

Private Islamic university in Rajshahi soon

BSS, Rajshahi

A full-fledged private Islamic university would be established very soon at Naodaparha in Rajshahi. The university will be set up under the social welfare project of Ahle Hadith Movement Bangladesh (AHMB) as a part of which the Jam-e-mosque of the proposed varsity has been already constructed.

It was informed at a recent conference of the central council of AHMB in Rajshahi.

The rest of the construction of the proposed university is expected to be donated by the government, donor organisations and mass people.

Prof. Dr Asadullah Al-Galib, chairman of the department of Arabic, Rajshahi University and central Ameer of AHMB spoke on the occasion as the chief guest. Noted educationist Prof. Dr Mozammel Ali of Islamic University, Kushtia addressed the conference as special guest.

Prof. Nurul Islam, Secretary General of AHMB, was in the chair. The conference was also addressed by Nayebe Ameer Shaikh Abdus Samad Salafi, Maulana Moslehuddin and Maulana Jahangir Alam.

A large number of central council members of AHMB from 46 districts of the country took part in the conference.



Members of Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers Association stage a demonstration at Mukhtangon in the city yesterday in support of their various demands.

Dhaka committed to child's rights

BSS, New York

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, has said Bangladesh is fully committed to protecting and promoting children's rights.

He was addressing a debate on "Children's Rights" at the United Nations on Tuesday.

The Third (Social) Committee of the United Nations, where the Bangladesh Ambassador spoke, is the follow-up to the Special Session on Children which was attended, among others, by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

Dr Iftekhar said in Bangladesh best endeavours are being made to provide for children's development against a social backdrop where values of pluralism, democracy, and human rights pervade.

"Such a society is the best school for the child's upbringing," he said.

Dr Iftekhar referred to various legislation adopted in Bangladesh in favour of children as well as for the elimination of child labour.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and Dinajpur and lowest 21.2 degree Celsius at Srimongal yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:31 pm today and rises at 5:57 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.2	22.5	82	72
Chittagong	29.5	23.0	84	72
Rajshahi	31.6	22.8	97	85
Khulna	29.5	23.5	84	83
Barisal	28.4	23.2	94	92
Sylhet	29.0	22.4	92	85
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.3	90	85

Patuakhali Science and Technology University

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Admission Notice

Academic Session: 2002-2003

Applications in prescribed form are hereby invited from the bonafide students (male/female) of Bangladeshi nationals seeking admission to the First Semester Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.S. Ag) degree for the Winter Semester of academic session 2002-2003.

A. Eligibility for Submission of Application

- Applicants must have passed SSC and HSC (or equivalent) examinations in Science group with at least one first division and one second division who combinedly secured minimum of 1100 marks in both the examinations.
- Candidates who have taken their SSC or equivalent examination in the year 1999 and 2000; and HSC or equivalent examination in the year 2001 and 2002, respectively.
- In HSC (or equivalent) examination, the applicants must have passed Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology or Agricultural Science with minimum average of 50% marks. But in case of other subjects they have to score minimum of 45% marks in each individual subjects including English.
- Depending on the merit list prepared on the basis of total marks obtained, only 1000 candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. All candidates securing marks equal to the one thousand position (by rank order) will be allowed to sit for the Admission Test.
- Eligible candidates of reserved seats if not selected in the short list of 1000 shall also be allowed for Admission Test.
- All eligible applicants with an O/A level background will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test.

B. Special features

- 100% American Course Credit System of Education.
- Since the course curricula is very much in technical nature, the medium of instruction will be in English.
- Intensive English language course, computer training and internship in the farming community setting will be the integral part of the course curricula.
- Excellent Academic Environment.
- Separate residential dormitory facilities for both male and female students.
- Highly qualified teaching faculty having overseas exposures.
- Outreach programs to get the students exposed to rural setting and hands-on training at the farmers' level.
- General stipend of Tk 200/- will be given for all admitted students.
- Free tuition fees for the academically brilliant students securing top ten position of different boards.
- Limited financial assistance and merit scholarship facilities to really poor but meritorious students subject to availability of funds.
- Ideally located beautiful campus and peaceful academic atmosphere with bounty of natural beauties adjacent to the Banisal-Patuakhali highway.

C. General Pre-requisites for Application

- The prescribed application forms along with Brochure are to be obtained from Rupali Bank, Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) Branch, Dumki, Patuakhali and Rupali Bank, Ramna Corporate Branch, Bangabandhu Avenue, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 250/- (non-refundable) in cash or through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Vice-Chancellor, PSTU, Dumki, Patuakhali.
- Postal correspondence, if any, requires a self-addressed large envelope (12"x8") bearing postage stamps of Tk 20/- (Taka twenty) only.

