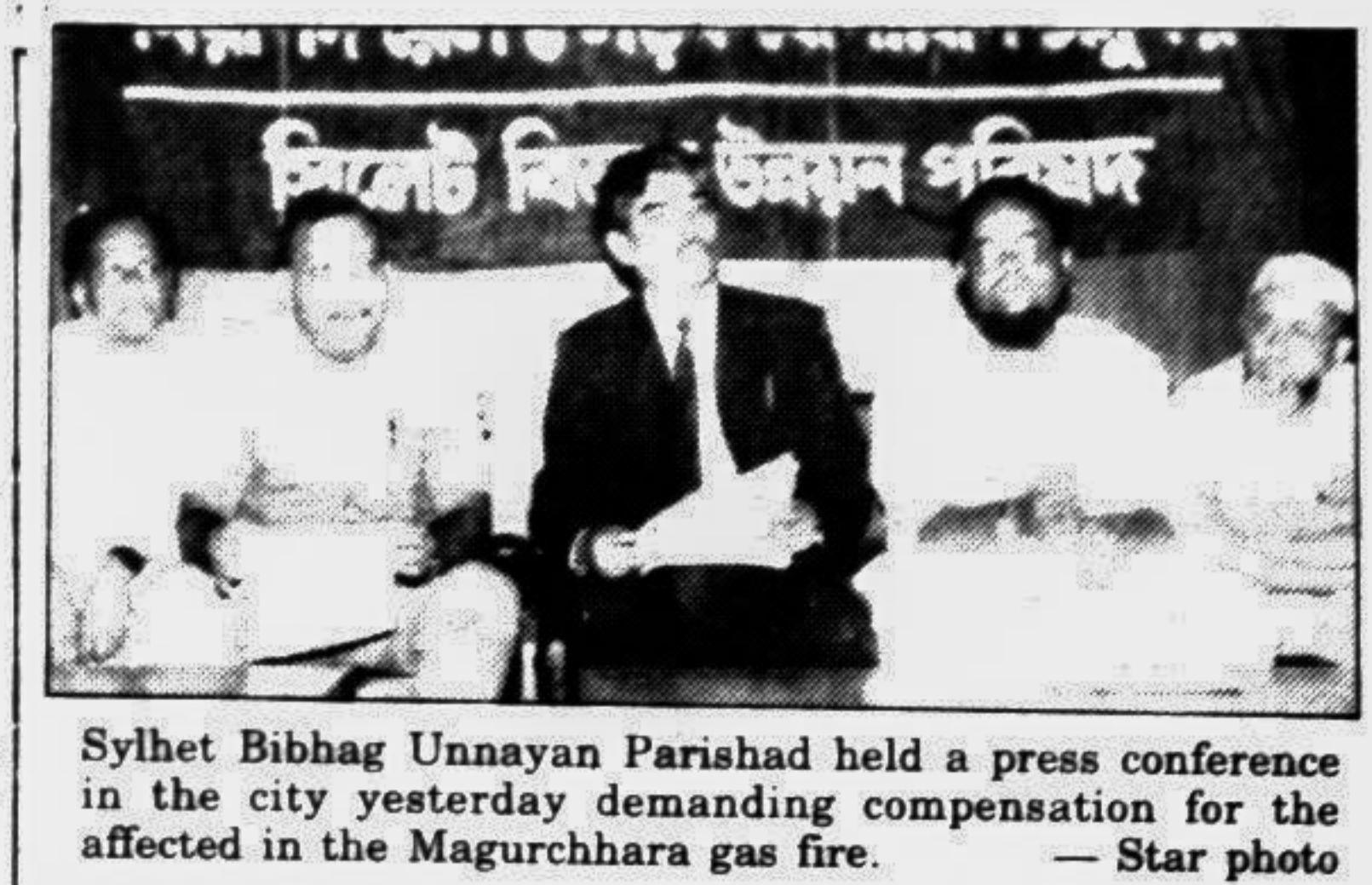
King of Kathak dance Pandit Birju Maharaj and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Dhaka Sheraton General Manager San Amalun at the hotel recently. Picture also shows K S Alam, Executive Assistant Manager, M H Khan, Director Sales & Marketing, and Rashida Muhiuddin, Director PR.



The Chattragram Samity of UK held a reception for Prof Zia Haider of Chittagong University and Chief Mutwalli of Hazrat Amanat Shah Dargah at a London hotel recently.

Chehlum Chehlum of Ahmed Mosiud-dowla, founder chairman of renowned publication firm Mowla brothers will be held tomorrow after Maghrab prayers at his residence at 28, Tipu Sultan Road in the city, says a press release.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Bank, featuring a logo and text about a branch in Dhaka.



Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad held a press conference in the city yesterday demanding compensation for the affected in the Magurchhara gas fire. — Star photo

Advertisement for International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), listing various degree programs and contact information.

Advertisement for 'বিসিআইসি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (BISCI-Price List Notice), detailing various items and prices.

Advertisement for 'Eating Out' featuring OASIS Restaurant, SEA FOOD RESTAURANT, and Sajina An Exclusive Restaurant.

Large advertisement for 'বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Notice) containing multiple tables of prices for various items like rice, oil, and other goods.