

BCL leaders begin organisational tour

By DU Correspondent

The leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the ruling party, began a two-week-long organisational tour yesterday to strengthen its activities across the country.

The BCL has adopted eight strategies with a vision to flourish social, political and democratic spirit and to accelerate socio-cultural and economic development.

As part of the strategies, the BCL will set up 500 schools in different thanas in next 15 days to eradicate illiteracy. It will also set up 20,000 schools in ward level in next six months.

The leaders will conduct tree-plantation campaign in every BCL units during the tour and also make people aware of democratic and civil rights.

They will also organise programmes like token strike demanding immediate execution of verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case.

A grand reception will be accorded to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the Dhaka

University campus on May 17 on behalf of the student community for her success in different fields.

The BCL will provide opportunity to the 5,000 young students to meet the Prime Minister through extended meeting on May 17 as they will lead country in future and the BCL teams will take necessary steps in this regard during the tour.

The BCL will also launch a campaign to collect new members from across the country, raise awareness about quality education and campaign for preventing cheating in public examinations.

The strategies were disclosed in a press conference at the Madhu's canteen on the Dhaka University campus yesterday afternoon.

As part of the tour programme, BCL president Bahadur Bepari said, 79 teams will go to different parts of the country to strengthen its activities in grassroots level.



Sampradayikata Birodhi Nagorik Samaj (Anti-communal Civil Society) held a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding reopening of the Sylhet Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and implementation of the university's decision to name its halls after the noted personalities. — Star photo

Journalists' Demand Day April 30

Journalists, employees and workers of newspapers and news agencies will observe country-wide demand day on April 30 for realisation of their nine-point demands including 60 per cent dearness allowance, reports BSS.

In observance of the demand day, a grand rally of the journalists and other employees will be held at the National Press Club on April 30 at 11 am and to make the rally a success, a four-hour pen down strike will be observed in all newspapers and news agencies of the country from 10 am to 2 pm.

These decisions were announced by leaders of the "Sangbadik-Sramik-Karmochari Oikya Parishad" (SSKOP), a newly formed combined action committee, while addressing three separate rallies at Bangladesh Sangbad Express and the Daily Sangbad yesterday.

In all these rallies identical decisions were taken not to allow any quarter to curtail any existing rights of the journalists and other workers in the newspaper industry including various government holidays.

The meetings took vow afresh not to allow any newspaper owners to keep their es-

tablishments open on the May Day to publish papers for the following day. They also warned the owners-editors of different establishments to refrain from ill-attempts to curtail the journalists' and workers' trade union rights in their respective organisations.

The speakers unequivocally expressed their firm determination to protect unity of the journalists at all costs to ensure their "effective existence" in the industry through "effective unity".

The meeting held at the BSS was presided over by DUJ leader Azizul Islam Bhuiyan and was conducted by Abul Kalam Manik, the Daily Express rally was presided over by Sohel Manju and the Sangbad rally was chaired by Farhaduddin Sarkar.

Central BFUJ leader Amanullah Kabir, GM Yakuo, Akhter Ahmed Khan, MA Aziz, DUJ leaders Altaf Mahmud, Abu Saleh and Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Sangbadpatra Press Sramik Federation President Mosharraf Hossain, Secretary General Mozammel Haq and Acting President of Sangbadpatra Karmochari Federation Afsaruddin Khan and Secretary General Motiur Rahman Talukder addressed the rallies.

Native birds disappearing fast

By Special Correspondent

Birds are disappearing fast from a native stock of about 700 in Bangladesh, underlining the need for their conservation to help them survive. The school curriculum should also reflect this as part of the children's education, to teach them more about bio-diversity and nature.

This was observed at a discussion meeting on "Our birds are disappearing: Our duties," arranged by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE). Chaired by its chairperson Rasheda K Choudhury, the meeting heard the key note speaker, Wing Commander (Rtd) Inam-Al Huq, a nature watcher who exhibited his collection of 'Birds of Bangladesh' in slides.

