

## Metropolitan

## Nation awaits Ekushey

By DU Correspondent

The Amar Ekushey February (Immortal February 21) approaches with added fervour and pride for the Bangladeshi nation as the day has just gained world accolade and recognition.

From now on not only Bangladeshis but the whole world will observe the day as the "International Mother Language Day" to show respect to our Language Movement heroes who made supreme sacrifices for their mother tongue.

With the historic Ekushey February only few days away, various socio-cultural, and political organisations in the capital city and also across the country are set to celebrate the day in a befitting manner and with due respect and solemnity. Caught up by Ekushey February fever with United Nations recognition, these organisations have also taken up month-long programmes to celebrate the day in a distinctive manner.

Dramas, musical functions, songs and poetry recitation, folk festival, photograph exhibition are going on highlighting the spirit of the day.

The Bangla Academy authorities have organised the month-long Ekushey Book Fair, an annual event.

The fair has drawn huge crowd and every afternoon people, especially of young age, are seen visiting the fair and buying books of different tastes.

Apart from the traditional fair, the Academy is also holding a separate fair especially for the children. This fair has tastefully decorated to attract young visitors.

"We have organised the fair for the children as part of our special programmes following international recognition to the Ekushey February," said Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, Director General of the Academy.

The achievements of the country in the last century are being highlighted in various programmes like discussions and cultural functions organised at the fair premises.

At the fair seven *chattars* (squares) have been named after seven martyrs of the Language Movement - Shaheed Salam, Shaheed Barkat, Shaheed Raziq, Shaheed Zabbar, Sha-

heed Auwal, Shaheed Ohuliah and Shaheed Shafiq. Two other *chattars* were named after National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Meanwhile, a large number of city-dwellers flocked to the Central Shaheed Minar premises to enjoy the 12-day Ekushey programmes of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Dramas, songs, recitation of poems and other cultural functions are being organised there in every evening paying due respect to the martyrs of the Language Movement of 1952.

Jote has also taken up separate Ekushey programmes in the city's Mirpur area and also in Calcutta to observe the day this year in a grand way.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh Shilpa Academy and National Museum have also chalked out elaborate programmes in memory of the Language Movement heroes.

Information Ministry and its different directorates and departments have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the day with due solemnity.

## Belarus envoy presents credentials

The newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus Uadzimir A Sakalowski yesterday presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

Welcoming the new ambassador, President Shahabuddin said that Bangladesh and Belarus share many common values and are striving for international peace. He appreciated Belarus for giving up nuclear arms on its own volition and thereby set up an example for the rest of the world.

He said that Bangladesh is committed to the value of non-alignment, and as a testimony to this commitment, she is going to host the next NAM summit in the year 2001. He noted with satisfaction that the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Belarus are widening and deepening.

Ambassador Sakalowski recalled friendly relations between Belarus and Bangladesh are gaining momentum.

## Four science universities to be established this year

Four science universities will be established in the country this year out of 12 such universities as announced by the government earlier, reports BSS.

The four universities will be established in Gopalganj, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Tangail. Science and Technology Minister Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan said yesterday.

He was speaking at the concluding session of the "National Seminar on Science and Technology: Challenges in the 21st Century" held in the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) auditorium at New Eskaton in the city. He said the places for establishing the eight other science universities were yet to be finalised.

Chaired by Science Secretary M Fazlur Rahman, the concluding session was also addressed by the president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) Prof A K M Siddique and country director of UNESCO Dr Ansar Ali Khan.

Referring to the existing standard of science education

in the country he said a new science education policy was under preparation which would be finalised soon.

Prof Siddique lamented that fundamental research, a basic task in higher education, was about to be vanished from the universities in Bangladesh. Physics Department of Dhaka University which used to subscribe 20 international science journals about two decades ago has now come down to five, he said.

Bangladesh Atomic Energy

Commission sources said three years back it used to subscribe 47 international journals which has come down below 30 now.

The three-day seminar was organised by the Ministry of Science and Technology as a follow-up of the action programme of World Science Conference which was held in Budapest last year.

The seminar adopted a number of recommendations for development of different disciplines of science and technology in the country.

## CU admission form distribution date extended

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 14: Chittagong University (CU) authority extended the date for distribution of the admission form for the First Year Honours courses in 1999-2000 session from February 17 to February 20 due to unavoidable circumstances.

But the date of submitting the form will remain unchanged on February 22, said a CU press release here today.

