

PM at high level meeting of Jute Ministry Need for extensive research in jute sector underscored

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the authorities concerned to ensure diversified use of jute so that growers get fair prices, reports BSS.

She underscored the need for extensive research programmes in jute sector to improve its quality and diversified utilisation.

She was presiding over a high level review meeting of the Ministry of Jute at the secretariat.

As a cash crop, she said, we must protect and preserve jute in the interest of national economy and to protect the interest of jute growers.

The prime minister emphasised the need for coordination of the ministries related to the cultivation, marketing export of jute and jute goods and jute related industries.

The prime minister said, 'We must create global awareness about the environment friendly use of jute particularly in today's world when there is an international concern over environmental hazards due to use of synthetic materials.'

Referring to various problems in jute sector she said those have been accumulated

over the years which her government has got as a legacy of the past.

Earlier welcoming the prime minister the Minister of State for Jute AK Faizul Haq informed the meeting that during the two years of the present government the ministry has brought down the losses in jute sector by more than Tk 200 crore. He said that the obstacles on way to jute exports have been removed this year. He said at present jute is the third largest export item of the country and fetching 12 per cent of the total export earnings.

Secretary of the Ministry of Jute Mahfuzul Islam, while explaining in details various aspects of the ministry said five projects are being implemented under the revised ADP of 1997-98 with an involvement of Taka 1425.38 lakh including project aid of Taka 993.96 lakh. He further informed the meeting that till May this year Taka 976.88 lakh has been released.

He said there is an urgent need for making BMRE of 26 jute mills.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr SA Samad, Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan, ERD Secretary Dr Moshir Rahman and senior officials of the concerned ministries were present.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanging views with members of the executive committee of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) at Ganabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today...

Inaugural session: The inaugural session of a 4-day National Tripartite Seminar on Globalisation and its Impact on Industrial Relations in Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Ball room-III, Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9 am

Seminar: A seminar on 'Retrieving past voices: Personal narratives of Bengali women as a source of social history' will be held. Organizer: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh. Keynote speaker: Dr Sonia N Amin, Associate Professor, Department of History, DU. Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd: 16, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

Discussion: Bangla Academy has arranged a discussion session commemorating the death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Shahidullah. Venue: Seminar room of the Academy. Time: 11 am.

Talk: Prof ATR Rahman of City University, New York, will give a talk on 'Ethics and corruption in public service: Global phenomenon and local variation'. Venue: Seminar room of Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences, Lecture Theatre Rm: 401, Dhaka University. Time: 11 am.

Installation ceremony: The 22nd installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 7:15 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

Film show: '9 Hours of Rama: The Assassination of Gandhi' by Mark Robson will be screened. Organizer: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Rd: 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Laws to be amended for speedy trial of cases

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam has said that necessary laws would be amended for speedy trial of cases, reports BSS.

'The sufferings of the people will increase day by day if justice was delayed,' he said while addressing the law and order meeting of Khulna Division in the conference room of the Divisional Commissioner on Saturday.

Presided over by the Khulna Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Abul Kashem, the conference was attended, among others, by the State Minister for

Relief and Disaster Talukder Abdul Khaleque, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Taiyebur Rahman, AKM Fazul Haque, MP, Kazi Sekander Ali, MP, Panchanan Biswas, MP and Sheikh Nurul Haque MP.

The Home Minister said if justice was delayed, the people of the country will lose confidence in the judiciary and the society.

The minister expressed his dissatisfaction as the law and order of Khulna Division is not better than that of last year.

President of Khulna Chamber of Commerce S M Nazrul Islam, president of Khulna Lawyers' Association advocate Abdus Salam, president and general secretary of Khulna Press Club Humayun Kabir Balu and Manik Chandra Saha spoke in the meeting.

The Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Khulna Range, Lutful Kabir, Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) Commissioner Nazrul Islam and Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Superintendent of Police (SPs) of all the districts of Khulna Division were present at the conference.

'Fake' admission of 2 DU students: Probe body yet to start functioning

By DU Correspondent

A probe committee, formed to investigate into the case of two students who gained admission to the University of Dhaka through false documents, is yet to start functioning, sources said.

