

## DU Soil Science dept golden jubilee Jan 18

By DU Correspondent  
The Department of Soil Science will hold a three-day long colourful programme to mark its golden jubilee beginning from January 18.

Industries Minister and former student of the department Tofail Ahmed will inaugurate the programme as the chief guest.

## PM pledges to build hunger-free country

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Awami League is pledge-bound to build a poverty- and hunger-free prosperous Bangladesh for which the party has been struggling for nearly half a century, reports BSS.

She was addressing an *Iftar* party hosted by Dhaka City Awami League on the

Ganobhaban premises. City Awami League president and Dhaka city Mayor Muhammad Hanif and General Secretary and State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya also spoke on the occasion.

Terming the city Awami League as the lifeline of the party, she called upon the leaders and workers of the unit to dedicate themselves to the cause of the nation and welfare of the people which they had done in all crucial junctures of the national history.

Narrating the significance of the holy Ramadan, the prime minister asked the party leaders and workers to be imbued with the spirit of the religious occasion and work for the downtrodden.

She said: "Despite natural calamities and a number of other hurdles my government has implemented a range of programmes in the social sector to raise the living standard of the common man."

A special munaajat was also offered seeking the blessings of almighty Allah for the peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

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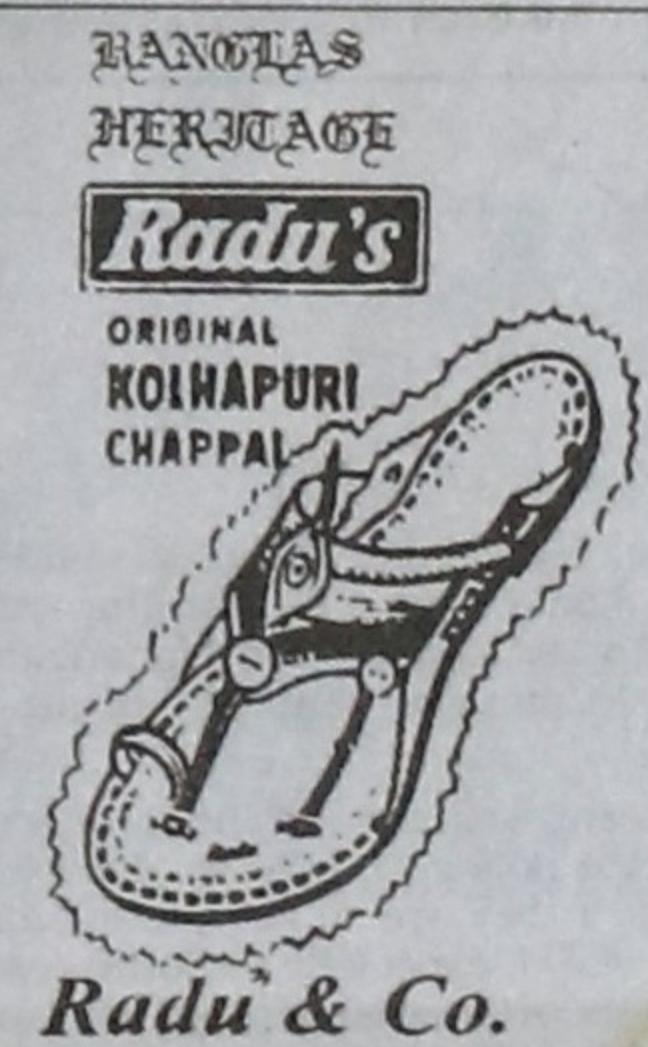
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