

What's on today . . .

Ekushey Grantha Mela: 'Amar Ekushey Lecture' will be delivered by Prof. Moutazuddin Ahmed. Venue: Bangla Academy premises. Time: 4 pm.

Workshop: A 4-day regional workshop on 'Towards Gender Equity: Poverty, Rights and Participation' will begin. Organisers: CIRAP and British Council, Dhaka. Venue: CIRAP auditorium. Time: 9 am.

Sculpture show: A 7-day sculpture show by students and teachers of the Department of Sculpture, Institute of Fine Arts, DU, will begin. Venue: Zainul Gallery of the Arts Institute. Time: 11 am. Chief guest: Azad Rahman, DG, Shilpakala Academy.

Handwriting competition: As part of its week-long programme commemorating Amar Ekushey, Nazrul Institute has organised a handwriting competition for children. Venue: Institute premises, Kabi Bhaban, House: 330/B, Rd: 28 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am.

Cartoon exhibition: United Nations Information Centre has organised a cartoon exhibition in celebration of the 50th anniversary of ESCAP. Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 1 pm. Chief guest: DU VC Prof A K Azad Choudhury.

Exhibition on Heine: A 3-day exhibition on eminent German poet and writer Heinrich Heine. His life, his work and his influence, will begin. Organisers: Institute of Modern Languages, DU, and Goethe Institut Dhaka. Venue: Modern Languages Institute Bhaban, DU. Time: 11:30 am. From 10 am to 4 pm daily.

Musical soiree: Singer-songwriter Moushumi Bhowmik from Calcutta will perform at a musical soiree, organised by Chalchitram Film Society. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium, Rd: 7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

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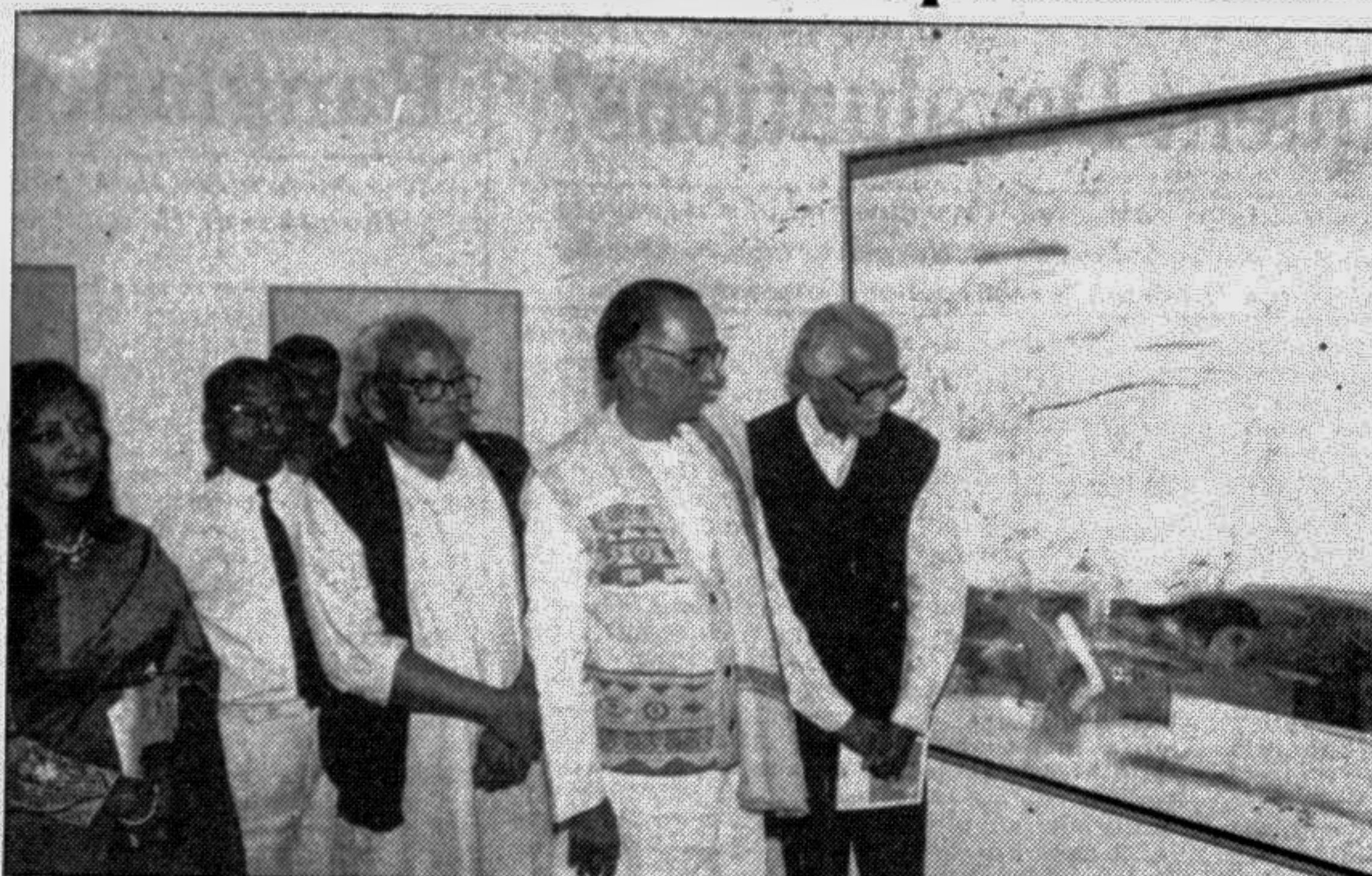
Students intending for admission in the following courses in Spring '98 are notified that classes will commence 26 February, 1998

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A fortnight-long painting exhibition by noted artist Rafiqun Nabi began at Shilpangan art gallery in the city yesterday. Chief advisor of the former caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman inaugurated the show.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period and little change in the next subsequent two days.