D. Documents to be submitted along with the applications

- Attested photocopies of the following:
- All academic certificates/testimonials and mark sheets.
  - Two character certificates (one from first class gazetted officer and another from Head of Academic Institute last attended).
  - Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk 250/- only in favour of Vice-Chancellor, PSTU through the Rupali Bank branches mentioned above.
  - Nationality certificate from Union Parishad Chairman/Ward Commissioner.
  - Proper authenticated documents of quota claim (for Tribal People and Freedom Fighter).
  - Three copies of recent passport size photographs.
  - Applications having incorrect and incomplete information will be straightway rejected.

E. Information for Admission Test

- Method of examination : MCQ (multiple choice questions)
- Total marks : 200
- Distribution of marks :
  - a. Weightage of 100 marks out of 200 for written test shall consist of
    - Physics-20, Chemistry-20, Mathematics-15, Biology/Agricultural Science-20, English-15 and General Knowledge-10.
  - b. Rest 100 marks from SSC 40% and HSC 60%.
- Duration of examination : One hour (60 minutes)
- Admission Procedure
  - Date for collection and submission of application form : 26 Oct to 16 Nov '02
  - Date of Admission Test : 29 Nov '02. (Friday)
  - Place/Center of Admission Test : PSTU campus and Dhaka (exact venue to be intimated in the admit card).
  - Date of publication of the Admission Test Result : 05 Dec. '02.
  - Date of Medical checkup and Admission (Merit List) : 14-15 Dec. '02.
  - Date of Medical checkup and Admission (Waiting List) : 17-18 Dec. '02. (based on merit/first come first serve basis)

G. Information Regarding Admission

- Altogether 125 students (including reserved seats) will be taken for admission.
- Students have to pay Admission fee, Course fee, Hostel charge and other fees as per break-up mentioned in the Brochure/Prospectus.
- Enrollment Form needs to be filled in along with payment of admission fees for the courses of first semester.
- Students and their respective guardians have to sign in a declaration form with PSTU authority.
- Candidates providing inaccurate or manipulated information whenever detected shall be liable for cancellation of their admission without any further query/reference.
- Any change in rules and schedule of admission will be announced through national dailies.
- No appeal will be entertained beyond the announced rules and schedule.
- Admit cards will be issued to all eligible candidates for the written test to their mailing/contact address by post.

Prof. Dr. AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan

Vice-Chancellor

and

Chairman, Admission Committee

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2 Bangladeshis win 'race against poverty' award

In nations throughout the world, people are hosting fund-raisers for orphanages, teaching special sessions in elementary schools, reciting poems, organising soccer playoffs, presenting concerts or simply taking time out of their days to honour the global fight

against poverty, says a UNDP press release.

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP), this year being marked in more than 50 countries, is a solemn United Nations day, one that speaks to the more than one billion people living on this earth on less than one dollar a day.

UNDP Dhaka will host a press briefing at the National Press Club to introduce the first ever Bangladeshi winners of this year's 'Race Against Poverty' award. This international award is presented annually by the UN Secretary-General to honour the outstanding efforts of people who have dedicated their lives to fighting poverty.

This year, the two Bangladeshi winners are among only five people globally, and the only representatives from the Asia region, who will receive the award during a special ceremony hosted by the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, in New York later this month.

"When poverty is extreme and unending, human rights erode, natural resources deteriorate, and human dignity gives way to de-

spair," said Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

"Two years ago, at the UN Millennium Summit, world leaders made a new commitment to confront these challenges in the form of the Millennium Development Goals. Our task now is to help countries and people everywhere deliver on these commitments and build a better world for themselves and their children," he added.

The core of UNDP's mission is eliminating poverty and meeting the Millennium Development Goal of halving extreme poverty by 2015.

With one out of five of the world's people living on less than a dollar a day and 56 per cent of the developing world lacking the most basic sanitation, achieving this goal has never been more critical.

CU JCD convening committee formed

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As part of the initiative to strengthen the ruling BNP's student wing, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), a 19-member convening committee of the Chittagong University unit of the organisation was announced Tuesday night.

According to JCD sources, Mohammad Selim, final year student of Political Science was made convenor while Ferdous Morshed Khan, Rejwan Siddique Ujjal, Khorshed Alam and M R Chowdhury Milton were chosen as joint convenors.

The convening committee has been asked to form a full-fledged committee of CU unit of JCD within next six months.

Fake army officer held in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

A fake army officer was arrested at Vatury village under Mohanpur upazila of the district on Tuesday.

The arrested person was identified as Zahidur Rahman, 30, son of late Kazimuddin of Barbari village under Adamdighi upazila of Bogra district.

According to police sources, the man impersonated him as Captain Matiur Rahman of Bangladesh Army and an on-duty DGF1 officer.

He demanded Tk 5,000 from a shopkeeper at the area. But watching his suspicious movement, local people caught him and informed the police.

