

## Disabled to get bank loan: Mannan Bhuiyan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said the government will take steps for providing bank loans to the disabled so that they could be self-employed.

Referring to the scarcity of jobs in the country he said in an era of open market economy the role of the government will be limited. So every body will have to try to be self-employed.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting, organised by Jatya Andho Sangstha on the occasion of the 'World White Cane Safety Day' at a city hotel.

He said, "The disabled are the part of the society. So they should not be separated from us. All of us should come forward to extend necessary help to them".

M Mortuza Hossain Munshi, director general, Department of Social Service, attended the discussion as special guest while M Khalilur Rahman, general secretary of the sangstha delivered the welcome speech. M Kamal Hossain presided over the discussion.

Social Service Department has taken up projects for the disabled in Comilla, Jhenidah and Feni, districts for their welfare.

Nasrin Jahan, a blind student of an article where she presented the history of the white cane which greatly benefited the visually handicapped people.

Speaking on the occasion, Harun-ur-Rasid, a blind student of Dhaka University, demanded of the government to rehabilitate the disabled by providing educational and employment facilities to them.

Taqdir Hossain M Jasim, Habibur Rahman and Khandaker Mobarak Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

Later, the LGRD minister distributed white canes among the blind.

Meanwhile, Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, advisor to the prime minister for parliamentary affairs, donated Tk 20,000 to the Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to buy white canes for the blind.

He also announced that his Family Trust Fund will provide fund to the CRPD for computer training of the disabled.



Jatiya Andho Sangstha brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of the World White Cane Safety Day.

## Law Study Cell formed in Ctg

CTG CORRESPONDENT

Law Study Cell, a new organisation, has been formed in Chittagong to provide legal assistance to those poor and helpless people who are seeking justice.

This was announced at a press conference held at the local press club in the port city recently.

The aim of the cell is to provide

justice within a reasonable time, reduce pressure on the court, establish rule of law and settle disputes peacefully.

Abul Bashar Mohammad Abu Noman, lecturer of the law faculty of Chittagong University, Towhid-ibn-Farid, Altafur Rahman, Advocate Nowrin, Hamidullah and Kamrul spoke at the press conference.

The speakers said they have already started giving legal help to poor people seeking justice and set up a centre at Rahmatganj in the city for this purpose.

They said they would set up two more Dispute Resolution Centres at Sholoshohar and Potiya.

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## Jagannath Hall tragedy Mourning day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University and different student organisations observed the mourning day yesterday to pay tribute to students, employees and guests who were killed in Jagannath Hall tragedy on October 15 in 1985.

A total of 39 students, employees and guests were killed as the roof of the Jagannath Hall auditorium collapsed.

To observe the day, the DU authorities led by Vice Chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz brought out a mourning procession yesterday morning from Aparajeyo Bangla towards the Jagannath Hall and placed wreaths at the memorial plaque at the hall at about 6.30 am.

Different student organisations including Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Students Unity of Bangladesh (BSU) also placed wreaths.

Black flags were hoisted atop all the dormitories and main buildings of the university while the varsity flag was kept half mast and students, teachers and officials wore black badges.

Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities held a prayers session on the Jagannath Hall premises at 8.30am while a special muhajjat was offered at the university mosque after Asr prayers.

An oil painting exhibition was held and personal memorabilia of the deceased were exhibited throughout the day on the campus. A blood donation programme was also conducted to mark the day.

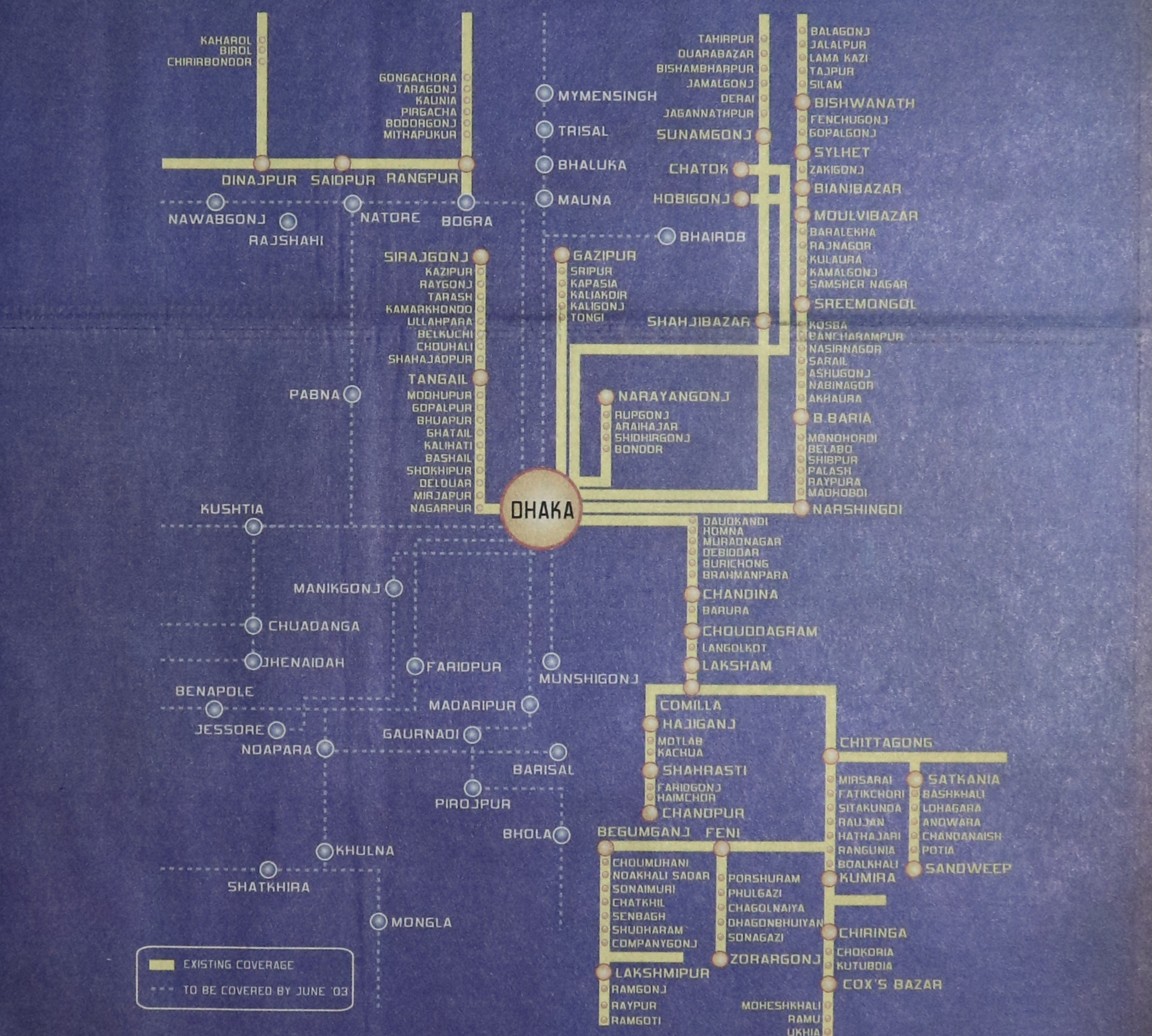
The DU authorities will hold a formal condolence meeting to observe the day on October 26 at 6.30 pm at the hall as yesterday was a public holiday on the occasion of Durga Puja.

### BDR-BSF border confce tomorrow

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A Sector Commander-level border conference between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) will be held at Sonar Masjid Rest House in Chapainawabganj district tomorrow.

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