Country's highest temperature 30.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 10.6 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:54 pm and rises on Monday at 6:31 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.3	14.3	67	63
Chittagong	29.2	15.0	83	64
Mymensingh	28.6	14.8	74	68
Rajshahi	29.0	12.2	88	70
Khulna	29.2	14.6	86	52
Barisal	29.6	13.4	80	--
Sylhet	30.7	15.4	64	47
Cox's Bazar	29.0	16.2	77	82

Seminar on HR held

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak has urged all to come forward to strengthen social movement in protecting human rights in the society, reports UNB.

"Peace is the pre-condition for preserving democracy, independence and human rights in the country," said the minister while addressing a seminar in the city yesterday.

The seminar on 'Human Rights: The perspective of Bangladesh and South Asia' was organised by South Asia Watch, New York.

Referring to the CHT accord, Razzak said the peace deal with the tribal people was a clear demonstration of the government's commitment to peace and upholding human rights.

Razzak said the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working sincerely to protect fundamental and human rights of the people.

The minister called upon all to contribute in checking repression against women and children.

JU classes resume tomorrow

By JU Correspondent

Classes of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) resume tomorrow after a one month Eid-ul-Fitr and winter vacation. The classes as well as examinations will be held as per schedule.

Students have already begun to return to their respective halls. As the administrative activity began from Feb 7, few departments have already started their year-end examinations.

UP chairmen of Shajadpur thana call on FM

Newly elected Union Parishad chairmen of Shajadpur thana of Sirajganj district yesterday called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his official residence, reports UNB.

During the meeting, Azad outlined his government's policy to strengthen the local government system in the country.

Int'l workshop on LRCs begins today

A 12-day international workshop on 'capacity building of literacy resource centres (LRCs) for girls and women' will begin today in the city, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The workshop has been organised by Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (APCCU) and Dhaka Ahsania Mission, with the collaboration of UNESCO, PROAP, Bangkok. UNESCO Dhaka office, Directorate of Non-Formal Education (DNFE), Bangladesh and Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU).

Minister for Education A S H K Sadique will inaugurate the workshop at 9 am at the Bangladesh Literacy Resource Centre, located at the office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, House: 19, Rd: 12, Dhanmondi.

Some 18 participants from nine countries — India, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Bangladesh — will participate in the workshop.



Anwarul Islam Bobby's death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of Anwarul Islam Bobby, founder editor of The Morning Sun will be observed today, says a press release.

Bobby Islam died of blood cancer in Dubai on way to London for treatment.

Qurankhwani will be held and food will be distributed among the poor to mark the day.

Spl darbar of East Bengal Regiment held

CHITTAGONG, Feb 14: Bangladesh Army is observing the golden jubilee of the East Bengal Regiment, reports UNB. A two-day programme has been organised to mark the occasion including a special darbar (traditional military congregation), which was held at the East Bengal Regimental Centre today.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman addressed the serving and retired members of the Regiment at the darbar.

The Army Chief said that East Bengal Regiment was the pivot of our national army. The role of this regiment in safeguarding the territorial integrity of the country was undeniable, essential and unavoidable.

General Mustafiz said that the efficiency, discipline, devotion and loyalty of the members of the regiment were recognised and appreciated not only within the country, but also in the international level.

Earlier, the Chief of Army Staff visited Ajana Shahed Samadhi or the graveyard for unknown martyrs. He placed a wreath there in memory of the unknown martyrs of the regiment and prayed for the salvation of their departed souls.

Fire Service sets up special centre at Biswa Ijtema site

Bangladesh Fire Service has set up a special centre at the Biswa Ijtema venue to provide emergency services, reports BSS.

The centre, equipped with physicians and ambulances, will also be ready to rescue people in emergency, sources at the Fire Service said yesterday.

The sources said the Fire Service will try to keep the environment congenial and dust-free by spraying water from the river Turag. The centre will remain open round the clock till the end of the Ijtema.

Samad visits Biswa Ijtema site

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad visited the site of Biswa Ijtema at Tongi yesterday afternoon and went round different sections where the congregation is taking place, reports BSS.

The Foreign Minister went to the section where the foreign devotees attending the Ijtema are staying.

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Dilfazir, Iva, Shafia, Shamsuzzaman, Dr Firdousi, Dr Shamim, Wahiduzzaman, Qumruzzaman, Karsarman, Dulal, Shahin, Bushra, accept our heartfelt gratitude for all your love towards the clan of Khan Shahid Syed Sikandar Ali. Lord of the universe will bless the organisers of Grand Ijtema in New Prianka, Lalmitia. Prof. Salma Chowdhury. C-123

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