The DU authorities formed the three-member committee on June 29 responding to a press report that the university authorities had published honours final results of two students of the Department of Political Science, even after their admissions to the university in 1993-94 session were proved to be false on May 18 this year.

A member of the probe committee requesting anonymity said that he has not yet received any instruction in this regard.

According to the official sources, Anisur Rahman and Iqbal Hossain alias Sabuj, who appeared in the Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) examinations of 1996-97 from the Department of Political Science, enrolled themselves at DU by providing fake documents.

The Faculty of Social Science had detected in May that documents of the two students were fake. The faculty immediately recommended to the Registrar's Office for cancellation of their admissions.

The Dean's office through a letter on May 18 informed the matter to the section concerned under the Registrar's Office.

Urs of Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi from Aug 10

By Staff Correspondent

The 692nd annual urs mubarak of Hazrat Khawja Nizamuddin Aulia will be held at the Dargah Sharif in New Delhi from 10th to 14th August, says a press release.

The Qul Sharif (special fateha) will be held on August 11 at 9 pm and special qul will be held on 11 am on August 12.

Apart from these programmes, special prayers will be held on all the five days.

Merit lists of NU degree examinations '97

Following are the merit lists of students who secured the top 10 positions in BA and BSc as well as those who obtained first division in BSS and BCom examinations of 1997 under the National University, reports UNB:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name & Roll, Marks, College & Centre. Lists top 10 students for BA (Pass) and BSc (Pass) examinations.

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Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name & Roll, Marks, College & Centre. Lists top 5 students for BSS (Pass) examinations.

Transfer of tanneries from Hazaribagh assured

Bangladesh Finished Leather and Leather Goods Exporters' Association has assured that it would extend all possible cooperation for transfer of the tanneries from Hazaribagh to protect environment of the capital, reports BSS.

A seven-member delegation led by association's Chairman M A Sattar gave the assurance at a meeting with Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury here yesterday.

The minister pointed out that transfer of the tanneries from Hazaribagh was a long standing demand of the residents of the locality and said their transfer to a proper place is essential to improve the quality of products.

Referring to the decision to set up temporary treatment plants for removal and management of wastes of the tanneries the minister said the importance of environment protection should be considered before setting up of industries.

Green fair begins tomorrow in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 12: A ten-day green fair aimed at motivating the people to take up a massive tree plantation drive begins on Laldighi Maidan here on July 14, reports BSS.

Being held under the auspices of Chittagong City Corporation, the fair will be inaugurated by Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury as the chief guest. Chittagong City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahfuzul Islam urged the city people to make the fair a success, a city corporation press release said.

Job opportunities

An international development NGO working in Bangladesh for the past 35 years is looking for 2 new staff to join the Dhaka Programme Office team

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If you have the right skills and are interested please write for an application form and more details to: PO Box 406 Dhaka 1000.

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Workshop on 'evaluation of post UP polls' Schedule of pourashava polls to be announced by 3rd week of July

RAJSHAHI, July 12: A day-long workshop on 'evaluation of post union parishad elections,' organised by Election Training Institute of Election Commission was held at Rajshahi Postal Academy Auditorium here today, reports BSS.

MM Reza, Secretary, Election Commission Secretariat said elections in one hundred pourashavas of the country will be held in phases in September after the pourashava election of Habiganj on September 2. He said election schedules of pourashavas will be announced by third week of the current month.

He said union parishad elections in the country were held in a free, fair and impartial atmosphere except some stray incidents and added the Election Commission is determined to hold the upazilla and city corporation elections in a free, fair and impartial manner.

He hinted the mayoral elections will be held by February-March next. He stressed the need for stable political system for economic development of the country.

Deputy Commissioners and Superintendent of Police, Thana Nirbahi Officers (TNO), Returning and Assistant Returning Officers, presiding officers and a those who were involved in the union parishad elections in Rajshahi Division including mohila contestants of reserved seats were present.

MM Reza, Secretary, Election Commission Secretariat inaugurated the workshop as chief guest while Nurul Alam, DIG, Police, Rajshahi Range, Khlan Shahabuddin.



Farhan Fayaz Rahman

Hey! I get one year older today!!

GD-543 Project Director.

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The authority of the Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the items of the tender.

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