

# 4-day IT festival begins at JU today

By JU Correspondent

A four-day long IT festival begins at Jahangirnagar University (JU) today.

The theme of the programme, organised by Department of Electronics and Computer Science (ECS) in association with Society of Electronics and Computer Science (SECS), is 'A passage Towards Endless Opportunity'.

State Minister for Planning Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir will inaugurate the IT week with chairman of ECS department Dr. Muhammad Hanif Ali in the chair. Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Abdul Bayes will be present as special guest.

Seminars on two topics - 'Geographical Information System and E-Commerce' will be held on the first day. Besides a panel discussion on 'Role of Universities and IT Institutions in the Development of skilled IT professionals' will also be held.

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Seminars will be held on January 13 on 'The Contribution of IT in Development: The Socio-Economic Condition of Bangladesh' and 'Our Roles and Artificial Neural Network and Multimedia'. Browsing on internet, sponsored by Proshika will remain open to visitors during the four-day event.

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Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession yesterday parading different city streets in observance of Bangabandhu's Home-coming Day. - Star photo

## Home-coming Day of Bangabandhu observed

The Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed yesterday paying rich tributes to the architect of independent Bangladesh, reports UNB.

On this day in 1972, the father of the nation returned home from captivity in Pakistan during nine months of the bloody Liberation War.

While launching the crackdown on Bengalis, the Pakistan army arrested Bangabandhu on the fateful night of March 25, 1971 and took him to Pakistan.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the eve of Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day.

In his message, the President said Bangladesh started a new journey after Bangabandhu had returned home. The Pakistan government was compelled to free him under the pressure of world opinion," he said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message termed January 10 as a historic day and called upon the countrymen to work for building a "Sonar Bangla" as dreamt by Bangabandhu. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Awami League and its front organisations including Chhatra League, Jubo League and Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote observed the day with various programmes.

The programmes included hoisting of national and party flags at Bangabandhu Bhaban, the party central office and its offices across the country at 6 am.

Party leaders and workers assembled at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi and placed wreaths at the portrait of the great leader in the morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated Bangabandhu Museum Complex at Tungipara, constructed on 38.30 acres of land at a cost of Tk 17.88 crore on the grave of Bangabandhu.

Marking the day, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote held a rally at city's Ramna park gate in the morning with its president Alamgir Kumkum in the chair.

Besides, different front organisations of Awami League held various programmes across the country to observe the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu.

By DU Correspondent BCL

Ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus to mark the Home Coming Day of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Following the procession BCL held a rally at Apechjee Bangla on the campus at noon.

Speaking at the rally, leaders of BCL said that the independence of the country was fully endorsed by Bangabandhu's return home.

The BCL leaders and activists also demanded immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu murder case.

Presided over by Bahadur Hapan, the rally was addressed, among others, by Aminul Islam Masud Chowdhury, Anisur Rahman Ashraful Azim Rubon, Rafiqul Islam, Abdul Matin, Miraj Hossain, Giasuddin Polash and AKM Azim.

Besides in observance of the day, BCL hoisted national and organisational flags at the party office in the early morning and a BCL delegation led by its general secretary Ajay Kar Khokan visited Tungipara.

BCL also placed wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu at the Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi.

Meanwhile, BCL JU unit brought out a procession on Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's homecoming.

The BCL procession, beginning from University Centre Cafeteria, ended at the Arts Faculty premises.

## Justice Murshed's birth anniversary today

The 90 birth anniversary of late Chief Justice Sved Mahbub Murshed, an eminent jurist and one of the noted constitutional lawyers of the sub-continent will be observed today, says a press release.

In this occasion quran khawm and fataha khaumi will be held at the late Justice Murshed's mazar at Banani. Sved Mahbub Murshed Memorial Committee will place wreaths.

Various socio-cultural organisations will hold discussion meetings.

Litterateur dead

Noted litterateur Prof M Nurul Islam died at his residence in the city yesterday morning. He was 60, reports UNB.

He had long been suffering from various complicated diseases.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque. He will be buried at his family graveyard at Chaita village in Mirganj upazila of Patuakhali district.

His gulkhwant will be held today at his village home and at his Kampara residence on Jan 19 in the city.

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A needs assessment mission from the European Union will be visiting Bangladesh by the end of this month to study the possibility of sending election observers for the next general elections.

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The spokesman said that EU is keen to see free and fair election in Bangladesh. The modality of the EU election observer team would be made on the report of the needs assessment mission.

He said EU-Bangladesh relations are based on a broad partnership and Sweden will work for further strengthening of this partnership with trade liberalisation, to promote human rights and democracy, emphasis the fight on poverty and stress the importance of transparency and openness.

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## Pabna-5 by polls 8 submit nomination papers

Eight candidates, including a woman, have submitted nomination papers for the Pabna-5 by-election, election officials said on the last day for filing nomination yesterday, reports UNB.

The scrutiny of nomination papers will be held today.

The candidates are: Prof Mazhar Ali Quaderi of Awami League, Jaimal Abedin Bachchu of Jatiya Party (Ershad), advocate Kazi Maibubul Alam of JP (Mizan-Manju), Krishak Mohammad Sadeque of Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolon and independent candidates Sazedul Haq Nilu, Akkas Ali Khan, Masuda Aktar Bakul and Maulana AK Nurul Islam Netajee.

The parliamentary seat fell vacant following the death of BNP lawmaker Rafiqul Islam Bakul in a road accident on November 10 last year.

## Muktijuddho utshab begins at Agartola today

Bangladesh's Liberation War veterans and cultural activists are joining their 1971 hosts in the bordering Indian State of Tripura in a three-day Muktijuddho Utshab to recall the war day memories and re-visit the historic sites, reports BSS.

The stage is set for the celebrations after a massive preparation for the festival to be opened by Tripura's Chief Minister Manik Sarkar at Rabindra Centenary Bhaban in Agartala today.

A delegation of more than 100 freedom fighters, poets, writers and journalists from Bangladesh are joining the commemorative festival, first of its kind in India.

Journalists Kanaf Lohani, Haroon Habib, cultural personality Syed Hassan Imami and academic Messabi Kamal are leading the delegation.

The government of Tripura and opposition political parties, including the Congress, has

chalked out elaborate programmes to make the festival a success while two separate committees were formed in Agartala and Dhaka for successful holding of the festival.

The festival will begin through placing wreaths at the 'Martyrs' Monument' built commemorating the supreme sacrifices of the freedom fighters in 1971.

Information, Culture and Tourism Minister of Tripura Jitendra Chowdhury earlier said the capital of India's tiny Tripura state has rich memories as many of Bangladesh's freedom fighters took training and led the war from the town against the Pakistani occupation forces.

The programmes of the three-day festival include discussion on Bangladesh's War of Liberation, seminar on friendship between India and Bangladesh, photo, book, arts and film exhibitions and cultural functions.

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Chinnamul Hawkers Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting their eviction from city's sidewalks. - Star photo

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