Police rushed to the spot and arrested him. A fake identity card was recovered from his possession.

UNICEF to hand over EOC equipment today

BSS, Dhaka

UNICEF-Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Columbia University will hand over some Emergency Obstetric Care (EOC) equipment worth US dollar 1.6 million to the government of Bangladesh at BRAC INN, Mohakhali, the city today.

Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Ministry M Fazlur Rahman will receive the equipment on behalf of the government.

Dr Deborah Main of Columbia University and Morten Giersing, UNICEF's Representative in Bangladesh will be present on the occasion, a UNICEF press release said.

The hand-over ceremony will be followed by distribution of certificates to a total of 27 participants from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

'Govt firm to develop all regions'

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury has said the government is determined to bring all round development of all regions of the country.

"Programme and policies are being formulated in the direction of development of all the areas in a pragmatic manner," he said while addressing as the chief guest the "Milan Mela" of the Dhaka-based Habiganj Association at the BIAM auditorium here recently.

Chowdhury, who is also the minister in charge of the Habiganj district, said Habiganj is rich in natural and manpower and it is imperative that proper utilisation is made of all these resources.

Presided over by Association's president C. M. Rahman, the function was also addressed by its chief adviser Fazle Hasan Abed, executive director of the BRAC,

general secretary F. H. Murad and vice-president Iqbal Ahmed Saleh.

Others present on the occasion were association's advisers former minister Zakaria Khan Chowdhury, former adviser of the caretaker government Prof Najma Chowdhury, Mostafa Shahid MP, Syed Mohammad Faisal, former MP and Modabber Hussain Chowdhury, IGP, senior journalist Zaglul A. Chowdhury and Prof. Azizur Rahman.

People of different walks of life of the district were present when members of the newly elected executive committee were introduced.

Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury referred to various problems of the district including the communications and telecommunications and said steps are being taken by the government to solve them as far as possible in a phased way.

The "Milan Mela" was rounded off with a cultural function.

**DHAKA TODAY**  
Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 6.00pm.

**Film show**  
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two Spanish films titled 'Live Flesh' directed by Pedro Almodovar and 'Goya in Bordeaux' directed by Carlos Saura. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm and 8.00pm respectively.

**Publication ceremony**  
The publication ceremony of two books titled 'Meherjan' and 'Smritir Arshite', authored by Haider Ansary, will be held. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 5.30pm.

**Meeting and reception**  
A general meeting of Rajshahi Divisional Development Association, Dhaka, will be held with Speaker, Mohammad Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. It will be followed by a reception to speaker, deputy speaker and ministers, state ministers and deputy ministers of Rajshahi Division. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.30pm.

**Environment meeting**  
Dhanmondi Environmental Improvement Coalition organises a meeting to discuss the environmental problems of the area. Venue: Bangladesh Parishad Andolon Office, 9/12, Block-D, Lalmitia. Time: 6.30pm.

**Rotary meeting**  
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: CIRDAP Cafeteria, Abdul Gani Road. Time: 5.30pm.

**Rally and procession**  
The Kendrio Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya will hold a rally and bring out a procession to protest US aggression on Iraq and Palestine. Venue: Mukhtangon, Ramna. Time: 4.00pm.

**AL meeting**  
An extended meeting of Dhaka City Awami League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 6.00pm.

**Memorial meeting**  
A meeting will be held in memory of late Awami League leader Abdul Malek Ukil. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

**Rally**  
On the occasion of the World Credit Union Day, Sampati Sanchoy Samabay Samity Limited will organise a colourful rally. Venue: Gulshan-1. Time: 9.00am.

**DHAKA TOMORROW**  
**Film show**  
The Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Madam Bovary' directed by Claude Chabrol. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

**Musical soiree**  
Zonta Club of Dhaka 111 organises a musical soiree titled 'Old is Gold' to be presented by Ruxana Anwar and Agun to support Zonta Arsenic Free Village at Devpur in Chandpur. Venue: STM Hall Scholastica Senior Campus, Dhaka. Time: 7.00pm.

**Painting exhibition**  
The opening ceremony of the seventh solo painting exhibition by Gulshan Hossain will be held with Ambassador of France M Michel Lummaux as chief guest. Venue: La Galerie of Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 31 from 10.00am to 12.00pm and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

**Public debate**  
In cooperation with Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), ANKURAK organises a public debate on 'Alternative Transport System: For the Better or Worse?'. Venue: The British Council auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 3.00pm.



The visitors browse free at a computer show now being held at BCS Computer City at Agargaon in the capital.



An agreement was signed in the city yesterday between LGED and eight NGOs supporting food security for about three lakh ultra poor. Md Shahidul Hassan, chief engineer of LGED and representatives of NGOs signed the agreement. Also seen in the picture are: Douglas Casson Coultis, country director and Nasiba Nabi of WFP.