

## 15th Nat'l Fine Arts exhibition in December

BSS, Dhaka  
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold the 15<sup>th</sup> National Fine Arts Exhibition in the city from the third week of December.  
The best artwork will be given the "Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award" which carries Tk 50,000. Three other honorary awards of Tk 10,000 each will also be given, an academy press release said.

Painting in oil, acrylic and water colour or mix medium, print work and sculpture in wood, cement, stone, plaster, metal or ceramic will be displayed in the exhibition.

All artists of the country aged over 22 are eligible to take part in the exhibition.

For preliminary selection, a competitor may submit 5R size (5x7.5) colour photographs or slides (35mm) of maximum three of their recent works.

Information regarding procedure and entry form of the competition and other details can be obtained from the director, Fine Arts Department, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

## Maintain academic atmosphere

PM tells JCD leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has advised her party's student leaders to take up education-oriented programmes to help create congenial academic atmosphere at different educational institutions, particularly at BUET and Dhaka University.

"Do not execute only the organisational programmes of JCD and BNP, rather, you take initiative to develop relations with the student community by taking education-oriented programmes," she told a meeting with the leaders of two newly formed convening committees at her office in the city on Thursday.

The meeting was convened to instruct the JCD leaders about their future responsibilities.

"I want you all to work for the preservation of peaceful atmosphere on the campuses," she told them warning that nothing should be done to deteriorate the campus situation.

Khaleda also told the JCD leaders not to be involved in any criminal or corruption incidents warning tougher action for non-compliance.

"He or she will not only be expelled from the organisation but also be arrested for punishment in case of any misdeeds," she was quoted by a JCD leader attending the meeting.

Khaleda also explained the JCD leaders why she had earlier proposed to ban on student politics and why she had backedtracked from her position.

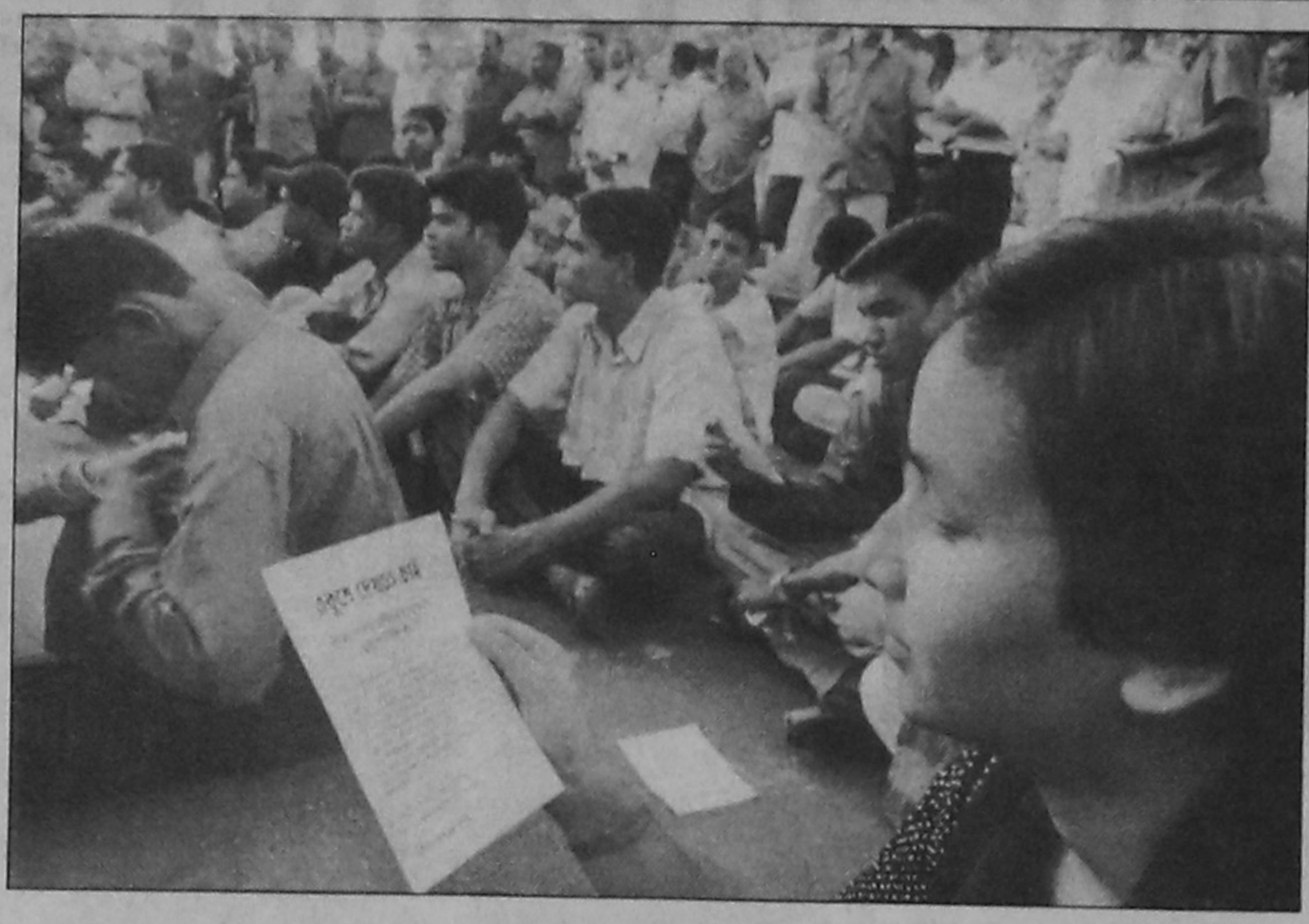
"Our student politics has a very glorious history to be proud of, but a negative sentiment had been created among the countrymen as the student leaders failed to preserve their glory," she was quoted as saying by a JCD leader.

