

NSU admission test results

Results of the North South University (NSU) admission test held on March 31 have been announced. A total of 784 students applied for admission into undergraduate programmes for Summer 2000. Only 146 students (16.7%) qualified for admission. Five applicants with required SAT and TOEFL scores (minimum 1200 in SAT and 550 in TOEFL) have also been accepted for admission. Roll numbers of successful applicants are:

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Successful candidates have been requested to complete admissions formalities by 2 May. Classes will start from May 16.

Ashtami Snan ends

Thousands of devotees of Hindu community yesterday took a holy dip in the river Brahmaputra at Langalbandh on the occasion of Hindu religious festival Austami Snan (Austami bathing), reports BSS.

The Lagna (ritual) of holy dip, which began on Tuesday morning concluded at 8:17 am yesterday.

The devotees from different parts of the country including the far-flung areas and some also from abroad took part in the holy dip at 13 bathing ghats of the river Brahmaputra.

The ghats are — Annapurna ghat, Rajghat, Shankar Sadhur ghat, Makri (peace) ghat, Gandhi ghat, Baradeswari ghat, Joykali ghat, Rakhghat, Pashankali ghat, Premtalahat, Charsrirampurghat, Dakhineswar Kalibari ghat and Kaliganj ghat.

The holy bath takes place every year on the Austami Tithi of the last calendar month of Bengali year Chaitra before the advent of the New Year.

The government took tight security measures to hold the festival smoothly and peacefully.

Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr S A Malek accompanied by local Member of Parliament and political leaders yesterday visited the Hindu religious festival of holy Austami Snan.

Dr Malek at a function in this regard said that communal harmony is prevailing in

Bangladesh and the present government is committed to uphold it.

He called upon the people to maintain the communal amity and protect it at all cost so that the fundamentalist forces could not raise their ugly heads.

Austami Snan Udjapan Parishad organised the function. A fair is being held on the occasion covering one and a half-kilometer area on the bank of the Brahmaputra. Several vendors with their wares were selling different kinds of commodities. The fair attracted large number of devotees.

The Bashanti Puja marking the festival is being held at different Hindu temples, which would continue until Friday.

Nurul Islam visits Langalbandh

State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam yesterday visited different ghats including Rajghat of holy dip in the river Brahmaputra at Langalbandh of Narayanganj on the occasion of Hindu religious festival of Austami Snan (Austami bathing), reports BSS.

The state minister went round different stalls put up in the three-day fair, organised on the occasion of the Hindu religious ceremony. Maulana Islam talked to the devotees who came for the holy dip.

2 youths with arms held

Two youths were arrested along with firearms from Royerbagh area in Demra thana yesterday, reports UNB.

People said local people caught the youths — Akhter, 25, and Abul Khayer Kalu, 24, — along with two revolvers and several rounds of bullet.

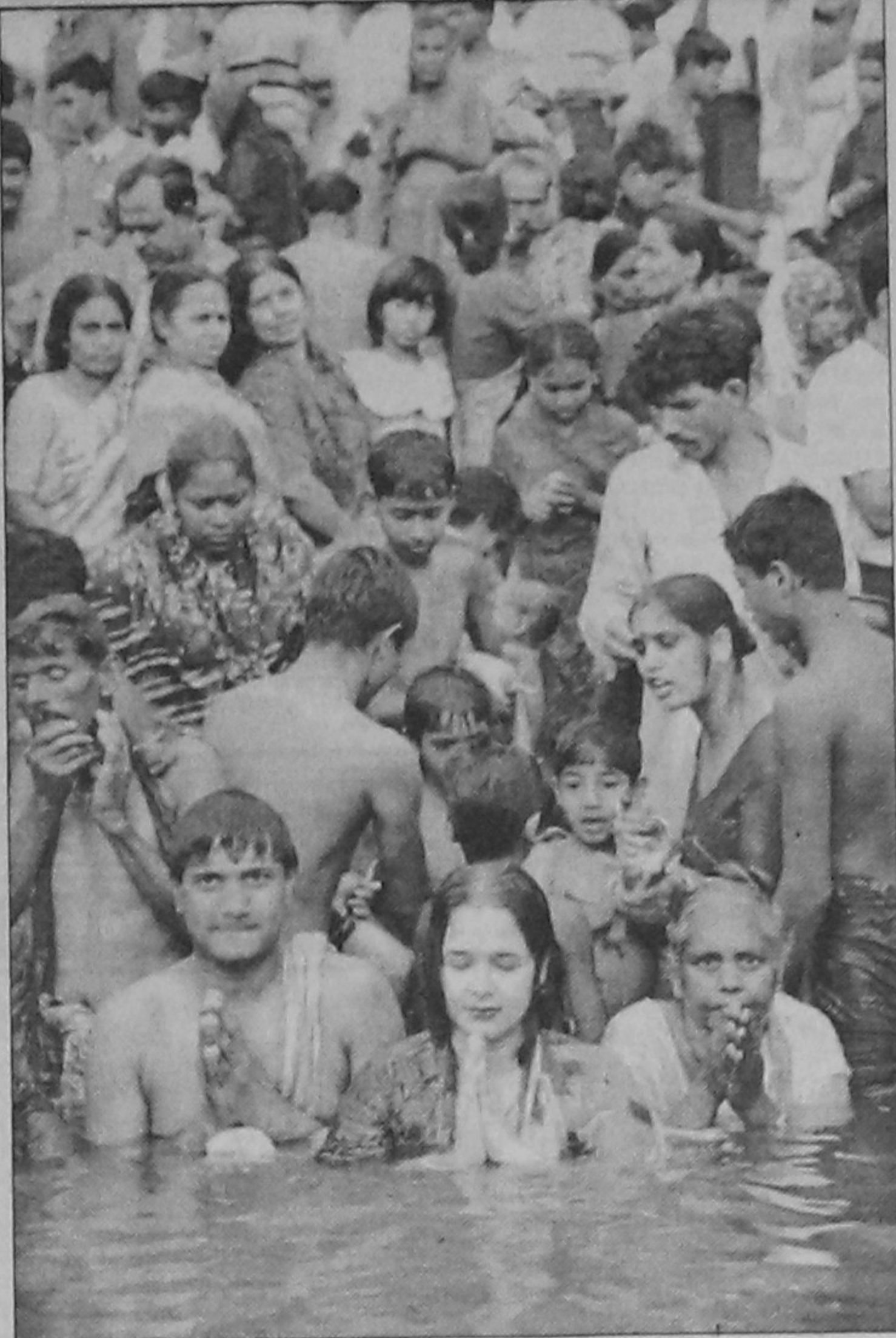
They handed them over to the police after a good beating. The youths were later admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital under police custody.

