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### NU to introduce 4-year BA (Hons) courses

Four-year BA (Honours) courses will be introduced in the National University (NU) replacing the present three-year courses in line with the modern trend of higher education, reports BSS.

"Without the four-year courses, we will be lagging far behind in the race as most of the universities of the country have introduced it," Registrar of the university Firoz Ahmed Akhter told newsmen at a press briefing organised at the vice-chancellor's residence in the city yesterday morning.

### FFs grand rally in Rajshahi June 20

A grand rally of freedom fighters will be held at Rajshahi on June 20 after two such huge congregations held earlier at Dhaka and Chittagong organised by Sammilita Muktiyoddha Front (United Freedom Fighter's Front), reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to attend the rally at 2 PM at Rajshahi Madrasa ground as the chief guest, organisers said at a press conference held yesterday afternoon at TSC Teacher's Lounge of Dhaka University.

All the freedom fighters of the region will be present in the grand rally while ten thousand freedom fighters will offer a guard of honour to the Prime Minister, the organisers hoped.

The organisers said the front does not belong to any political party or group, rather it is a platform of those who believe in the spirit of War of Liberation and the essence of the independence.

### JS body finalises Copyright Bill-2000

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in a meeting yesterday finalised the Copyright Bill-2000 after detailed discussion for placing it to the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

Committee Chairman Suranjit Sengupta presided over the meeting.

The bill was earlier introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad and sent to the committee for scrutiny.

Representatives from Bangladesh Computer Society, Bangladesh Computer Council, Association of Bangladesh Software Services and High-tech Professionals attended the meeting. Computer personality Mostafa Zabbar proposed some amendments to the bill.

Committee members Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, Advocate Mohammad Shahajahan Miah, Advocate Shaikh Mohammad Nurul Haque and Mohammad Khalequzzaman attended the meeting.

Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Cultural Ministry Prof Abdul Mannan attended it on special invitation.

Law Commission member Justice Naimuddin Ahmed, Law Secretary Mohammad Abdul Hye, Secretary to the Cultural Ministry Syed Abdur Rab and officials concerned were present.

### 'Bring the peers' earnings under the tax net

Star Business Report  
Jatiya Kar Ainjibi Samity (JKAS) has demanded that the government bring the country's spiritual leaders, earns crores of taka in different ways, and political parties under the tax net.

At a post-budget press conference held at National Press Club yesterday, Jatiya Kar Ainjibi Samity (National Tax Lawyers Association) said that if the government does not take this step, then honest tax payers won't feel encouraged to pay taxes.

Secretary General of the Samity Md Abdul Aziz Sarkar naming a few spiritual leaders (peers) said that government should take immediate steps to assess the wealth of the country's peers, government officials and political leaders. In this way, the government can also increase its revenue earnings, he said.

Naming the peers of Aarashi, Charmonai, Dewanbug and few others, he said that these spiritual leaders have become owners of large assets and are earning handsome amounts every year.

The President of the samity Md Zakir Hossain also spoke at the conference.

The tax lawyers' association leaders also urged the government to include experienced tax lawyers in the Tax Settlement Commission, to bring the taxes appellate tribunal under the Law Ministry and appoint a justice as the chief of this tribunal.

### CU budget likely today

CHITTAGONG, June 10: The Budget of Chittagong University (CU) for the fiscal year of 2000-2001 will be placed before the joint meeting of University Syndicate and the Finance Committee tomorrow, reports BSS.

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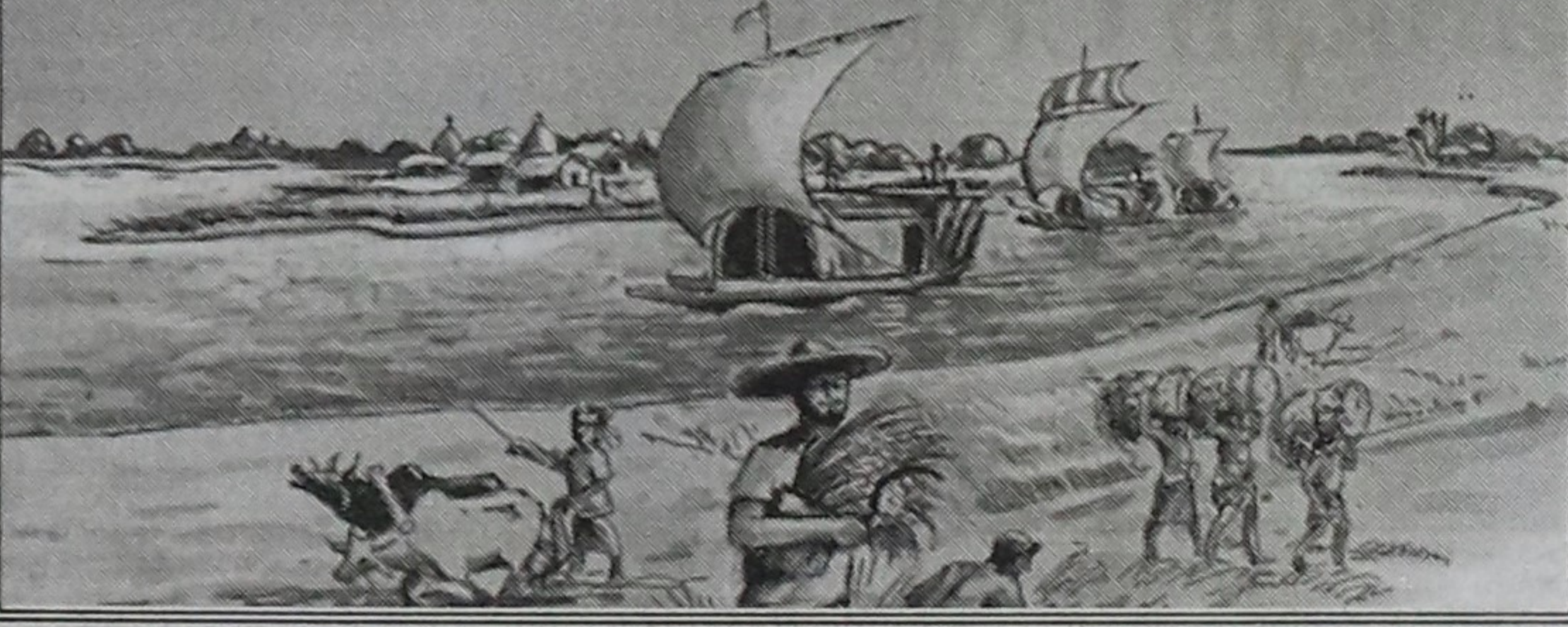


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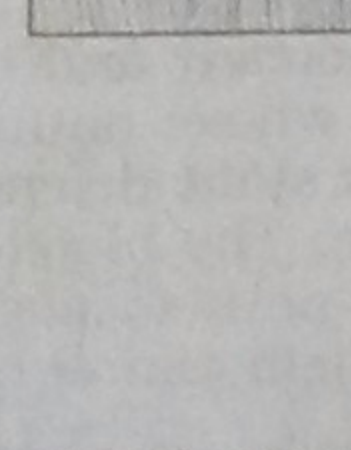
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