

Human chain demanding winter clothes today

Sylhet Division Development Council will observe human chain programme in front of the Jatya Press Club here at 12 noon today demanding distribution of winter clothes among the poor people, a parishad press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

President Advocate Abed Raja and other leaders of the parishad will lead the human chain programme.

'Distribute winter clothes among poor children'

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader yesterday said that the government had undertaken massive programmes from the beginning of this new millennium for improving the quality of life of the distressed and rootless children, reports BSS.

The State Minister urged all socio-cultural organisations of the country to come forward for distributing winter clothes to distressed and rootless children.

He said this while addressing a function organised by Russell Shishu-Kishore Parishad for distributing winter and Eid clothes among destitute and rootless children.

Chaired by President of Russell Shishu-Kishore Parishad A K M Shahidullah the function was addressed, among others, by publicity secretary of the Parishad Principal Mohammad Shahiqul Alam, EC members Qamruzzaman Ansari and Mollah Abu Kausar.

NSU debate team to participate in world competition

The debate team of North South University left on Monday for Sydney, Australia to participate in the 20th Inter University World Championship, says a press release.

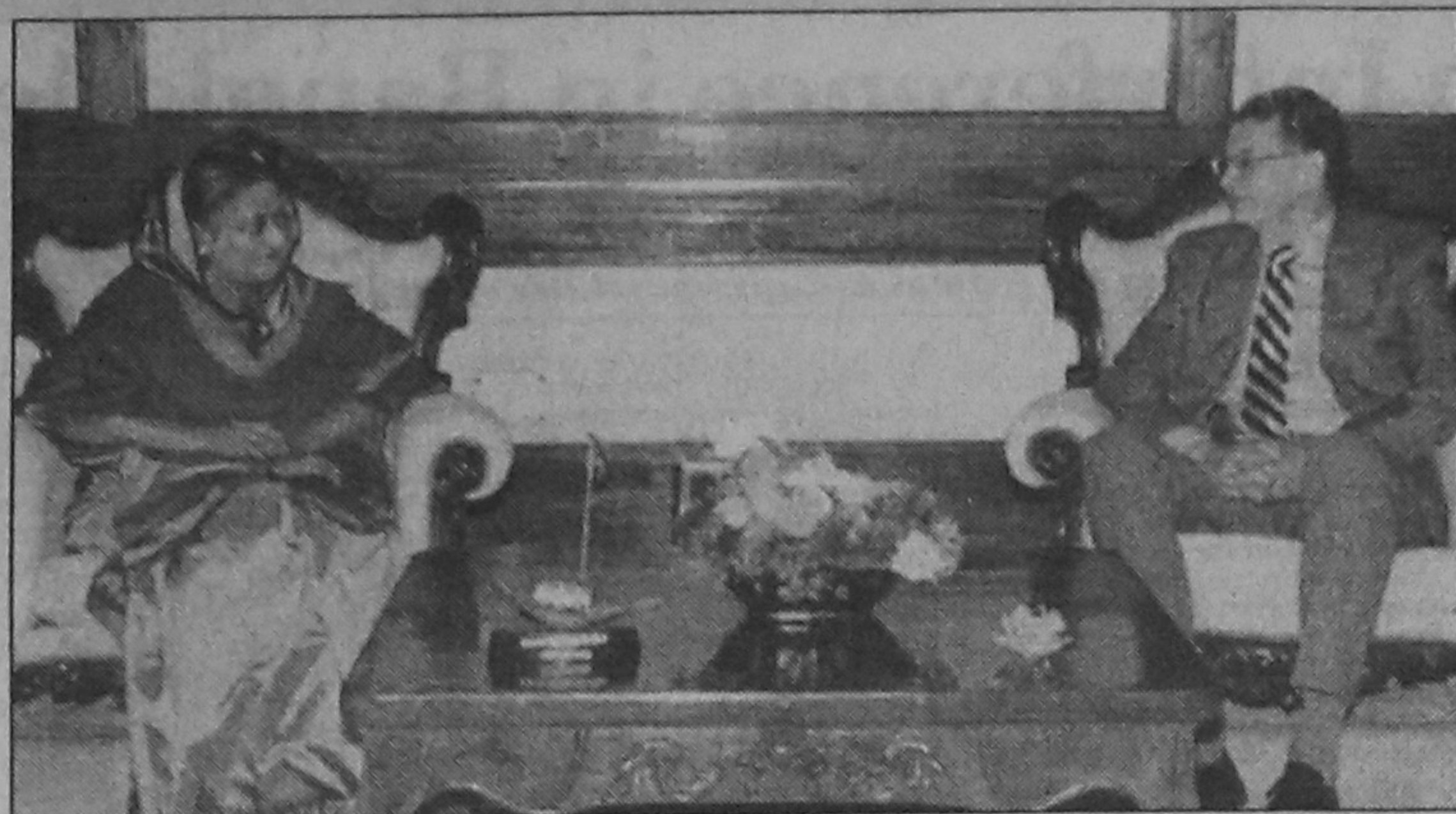
This year University of Sydney is organising the event. This is the 4th time NSU is participating in the world debating competition. The participating NSU team is the champion of Bangladesh Inter University English Debate held at Jahangirnagar University last month.