Mohiuddin Ahmed of DOE, Tapan Kumar Das and Syedul Alam Kajal of CAMPE, and Ba-dial Alam and Shehab Ahmed of FEJB participated in the discussion.

Introducing the birds of Bangladesh, Inam Al Huq said the once rich army of birds are in danger of being extinct as they are not able to regenerate due to loss of natural habitats. It is a result of increased use of pesticides which kill the pests and insects on which the birds survive.

"We need more trees and Botanical Gardens at every town to help the birds in nesting and regenerating," Inam Al-Huq said.



Physicians, nurses and other officials and staff of BIRDEM hospital brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding a "Pollution-free Dhaka." — Star photo

7-year old raped in Khilgaon

By Staff Correspondent

A seven-year-old girl was violated by her neighbour when she went to his house to watch television at Meradiah in Khilgaon area Saturday.

Police arrested the alleged accused Alim 24, Monday for his involvement in the incident.

The incident took place when the victim went to the house of Alim to watch television at about 4 pm. When the victim cried out for help, local people rescued her in a pool of blood.

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Weekly meeting

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Indo-Bangla jt army river rafting expedition held

The flagging in ceremony of the Indo-Bangladesh Army Joint River Rafting Expedition was held at the Officers' Club at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafaizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, hosted a reception to the participants of the expedition. He was introduced with the participants who included one officer and 11 members of other ranks of both Bangladesh and Indian Army. The army chief presented them with a crest of the Bangladesh Army and a certificate.

The expedition was launched at Gangtok in India on April 1 and ended in Phulcharighat in Bangladesh on April 6 covering a distance of 350 km through the rivers Teesta, Brahmaputra and Jamuna.

Speaking on the occasion Gen. Mustafaizur congratulated the participants of the expedition and termed it as educative and

beneficial. He expressed his firm belief that such expedition would further enhance the existing bond of friendship between the two countries.

Gen Mustafaiz, a freedom fighter, recalled with gratitude the contribution of the Indian government and the sacrifices of the members of the Indian Armed Forces in Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War and prayed for the salvation of the martyrs of both Bangladesh and Indian Armed Forces.

In his brief speech on the occasion, the Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, Deb Mukharji, who attended the function as a special guest, described the expedition as a tough, arduous and challenging one and expressed his satisfaction over the achievement of both the teams.

Principal staff officer, senior army officers and officials of the Indian High Commission were among those present on the occasion.

110 heart surgeries completed in NHHF in five months

By Staff Correspondent

The National Heart Foundation Hospital (NHHF) has completed 110 heart surgeries, both open and close since it began operation five months ago.

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NHHF premises yesterday, Dr Jahangir Kabir, leading cardiac surgeon of the hospital said, "Building confidence about our services among the people is a major challenge. I believe we have already achieved that to a great extent."

Dr Kabir who has a remarkable record of successful heart surgeries both, open as well as close, also said, do not compromise with quality and that is one of the main factors behind our success story."

To further strengthen NHHF's capacity two senior cardiac surgeons from Italy have joined NHHF last week. Dr Valerio Mazzei and Dr Marco Cortini, both from Italy's Chieti University presented scientific papers on beating heart surgeries, a modern technology in cardiac surgery at the session.

The foreign surgeons are here to mainly train local doctors on latest technologies such as operating on a beating heart. The procedure costs less than the conventional methods. Prof Abdul Malik, NHHF's secretary general and president of Bangladesh Cardiac Society in his speech said, "We hope to develop the hospital into a centre of excellence where people will be able to get international quality heart treatment. We have the trained manpower and modern facilities to do that."

The session was attended by some executive council members of the Foundation including its President Justice Chowdhury ATM Masud, Joint secretaries Prof M Serajul Islam and Altaf Hussain and Public Relation secretary Dr Morol Nazrul Islam.

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