

# Cultural festival begins at JU

By JU Correspondent

A four-day-long cultural festival began at Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday.

Organised by Jahangirnagar Sanskruti Jote, the festival titled 'Samannito Sangskritik Utsav 1407' was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Baves at the university's amphitheatre 'Muktamancha' in the evening.

At the inaugural ceremony, a reception was accorded to Bari Siddiqui, a noted folk singer.

Later, Dhwani and Gonoshilpi Sangstha performed in the cultural function.

A poetry recitation programme will be held at 4 pm

today at the seminar room of the central auditorium.

Zahir Raihan Film Society, Jahangirnagar Students' Film Society and Jahangirnagar Film Unit will screen two films of Sheikh Neamat Ali - *Surja Dighal Bari* and *Annya Jibon* at the Muktamancha at 6.00 pm today.

As part of the festival, a folk art fair has begun at the Cafeteria 'Dreekpali' has also arranged an exhibition of posters and paintings at the central auditorium.

A total of 13 cultural organisations are participating in the cultural festival.

## TOEFL fee increased

The fee for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) has been increased from US dollar 85 to 110, reports UNB.

The computerised version of the TOEFL exam is now being administered in the country. The new system completely replaces the manual version of the test.

The new TOEFL is now offered six days a week, Sunday through Friday, throughout the whole year, said a USIS press release.

Candidates will now have to contact Sylvan Prometric in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the regional registration centre, to register for tests.

For detailed information, interested candidates may contact the local test centre at Banani in Dhaka.



Major General (retd) Sayed Muhammad Ibrahim speaking at a roundtable on Security Environment during next Parliament Election at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. Centre for Strategic and Peace Studies organised the event.

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## Roundtable on Security Environment during Election

## Staggered polls suggested

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a roundtable discussion suggested a staggered polling system for the upcoming general elections for better security management.

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