Rajmohan Gandhi presents mythical, historic roots of violence in S Asia

Dr Rajmohan Gandhi addressed representatives of civil society and the international donor community Tuesday in the conference room of the Asia Foundation Bangladesh. His presentation explored the mythical and historical roots of South Asian violence and intolerance, and was followed by a spirited discussion of the patterns of revenge and retaliation in both domestic politics and Bangladesh-India relations, says a press release.

Dr Gandhi is a historian and social commentator who had a long career as an editor, but has more recently been associated with the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi. Dr Gandhi is the grandson, as well as the biographer, of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. He is a former member of the Rajya Sabha, and has written a number of well regarded books, most recently, 'Revenge and Reconciliation: Understanding South Asian History,' published in 1999 by Penguin.

Dr Gandhi is visiting Bangladesh this week for a series of discussions on the theme of reconciliation through the generous sponsorship of Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. This event has been organised by the Asia Foundation as part of its broader programme to promote positive regional relations and economic cooperation for the mutual benefit of the nations of South Asia.



Devotees take a holy dip in the Shitalakhya river at Narayanganj yesterday seeking divine blessings on occasion of Maha Ashtami Snan. — Star photo

Hasina asks US to extradite killers of her family

Interview to Washington Post

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the United States to hand over three men convicted of murdering her father on the occasion of the National Day of Bangladesh. She said she has written to President Clinton and his family members, reports BSS.

The call was made in an interview with the Washington Post published yesterday, reiterating her earlier request made to President Clinton in Dhaka last month.

Sheikh Hasina called upon the United States to extradite

three men who were convicted in absentia last year for killing her parents and other relatives in a 1975 military coup.

The three are under investigation by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, but Bangladesh has no extradition treaty with the United States.

"I mentioned it to President Clinton," Sheikh Hasina said. "We discussed an extradition treaty. I hope the United States will sign it and send the three criminals back."

"They killed not only the president of the country (her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman) but also my mother, one of my cousins who was pregnant," Sheikh Hasina added.

Hasina hailed a US offer to help Bangladesh measure and chart its reportedly enormous

underground natural gas deposits, a hoped-for source of wealth for the impoverished Asian nation of 130 million.

The US geological survey is to work with Bangladesh authorities to identify the quantity of gas lying under the country's soil and to map the deposits, a Bangladesh official said Sunday.

Clinton's visit last month to Dhaka produced some commercial benefits. Chevron Corp has signed a major gas exploration contract and a second US company is expected to strike a deal, the newspaper reported.

"The people were very happy that President Clinton came to Dhaka. He was the first US president ever to visit Bangladesh," she said in the interview to Washington Post.

Poetry recitation held at JU

By JU Correspondent

A day-long poetry recitation programme was held at Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

The slogan of the programme was "Let us block the path of terrorism by the language of poetry." It was organised by students of the English Department and sponsored by 'Raju Sangsad' and 'The Mukhtakantha'.

Split into two sessions — Bangla and English, the programme was held at the seminar room of the university.

Shamsad Mortuza of JU English Department and Md. Mustafizur Rahman of The Mukhtakantha distributed prizes among the winners.

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