

DU to distribute Dean's Award today

UNB, Dhaka

'Dean's Award' for the meritorious students and teachers of Dhaka University will be distributed at a ceremony at TSC auditorium today.

DU teachers will be honoured for their fundamental research papers and books published in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 academic years while students of different departments under Science faculty will get the award for their outstanding results in honours examinations held in 1998.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury will be the chief guest at the function while Pro-VC Z N Tahmid Begum is special guest, said a DU press release.

'Amra Kuri' discussion

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To mark the holy month of Ramadan, Amra Kuri, a children's organisation, held a discussion meeting followed by an 'iftar' party at a city hotel on Friday.

The function, attended by a large number of children, was addressed by UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan as chief guest, and adviser of the organisation Moslemuddin Howlader presided.

Addressing the function, Amanullah Khan urged the children to learn the great lesson that Ramadan teaches people through its stringent regime of fasting and prayers.

"Just as fasting cleanses our body of its impurities, so does it edify our mind, purify our soul and strengthen our spirit releasing us in a potent force that remains on tap," Khan said.

The divine blessings bestowed on devout Muslims during the month of fasting elevate them to a higher state of living through inculcating in them the rare virtues of sacrifice, self-abnegation, restraint and tolerance, he added.

Khan also stressed that by translating the precepts of Islam into practice, one can strive to become a complete human being as Islam seeks to strike an ideal balance between the material and spiritual needs of a person.



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Breaking the Barriers: Students of Kalyani, a school under Bangladesh Disabled Foundation, perform at a cultural function on the occasion of International Day for the Disabled in the city yesterday.



Dry weather likely

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Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Met office predicted that light to moderate fog may cover the river basin and the coastal belts in the morning.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Khepupara and the lowest of 11.5 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.11 pm today and rises at 6.27 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in the main cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.5	15.0	79	71
Chittagong	28.2	15.5	68	64
Rajshahi	26.1	12.3	95	79
Khulna	28.0	14.5	90	85
Barisal	27.8	14.2	88	90
Sylhet	26.0	14.2	78	88
Cox's Bazar	28.0	15.4	67	78

AL programmes on Victory Day

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Awami League has drawn up elaborate programmes to observe Martyred Intellectuals Day on December 14 and Victory Day on December 16.

On December 14, the programmes will begin at 5:30 am with hoisting national, party and black flags atop the party central office, Bangabandhu Bhaban and the party offices across the country. National and party flags will fly at half-mast.

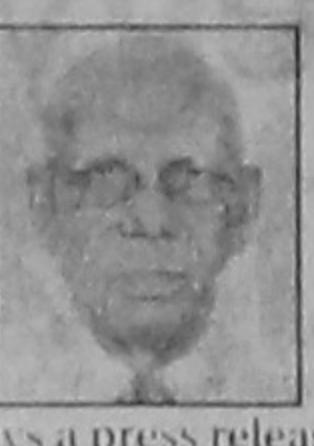
Besides, wreaths will be placed at Mirpur Intellectual Mausoleum, Rayerbaraz Mausoleum and the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Bhaban.

On the Victory Day, National and party flags will be hoisted atop the party central office, Bangabandhu Bhaban and the party offices throughout the country.

Party leaders will place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban and National Memorial at Savar.

It also organises a week-long cultural programme.

Obituary



Kazi Masihuddin Ahmed, former Asst General Manager of Bangladesh Krishibank, died on December 1 at the age of 63, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, a son and a host of relatives.

Death anniversary



The 10th death anniversary of S M Shafiqul Azam, the doyen of the Civil Service of Pakistan and Bangladesh, will be observed to elaborate programmes.

In observance of his death anniversary, S M Shafiqul Azam Memorial Committee has taken up elaborate programmes.

Special programmes will also be held at Dr Muhammudul Haque Government Primary School and at Latifa Khatoon Furkania Madrasah at his ancestral village in Chittagong.

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