

Tk 38cr Swiss grant for literacy projects

Switzerland will provide Bangladesh with 7 million US dollars (Tk 38 crore) as grant for 'Post Literacy and Continuing Education' programme of Bangladesh. An agreement to this effect was signed in the city on Tuesday between Bangladesh and Switzerland, says a press release.

Markus Waldvogel, Counsellor and Head of the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation (SDC), Embassy of Switzerland in Dhaka, and Dr A K M Mashur Rahman, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

In agreement with Bangladesh, Switzerland has appointed International Development Association (IDA) as the administrator of the Swiss contribution.

CJ hints at using Bangla in higher courts in phases

BSS, Dhaka

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman, making his last speech as head of the country's judiciary yesterday, hinted at using Bangla in the higher courts in phases.

"At present Bangla is used in the lower courts. But slowly we are starting to use our mother tongue in the higher court and this is for obvious reason," he said while speaking at a certificate awarding ceremony of two separate courses, BVC and EFL, of Legal Education and Training Institute (LETI).

Organised by Bangladesh Bar Council in the Supreme Court Bar Association Auditorium, the function was also addressed by LETI Director Justice AKM Sadeque and Chairman of the Enrolment Committee of Bar Council, Advocate A Baset Majumder.

Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister M Amir-ul-Islam chaired the function which was also attended by a number of judges of the High Court, senior lawyers and participants of the courses.

Justice Rahman, whose tenure ended at 5 pm yesterday, also underscored the need for attaining good command in English alongside the skill in Bangla. "Don't think I am suggesting to abandon English. Please, keep in mind that as an international language, English will open up your horizon of new potentials and success."

Referring to his experience about legal profession, he said honesty and integrity are the two key factors to succeed in the profession. "Law is a profession, not a business."

He called upon the lawyers to come forward in serving the nation and protecting human rights.

Barrister Amir-ul-Islam said human rights of each individual could be protected by themselves if he or she builds himself or herself with proper education.

"The world that was once divided into two, the poor and the rich, is now split by knowledge and information," he said, adding that those who are solvent in society should keep a budget for education of their children.

He also urged lawyers to be free from hypocrisy and dilemma. "The thing that you believe should be projected exactly."

Justice Sadeque said despite limitations, LETI was playing a unique job to train up lawyers with some basic training that is badly needed by every new entrant to the profession.

Special trains for Eid

Bangladesh Railway has arranged special train services on the occasion of Eid to facilitate journey of the home-bound passengers, says a press release.

One pair of special trains will run between Dhaka and Noakhali from March 3 to 6. One train will leave Dhaka at 8:35 am while the other will leave Noakhali at 3:00 pm.

One special train will run between Dhaka and Jamalpur from March 3 to 6 and from March 9 to 12. It will leave Dhaka at 10:20 am and Jamalpur at 2:40 pm.

From March 2 to 6 and March 9 to 17, one special train will run between Chittagong and Chandpur. Chandpur-bound special will leave Chittagong at 4:00 pm daily while Chittagong-bound special will leave Chandpur at 3 am daily.

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CORRIGENDUM

Laundry Relocation work of Sonargaon Hotel

Following the Tender Notice published in national dailies on 21 & 23 February 2001 the following corrigendum is made:

Point 4 : The application for purchase of Tender Documents will be received upto 04-03-2001. On scrutiny on all working days from 14-03-2001 to 19-03-2001.

Point 6 : , upto 12:00 pm on 09-04-2001.

Point 9 : , pre-bid meeting will take place on 29-03-2001 at 3:00 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, 107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.

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