

JU admission tests begin tomorrow

By JU Correspondent

Admission tests into first year honours classes under the 2000-2001 academic session at Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin tomorrow and continue up to November 2, official sources said.

A total of 31005 candidates will sit for the admission tests for about 700 seats in 24 departments under four units.

Of the total applicants, 9354 have submitted forms for seven subjects under 'Ka' unit (Science Faculty), 9425 for six subjects under 'Kha' unit (Social Science Faculty), 5368 for seven subjects under 'Ga' unit (Arts Faculty) and 6958 for four subjects under 'Gha' unit (Life

Science Institute).

Admission tests for the departments of Geological Science, Environmental Science, Chemistry, and Physics - all under 'Ka' unit - will be held tomorrow. And tests Electronics and Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics will be held the next day.

Tests for 'Kha' unit and 'Gha' unit will begin on October 30 while the tests for 'Ga' unit will begin on November 1.

Results of the admission tests will be published on December 13 and classes will begin on March 18 next year.

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ADB to provide \$ 30m for development in CHT

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will lend 30 million dollars for income generation and human resource development in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) under a major donor-sponsored project in the rugged region, reports BSS.

More than 300,000 poor people, many from tribal ethnic minorities in the CHT, are expected to have higher incomes as a result of a US \$30 million dollars loan approved by the Asian Development Bank on October 26, an ADB statement said yesterday.

It said the CHT Rural Development Project would increase the accessibility of isolated people to employment generating opportunities and social services.

It will upgrade existing rural communication infrastructure, primarily feeder roads, bridges and culverts. Microfinance, training and other services will

be provided to improve the income generating capacity of the poor.

The project is the first major donor-sponsored effort to help the hill people since the signing of the landmark 1997 peace agreement with tribal 'Shanti Bahini' rebels.

The ADB loan will finance half the project cost of US \$60.3 million dollars. The loan is from the ADB's Asian Development Fund and is repayable in 32 years with an eight-year grace period.

The credit carries one per cent interest per annum during the grace period and 1.5 per cent per annum thereafter. Co-financing will come from the Danish International Development Agency, the Pali Karma Sahayak Foundation, the government and beneficiaries.

Negotiations for the loan were earlier held in September between the government of

Bangladesh and ADB.

According to a donor report, the CHT region is much poorer than the rest of the country. Per capita income is 40 per cent lower than the national average. The literacy rate is also lower due to the limited income of parents, poor access to schools, shortage of teachers and the fact that children are kept at home for household and income-generating activities.

The project aims to empower the 1997 peace accord by empowering local communities to decide what they want and to take part in projects. A community investment fund will be created to finance small scale development activities.

In addition, the project will strengthen the capacity of local government institutions, non-government organisations (NGOs), and beneficiaries to plan and implement local activities.

This will provide a sound institutional capacity for further initiatives. The project will encourage women to be more involved in decision-making and enterprise development.

'We'll be tackling the main problems of poor communication, overdependence on subsistence agriculture, underemployment due to the underdevelopment of the tourism sector, low savings, and poor access to credit and savings facilities,' says ADB's Donnell Walton, who is working on the project.

The Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs will be the executing agency for the project, which is due to be completed in 2008.

DRU condemns attempt to kidnap newsman

By Staff Correspondent



Peu's photography exhibition opens at JU today

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A seminar on Photojournalism and a two-day photography exhibition of Azizur Rahim Pen begins at Jahangirnagar University (JU) today.

Organised by Jahangirnagar University Journalist's Association (JUJA), the programme will be held at the Seminar Room of the university's Central Auditorium.

Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Abdul Baves will inaugurate the programme at 10.30 am.

Renowned photojournalist and founder of DRIK Gallery and Pathshala, Shahidul Alam will present the keynote paper on Photojournalism at the seminar after the inauguration. Veteran photojournalist Monwar Ahmed and advisor of JUJA, Prof Taibul Hasan Khan will take part in the discussion as special guest.

The photo exhibition will be open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm everyday.

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) has strongly condemned an attempt to kidnap its general secretary Monwarul Islam from the city's Segunbagicha area yesterday.

Three unidentified youths riding in a white private car tried to abduct Monwarul Islam when he was waiting for a rickshaw in front of the Liberation War Museum in the evening. He was going to the Manojamun office from the DRU office.

But the gang fled the scene when Monwarul raised an alarm.

In a statement, DRU president M Anwarul Haq and all members of the executive committee demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits.

A general diary has been filed with Ramna police.

Japanese team calls on BUET VC

A three-member Japanese official educational delegation called on Vice-chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Dr Nooruddin Ahmed at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, the discussed matters relating to mutual interests.



Enthusiasts in larger number from around the city converged on the premises of IDB Bhaban yesterday, the day of weekly holiday, where the annual IT fair of Computer City is going on. - Star photo

Rotary News

North West meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd at 5.30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1.30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd at Shabbag, says a press release.

The meeting will be preceded by Club Assembly from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm in connection with Dist. Governor's official visit.

800 tonnes of rice allotted for flood victims

The Disaster Management and Relief Ministry yesterday allotted 800 metric tons of rice and taka one lakh each for flood-hit districts of Satkhira and Jessore as house building grants and gratuitous relief for the flood victims, reports BSS.

So far allocation for the country's flood-victims stood at Taka 51.75,000 as gratuitous relief. Taka 5 crore for house building. Taka 16.75,000 for transport expenditure. 14,625 tonnes of rice as gratuitous relief. 16,500 sarees, 16,500 lungis, 3,100 tons of biscuit.

Workshop on child labour begins in city

A 5-day long national workshop on the elimination of child labour began yesterday at 'Labour Hall' at 1/1-A, Sonargaon Road in the city, says a press release.

Eminent labour leader Abul Bashir inaugurated the workshop also attended among others by Mamunur Rashid Chowdhury, Z M Kamrul Anam, Badroddozza Nizam, K Alam Belal, Shahidullah Badal and Nurul Islam.

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