The 4-member team include — Rehnama Amin, Samira Rahman and Sheikh Tina Salehman and Faisal Murshed (adjudicator).

BSP condemns attack on Daily Azadi office

President of Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) Kazi Shahed Ahmed yesterday strongly condemned the attack on the office of Daily Azadi in Chittagong, reports BSS.

The Daily Azadi office also came under attack in the past, but authorities failed to take any action, he regretted. He demanded exemplary punishment of the miscreants responsible for the attack.



Outgoing British High Commissioner David C Walker paid a farewell call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday at Ganobhaban. — PID photo

Assault of woman on DU campus Organisations condemn incident, demand immediate action

By Staff Correspondent

Workers' Party has strongly condemned the assault of a young woman at Dhaka University in the first hour of new millennium and demanded identifying of the culprits and their trial.

In a statement yesterday, the WP said that it seems the police and the university authority are trying to hide the culprits.

The WP quoting press reports said the culprits are the members of the ruling Awami League's student organisation.

This type of incident is certainly nothing new for them (AL). Such incidents also occurred at Central Shaheed Minar immediately after the independence and also on the university campus later on," the statement said.

The statement said that the latest incident had disgraced the image of the DU.

The WP asked the authorities concerned to find out the criminals involved with the assault incident and their trial without any delay.

In another statement, Prof M A Hadi and A Z M Zahid Hossain, convenor and member secretary respectively of the Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB) condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment of those responsible with assault of a woman at TSC on New Year's night.

They said this open assault before hundreds of police personnel has disgraced and angered the nation. The DAB leaders said that the Dhaka University VC, Home Minister, Home Secretary and DMP should give a public apology before the nation and resign immediately for their failure to avoid occurrence such a heinous crime.

They said the incident is the worst example of deterioration of law and order situation in the country and called upon the people to come forward and build public opinion against such heinous incident.

Sammitia Sangskritik Jote president Ramendra Majumder and general secretary Golam

Quddus have also expressed deep concern at the incident.

In a statement they said no conscious citizen can support this type of incident and demanded the immediate arrest and trial of the culprits involved with the assault.

BMS
Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Central Coordination Council has also condemned the incident of molestation of a woman on Dhaka University campus on New Year's Eve and demanded exemplary punishment of the persons responsible.

BMS convenor Ishtiaq Aziz Ulfat and chief coordinator Sadek Ahmad Khan in a joint statement yesterday held degradation of social values and bankruptcy in administration responsible for such heinous crime.

ADAB
Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) has sought the Prime Minister's intervention in taking immediate actions against the culprits who molested a young woman on Dhaka University campus in the night of December 31.

The ADAB president Dr Kazi Faruq Ahmad and director Shamsul Huda in a joint statement yesterday also expressed deep anguish at the fact that 'no actions' has been yet taken against the persons involved.

They demanded proper measures from the parts of the government and its administration to check recurrence of such an incident.

Saree exhibition

An exclusive saree exhibition by artist Nahida Sharmeen began in the city on Tuesday, says a press release.

The exhibition and of colourful sarees at Manju, a gallery of fine arts, at House No-8, Road No-6, Gulshan will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till the day before the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Bangladesh joins UNSC

Bangladesh, which was elected as one of the five non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in a poll held in 1999, has officially joined the council, reports BSS.

While taking over the responsibility on the first day of 2000, Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury held a meeting with Richard Holbrooke, US Permanent Representative to UN and the new chairman of UNSC for the month of January. Holbrooke succeeded Sir Jeremy Greenstock of the United Kingdom.

During the meeting Chowdhury and Holbrooke discussed in details the on-going major issues of international peace and security which are likely to draw the attention of the UNSC.

The four other new non-permanent members who were elected along with Bangladesh on October 14, 1999 for a two-year term are Jamaica, Mali, Tunisia and Ukraine.

Bangladesh will be the chairman of the United Nations Security Council in March 8 this year in accordance with the principle of rotation. UN sources said.

This is for the second time that Bangladesh is occupying a seat in UNSC. Bangladesh was first elected to this coveted position in 1978.

Indian classical music festival begins Jan 16

The High Commission of India in Dhaka has organised a four-day festival of Indian classical music and dance at the National Museum auditorium from January 16 to 19, said a press release yesterday, reports BSS.

