

Medical check-up programme for JPC members on Feb 10

The Jatiya Press Club (JPC) will hold a medical check-up programme for its members to detect cardiac problems on February 10 in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West, reports BSS.

Dr A K Bardhan, head of cardiology of Calcutta's renowned Woodland Hospital, and Dr Dhruva, a cardiac surgeon, will examine the patients in the Hall Room of the JPC from 3 pm to 6 pm on the day.

JPC General Secretary Swapan Kumar Saha has requested interested members to register their names with the club by February 9.

BCSIR scientist buried

Dr Nurul Islam, an eminent scientist and ex-director of BCSIR laboratories, was laid to rest in the Shaheed Intellectual graveyard at Mirpur yesterday, reports BSS.

Dr Islam died of a heart attack on February 4 in his official residence in the city.

He was 58 and is survived by his mother, wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

A special prayer will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence, a BCSIR release said.

World Leprosy Day observed

KHULNA, Feb 5: World Leprosy Day 2000 was observed to create awareness among the people of the district recently, reports BSS.

Several meetings were held and rallies were also brought out in the town in this connection.

President greets Governor General of New Zealand

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has felicitated Sir Michael Hardie Boys, Governor General of New Zealand, on the occasion of New Zealand's National Day today, reports BSS.

In a message to Sir Michael, Justice Shahabuddin expressed the hope that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come.

The President wished personal health and happiness of Sir Michael and continued peace and prosperity of the people of New Zealand.

Obaidul Quader visits Ekushey Book Fair site

All preparations are now complete for the Book Fair beginning at the Bangla Academy premises today in commemoration of the immortal martyrs who shed their blood in 1952 to establish the mother tongue, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Book Fair at 3 pm paying rich tributes to those great sons of the soil whose supreme sacrifice placed the mother tongue Bangla on a highly dignified position at home and abroad.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday visited the Bangla Academy premises to see for himself the preparations for this great annual occasion.

Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Sayed Anwar Hussain informed the state minister of this year's programmes of the Ekushey Book Fair.

BAU VC's namaz-e-janaza held

MYMENSINGH, Feb 5: The namaz-e-janaza of Prof Dr Mohammed Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), was held on the Administration Building premises of the university here today, reports BSS.

A large number of people from all walks of life, including teachers, students, officers and employees of the university, took part in the janaza and prayed to the Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Prof Hossain died yesterday in a road accident at Madonpur under Narayanganj district on his way from Dhaka to Chittagong.