"I proposed the ban to show respect to the sentiment of the countrymen, but I backedtracked from my position and decided to create a positive trend of student politics as none of the political parties responded to it," she told the JCD leaders.

Khaleda also advised the convening committees to work hard so that both the Central and the DU committees could be formed by December 31.

The JCD leaders assured the BNP chief of doing their best to ensure a peaceful atmosphere both at DU and BUET campuses.

Shahbuddin Laitu, Monir Hossain, Shafiq Bari Helal, Selimuzzaman Selim, Shafiq Bari Babu and Alimuzzaman Alim were present at the meeting.



ETV viewers staged a demonstration at Doel intersection on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding that the ETV be allowed to broadcast its programmes again.

## Police bar ETV viewers from holding rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police barred the viewers of the now-closed Ekushey Television (ETV) from holding their scheduled protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

A group of viewers earlier announced that they would hold a rally at the Shaheed Minar to mobilise support for relaunching transmission of the popular private television channel.

Police put up barricade at different intersections of Dhaka University leading to the Shaheed Minar in the afternoon and restricted people's movement along those roads.

The organisers, being intercepted by the police, held a brief rally in front of the police barricade at the Doyel intersection with Abdul Bari, a marine engineer, in the chair.

Speakers at the rally demanded of the government to take appropriate measures for issuing a fresh licence in favour of the ETV so that the popular TV channel could restart its transmission.

"We want to watch ETV by any means and the government must take steps in this regard," said national cricketer Gazi Ashraf Lipu.

Another viewer said, "We want neither Awami League nor BNP. We only want to watch the ETV."

"We have been deprived of entertainment since the closure of the ETV," said Zahidul Islam, a student.

"We feel that the closure of the ETV is like robbing us of our fundamental right as a viewer," said another person.

Organised by a group of young citizens, the rally was participated, among others, by around 100 cultural activists and journalists.

They said free flow of information is a must for strengthening democracy in the country and the ETV was playing a significant role towards that direction.

Besides, the closure of the ETV has made thousands of people, including artists and production workers, unemployed, they added.

## JP (Manju) greets Iajuddin

BSS, Dhaka

Chairman of Jatiya Party Anwar Hossain Manju, MP, and secretary general Sheikh Shahidul Islam have greeted newly elected President Iajuddin Ahmad.

In a message sent to president on Thursday, the JP leaders said, "We along with the people hope that you would uphold the dignity and honour of the glorious post by discharging your responsibilities with utmost neutrality and as per constitution."

They assured the president that their party would extend all-out cooperation in discharging his responsibilities smoothly.

## Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Balaram Kishore Roy, a popular rural physician of Feni district, died at his Gunak village home in Sonagazi thana on September 10 at the age of 96.

Hundreds of people, whom Roy served for over six decades with a sense of humanity, thronged his house after his death to pay their last respects to him.

Also a folklorist, Roy left behind his wife, three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

## LDC workshop on climate change begins Sept 18

BSS, Dhaka

A four-day Least Developed Countries' (LDC) expert group workshop on 'Capacity Building for National Adaptation Programmes for Action (NAPAs)' begins in the city on September 18 to combat climate change.

Environment and Forest Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed told BSS that Bangladesh is hosting this major capacity building workshop as designed by the LDC expert group (LEG) as part of its two-year work programme involving all the LDCs as a key activity.

Upon request by the Chair of the LEG, the government of Bangladesh has agreed to host the workshop in Dhaka from September 18 to 21.

The workshop, he said, is being sponsored by several donors, such as CIDA, DFID, GEF-UNITAR and the government of France.

The objectives of this workshop are to develop national capacity for NAPA preparation and implementation, raise awareness about adaptation and its links to poverty reduction and sustainable development, and to launch the

NAPA preparation process. Dr Mizan R Khan, who is a vice-chair of LEG, said the LDC governments have been invited to send three representatives each to the workshop. One from the Ministry of Environment, one from the Ministry of Finance/Planning and the third from civil society organisations.

Representatives of many bilateral and multilateral agencies, such as the CIDA, DFID, GEF, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP and UNITAR, will also attend the workshop.

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