The programme will start on January 16 with a Jugalbandi (duo) by Shubhendra Rao on Sitar and Parthasarathy on Saram. On January 17, there will be an Odissi dance performance by Sharmila Biswas and her troupe. She will present 'Sampurna', a dance drama depicting the life and work of Devdasis (temple dancers) of Jagannath temple in Orissa.

There will be a Dhrupad (vocal) recital on January 18 by Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha. On January 19, Veda Sahasrabudhe will present classical music. All performances are scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

The artistes will also participate in a number of lecture-demonstrations from January 16 to 19 daily at 10 am at Natmandal, Dhaka University.

'Many couldn't vote in CCC polls due to unrest'

Bangladesh Human Rights Coordination Council yesterday said a large number of people could not cast their votes in the Chittagong City Corporation election due to political unrest and intolerance, reports UNB.

In a joint statement, Council president A H M Noman and Director M Helaluddin said a team of the council that observed the CCC polls saw a relatively thin voter turnout due to terrorist acts.

They said musclemen captured some polling centres and stuffed ballot boxes by driving away a large number of enthusiastic voters.

The unilateral decision to hold Upazila elections at a cost of huge some of taxpayers' money without resolving the present political impasse will only intensify people's suffering," they said. They also asked the ruling and opposition parties to resolve contentious issues through mutual understanding.

Ad-interim bail granted to 4 BNP leaders

The High Court has issued rule and granted ad-interim bail for three months to four local leaders of BNP accused in the case of killing of a constable in explosion in Mirpur during the hartal on December 12, reports UNB.

The Division Bench comprising Justice Mohammad Fazlul Haque and Justice Mohammad Hassan Ameen granted bail to Shawkat Ali, M A Malek, Abdul Ahad, and Jewel alias Benzir Ahmed on Tuesday.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed moved the petition under Section 498 of Code of Criminal Procedure on behalf of the petitioners.

Admission 66 applicants for each seat at RU

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Jan 5: A total of 1,97,741 admission forms for 3200 seats for the 1st year (Honours) classes of 1999-2000 academic session in 39 departments under six faculties of Rajshahi University have been submitted by the students till the last date yesterday.

RU sources said, about 66 students will be vying for one seat. The authorities of RU have earned about Taka 1.48 crore by selling the admission forms this year.

Faculty wise break-up of the applications are: 36,175 students for 940 seats in 11 departments under Arts Faculty, 49,873 students for 660 seats in 10 departments under Science Faculty, 21,851 students for 354 seats in 6 departments under Life and Earth Science Faculty, 42,488 students for 585 seats in 9 departments under Social Science Faculty, 33,328 students for 430 seats under four departments of Commerce Faculty, 10,327 students for 100 seats in Law Faculty and 3,775 students for about 103 seats under the special quota. RU sources informed that record number of forms have been sold and submitted this year.

The admission tests will be held between February 2 and 14 next in three shifts everyday.

Phensidyl seized

The Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police seized 587 bottles of Phensidyl syrup from Sayedabad inter district bus terminal in the city early yesterday morning, reports BSS.

A team of DB police, acting on a tip off, seized the Phensidyl syrup loaded in six jute bags from the locker of a night coach from Sylhet. The coach was parked at Poura Filling Station near the bus terminal.

None was arrested in connection with the recovery.



With only two or three more days left for the big occasion, sales on the footpath markets have reached its pinnacle, with buyers hurrying to finish up their shopping for Eid and head for home before the weekend ensues. — Star photo

'Each village to be turned into economic unit'

Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman Tuesday said each of the villages of the country would be turned into an economic unit by implementing homestead projects of the present government, initiated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports BSS.

He said this while he was giving welcome address to the newly appointed State Minister for Rural Development and Co-operatives Advocate Rahmat Ali at a function held at the ministry.

The government has decentralised the local government system in the country by paying

way to elect people's representatives from the grassroot level aimed at ensuring overall development of rural areas," the minister said, adding that it had become the milestone for the commoners.

He said the government had taken steps for changing the lot of the common people by alleviating poverty. Thus the government chalked out income-generating projects for unemployed youths and took pragmatic steps to increase food production and development of agriculture as well.

Newly appointed State Minister Advocate Rahmat Ali said

the present government is pledge-bound to change the fate of commoner by building the country as happy and prosperous 'Sonar Bangla,' dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Rahmat Ali sought cooperation of all to implement different development projects taken by the government.

Among others, Local Government Secretary Badiur Rahman, Rural Development and Co-operatives Secretary Amiyangshu Sen and concerned officials were present.

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The authority reserves the power to accept any tender or reject all tender without assigning any reason.

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