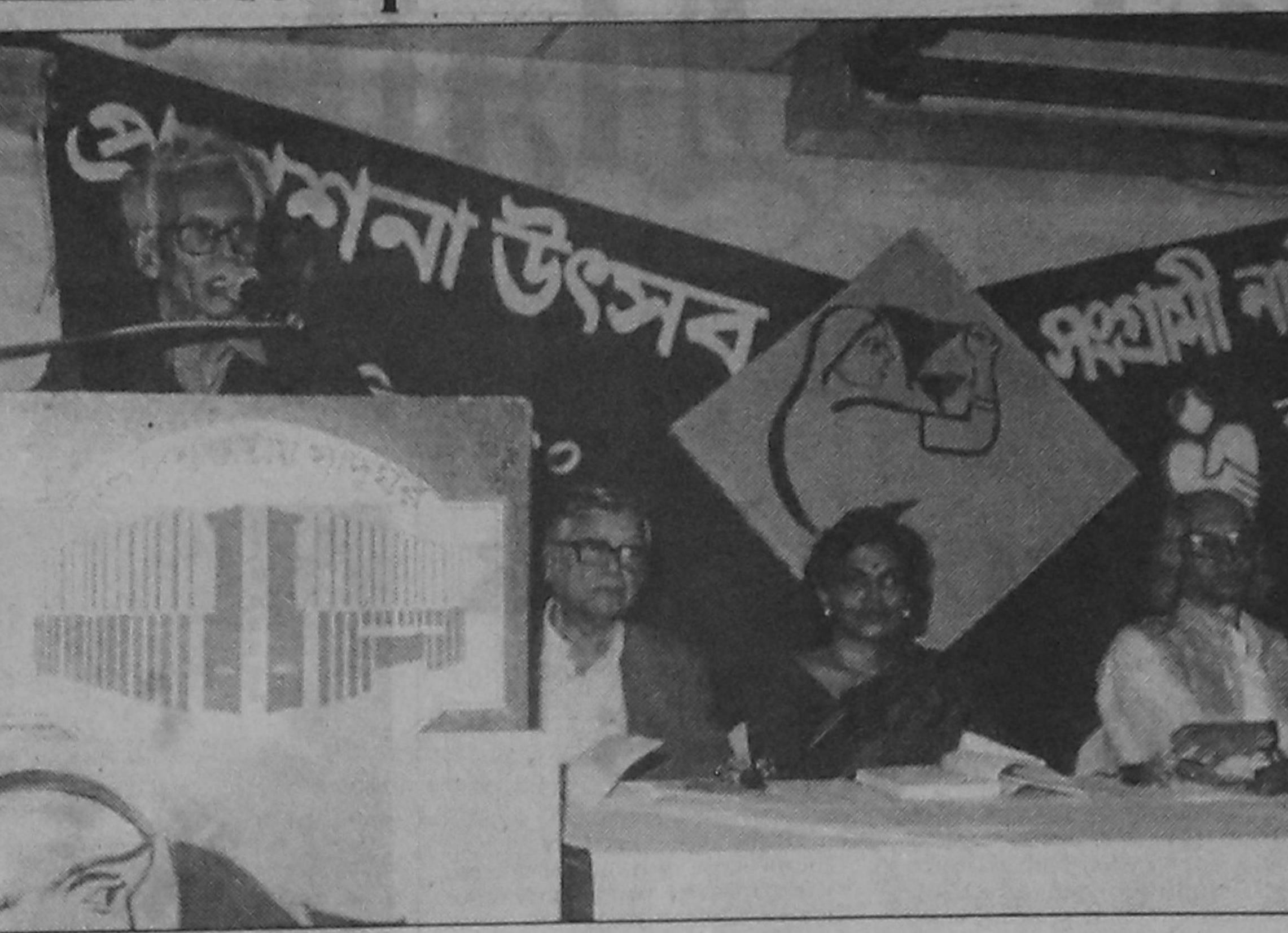
Earlier, people from all levels assembled at the vice-chancellor's residence to pay their last respect him when his body was brought here from Dhaka.

Prof Hossain will be buried on February 7 after Asr prayer at his family graveyard at Mahmudabad village under Sitakunda thana of Chittagong district.

BOU condoles BAU VC's death

Bangladesh Open University has condoled the tragic death of Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Prof Mohammad Hussain, reports UNB.

BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Aminul Islam is in a condolence message on behalf of the university and his own extended deep sympathy to the departed family members and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.



Santosh Gupta speaking at the publication ceremony of *Sangrami Nari Juge Juge*, a book on the struggle of women of Bengal. The ceremony was organised by Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangstha (BNPS) yesterday at the National Museum.

— Star photo

'Men need to change their attitude towards women'

By Staff Correspondent

No hartal on Swaraswati Puja Day, urge Hindu community

The leaders of the Hindu community yesterday urged political parties not to call strikes on *Swaraswati Puja* Day on February 10, reports BSS.

In a statement, Dr Lalit Mohan Nath and Kajal Debnath, president and general secretary of "Bangladesh Puja Uddayan Parishad," said that educational institutions, other organisations and individuals undertake a set of programmes to offer prayers to *Swaraswati*, the Goddess of Education, on the day in due religious rites and rituals.

They urged political parties not to give any political programme on the day that may mar the *puja*.

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Men have to change their attitude towards women as both of them have equal contribution towards building up of the society, observed speakers at a publishing ceremony of a book, *Sangrami Nari Juge Juge* (struggling women for decades), in the city yesterday.

The publishing ceremony of two parts of the book, published by Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangstha (BNPS), was organised at Vaskar Novera auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Rokeya Kabir, the executive director of the organisation, presided over the programme while National Professor Kabir Chowdhury was present as chief guest. Among others, prominent journalist Santosh Gupta, sociologist Professor Rangalal Sen, historian Professor Salahuddin Ahmed took part in discussion about the book.

The book will inspire the women of the next generation and help the men to increase their respect towards women, speakers said during the discussion.

Kabir Chowdhury unveiled the jacket of the book before the discussion meeting. Flowers and copies of the book were distributed among the women, focused in the book who were present at the ceremony.

Santosh Gupta said that women has occupied a position of their own in the society with their contribution and they have to be more organised to go forward.

Referring to the incident at TSC on the thirty first night he expressed his anger saying "Some people questioned why the victim was there or what was she doing there at 2 am but no one questions when that why joint secretary Nukku Bihari was travelling alone at 6 am when he was murdered."

