

Metropolitan

Introduction of 4-yr BSc course suggested

Nat'l science seminar begins

Chairman of Bangladesh Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Prof Moshuuzzaman yesterday suggested the introduction of a uniform four-year Bachelor of Science (BSc) course in all colleges and universities to be on par with the educational standard of developed countries in the 21st century, reports BSS.

Presenting a paper on "Science Education in Bangladesh for Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century" at the government sponsored national science seminar now being held in the city, Prof Moshuuzzaman said the existing 2 year BSc, 3 year BSc (honours) and 4 year BSc (honours) courses under different universities had already created "confusion" in the education and employment sectors.

He said all the graduates finishing either a two year, three-year or four-year courses are treated equally in the cadre service examinations held under the Public Service Commission.

1,014 held, 4 arms recovered in combing operation

A total of 1,014 persons were arrested and four arms, six bullets and four explosives seized on the 29th day of countrywide combing operation by police, Bangladesh Rifles and Ansar forces yesterday, report BSS.

The arrested included 494 persons who were accused in a range of criminal cases. They were held from four metropolitan areas with the arms, ammunition and explosives.

The arrested also included 518 wanted accused and two listed terrorists.

Giving breakup, they said 220 persons including 28 warrentees were arrested from Dhaka Metropolitan area with two illegal weapons, four bullets and four explosives while 21 persons including six wanted accused were held from Chittagong Metropolitan area with an illegal weapon.

Nineteen persons including six wanted accused were arrested from Khulna Metropolitan area while two persons from Rajshahi Metropolitan area.

He said the two year and three-year Bachelor courses in Science should be abolished with only one type (four-year) BSc course where provision of honours or distinction should be made for those who score above a certain grade point on an average. The four-year BSc graduates should be considered eligible for teaching only in schools and colleges.

He suggested a two-year MSc/MS course where the BSc (four-year) degree holders will be eligible for admission. Only the Master of Science degree holders will be eligible for university teaching and joining research and development organisations.

He said the M Sc/MS degree holders, who will obtain marks higher than a designated level, will be eligible for PhD courses and minimum time for obtaining a PhD should be four years.

The session was chaired by the chairman of Shilpa Bank Prof M Shamsul Haque.



Artistes of Vishwa Kola Kendra rendering songs at a function on the fifth day of programmes to celebrate the Immortal Ekushey at the Central Shaheed Minar. The programme is being organised by Sammitto Sangskritik Jote.

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'Routine use of vaccines in developing countries static'

Routine use of childhood vaccines in the developing countries remained static since 1990 posing a great threat to public health in the 21st century. But it increased sharply in the developed countries, reports BSS.

This was stated yesterday by Dr Timothy Evans, head of health division of Rockefeller Foundation in New York, in his keynote speech presented at the 9th Annual Science Conference (ASCON) of ICDDR,B now being held in the city.

People are ready to resist the evil forces and stand against politics of destruction pursued by opposition parties," Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said.

Addressing a party rally at Meherpur Municipal auditorium, the Environment Minister said "veto dacoits and rajas" have become united to capture power through killing, conspiracy and terrorism, reports BSS.

He said the ever increasing economic disparities between the developed and the developing countries had largely contributed to health disparities where people of the rich countries had more access to health care systems than the poor.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the newly built Bailey bridge on Gozaria-Bahuka road under Sirajganj district.

No bridges, culverts and roads were built in the remote areas of the district during the past government, he said, adding the present government is implementing its commitments one after another during the last three and a half years.

At least 50,000 people would be benefited with the newly built Bailey bridge at a cost of taka 47 lakh by the local Roads and Highways Division.

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CMP Ekushey programmes

CHITTAGONG, Feb 12: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) will accord a reception to language movement heroes Gaziul Huq and M R Akhtar Mukul on February 15 as part of their observance of the immortal Ekushey February, reports BSS.

A CMP press release here today said the other programmes of the day included a musical soiree based on patriotic songs and street drama.

Home and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim and Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A B M Moshuuzzaman are expected to attend the functions as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

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Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said in Chittagong that "politics which was born in the cantonment cannot be democratic politics."

He called upon the workers of Juba League to resist the politics of killing, conspiracy and terrorism and said the anti-liberation forces became active to resist the Awami League.

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