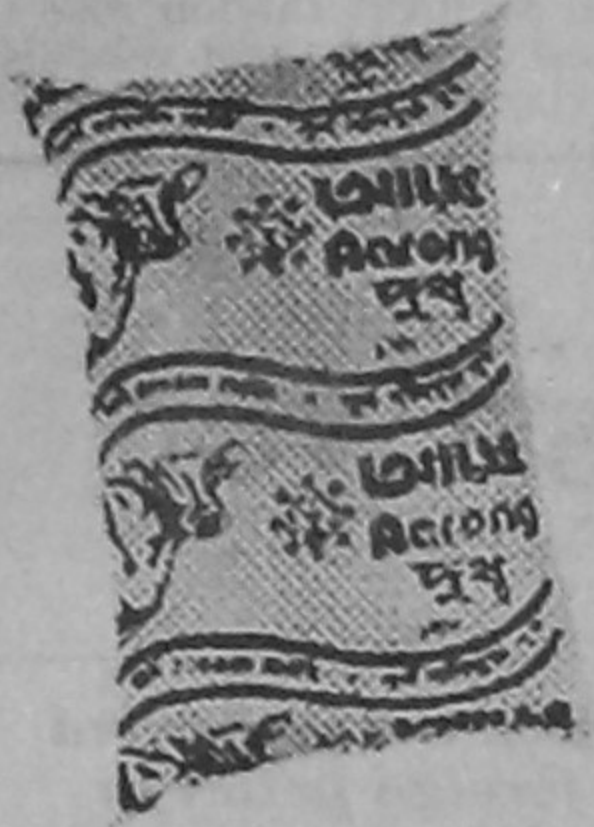
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Mr. A. M. Sikder

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SUB-JUDGE ARTHA RIN  
ADALAT NO. 3, DHAKA  
MONEY SUIT NO. 100 OF 1999

ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited  
2, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Plaintiff.

-Versus-

Mr. A. M. Sikder

House No-32, Road No-36, Sector No-7,  
Uttara, Dhaka-1230

And of

Project Director

Concord Condominium Ltd.

Concord Center, 43, North Gulshan,

Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

Defendant.

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ARTHA RIN ADALAT  
NO. 3, DHAKA  
MONEY SUIT NO. 102 OF 1999

Mrs. Zarina Asgar

ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited  
2, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Plaintiff.

-Versus-

Mrs. Zarina Asgar

Audithi Complex  
No-2, Shantinagar (2nd floor)  
Dhaka-1000.

Defendant.

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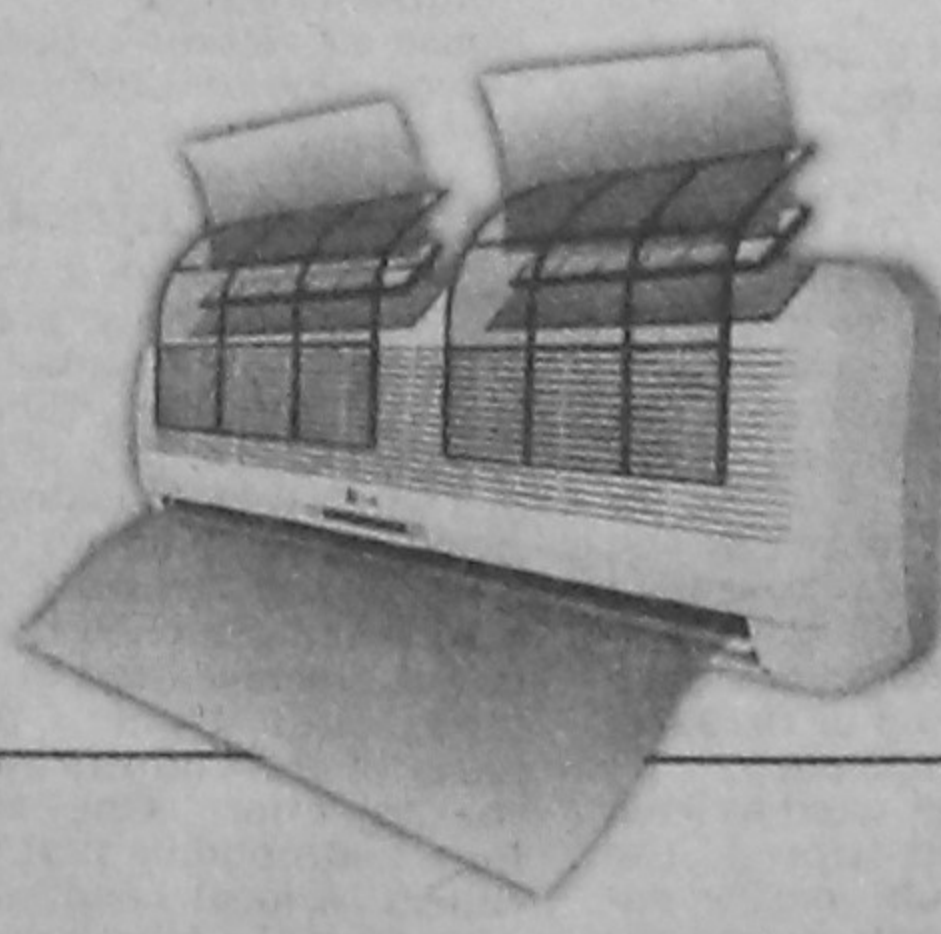
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