Professor Sen said that the book contains a chronological history of the struggle of women of West Bengal and Bangladesh over the last seventy years or more. He also suggested that publishers of the book be more careful while collecting information and editing a book.

Professor Salahuddin said the book is about those two hundred women who have moved against exploitation and torture at the hands of the male dominated society, participated in various movements and had contributed in the Liberation War.

He thanked the publishers saying that they have produced a historical document by bringing out the book.

Fundamental and communal forces always oppose progress of women and they first target women of minorities, Professor Kabir Chowdhury said.

"We want equal laws for men and women in this civilised society and we have to work for this," Professor Chowdhury said.

Agreement signed with ACIAR for research on arsenic transfer

An agreement of a three-year research project on "Arsenic Transfer in Water-Soil-Crop System" was signed between Bangladesh and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) recently, according to an official release, reports BSS.

Financed by the ACIAR the research will be jointly conducted by the Soil Science Department of Dhaka University and Dr Ravi Naidu of CSIRO are the project leaders of Bangladesh and Australian sides respectively.

Under this project, research will be undertaken in Bangladesh, India (West Bengal) and Australia on the pollution of soil by arsenic contaminated water and its subsequent transfer in the food chain through uptake by different crops.

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They also voiced their demand to free the society from the clutches of toll collectors, mafias and terrorists.

Locally organised, the anti-terrorism rally was addressed by Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu and Home Minister Mohammad Nasim.

Presided over by Mirpur Awami League leader Kamal Majumdar, MP, the rally was also addressed, among others, by Principal of Mirpur College MA Ishaq Ahmed.

Acting President of Mirpur thana Jatiya Party, MA Hamid, declared his joining Awami League on the occasion.

Appreciating the support of the people to government actions to contain terrorist activities, the food minister said people today all over the country want peace and security.

He urged the people particularly the students and youths to wage social resistance against toll collectors, mafias and terrorists.

Prof Sayeed says
Opposition parties don't believe in people's power

PABNA, Feb 5: State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed has said that the opposition parties believed in the power of terrorism not in people's power as they were formed after seizing power through terrorism, reports BSS.

"As they do not believe in the people's verdict but rely on anarchy they are killing police, rickshaw pullers, truck and bus drivers and innocent people by hurling bombs to create political instability isolating themselves from the people," the state minister said at the foundation laying ceremony of Shaheed Abdul Haleem Stadium at Bera thana of the district yesterday.

The State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader and State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed jointly laid the foundation stone of the stadium.

Prof Sayeed said terrorism activities were being conducted from the party offices including main office of BNPs instead of promoting political activities. The bombs made in the party offices are being hurled on the people even the party terrorists becoming victims of these suicidal bomb explosions, Prof. Sayeed said.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF BANGLADESH HOTEL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

All the Hotel Owners of Bangladesh are hereby notified that the General Meeting of the proposed 'Bangladesh Hotel Owners Association' will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, the 22nd February '2000 on the ground floor at Hotel Al-Faroque International, 64/1/A, North Kamalapur, Station Road, Dhaka-1217 to transact the following agenda :

AGENDA:

- Formation of Association in the name and style of 'Bangladesh Hotel Owners Association'.
- Approval of Memorandum & Articles of Association.
- Formation of an Adhoc Executive Committee.
- Miscellaneous.

All the Hotel Owners in Bangladesh are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting punctually.

For 'Bangladesh Hotel Owners Association'

M. A. Shahid

Convenor
'Bangladesh Hotel Owners Association' (Proposed)
Hotel Sadman International
Shahid Tower, 165, Nowabpur Road, Dhaka.

SUMMON/NOTICE

In the Court of Sub-Judge and
Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka.
Maney Suit No. 42 of 1999

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.....Plaintiff

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HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MATTER NO. 7 OF 2000

IN THE MATTER OF :
An application under Section 81 read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF :
Eastern Bank Limited

AND
IN THE MATTER OF :
Md. Sultan Hossain
PETITIONER

Versus

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms
RESPONDENT

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 81 read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of Eastern Bank Limited for the year 1999. Upon hearing, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the application on 25.01.2000 and fixed the matter on 22.02.2000 for hearing.

Any one interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court personally or through a duly authorised Advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of prescribed fees.

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Closing date : 25 February, 2000.

Interviews : w/c 6 March, 2000