



The recipients of the Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) scholarships pose for photograph with Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed and Dutch-Bangla Bank Managing Director Md Yeasin Ali.

## 127 students get DBBF scholarships

The Dutch-Bangla Bank Foundation (DBBF) yesterday awarded scholarships to 127 meritorious students who have passed SSC examinations last year, says a press release.

The students were awarded scholarships at a simple ceremony at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed gave away the scholarships to the recipients as chief guest.

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Managing Director Md Yeasin Ali presided.

Dr Fakhruddin in his speech lauded the DBBF scholarship programme and recalled its other philanthropic activities. He said that DBBF philanthropic activities would inspire other corporate bodies to come forward with such programmes that would eventually benefit the society at large.

Yeasin Ali said that Dutch Bangla Bank as a partner of development of society carried out diverse altruistic activities.

Recipients of scholarships Swati Dashgupta, Md Minhaz Kabir and Fatema Tuz Johra Bristy also spoke.

## 6 die as truck rams into vehicle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six people were killed and four others critically injured when a truck rams a hauler which was carrying them. The accident took place at Demra in the capital yesterday morning.

Police said the truck and the human-hauler were heading for Gulistan from Demra when the truck hit the hauler near Della Bridge at

5:45am. The truck fled the scene after bulldozing the vehicle.

Jalil, 30, Akbar Ali, 35, and Shah Jalal, 28, died on the spot. All three were rickshaw-pullers. The rest were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH). Doctors declared Khorshed Alam, Goshai Das and Noor Alam dead on arrival in the hospital while Mostafa, 35, Abul Kalam, 12, and two unidentified are undergoing

treatment.

Khorshed Alam, 35, was an employee of a bakery at Sabujbagh, Goshai Das, 50, a fish trader at Demra and Noor Alam, 35, was an owner of a wholesale fish market.

The three rickshaw-pullers and Khorshed hailed from East Chanpara of Rupganj under Narayanganj district, while the two others are from Demra.

## Strike at JU dept from today

JU CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers of Botany department of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will enforce a simultaneous class and work abstention programme for an indefinite period from today demanding immediate cancellation of two controversial appointments at the department.

The authorities made the two appointments illegally on basis of nepotism and politicization to strengthen their power to pass the upcoming Syndicate and Senate elections, sources alleged.

Of the selected teachers, Pinaki Shingha, wife of Prof Shyamol Kumar of the same department, was appointed earlier in 1998. Her appointment was later cancelled in October in 2000 due to poor academic qualifications, sources said.

Pinaki, who completed her honors and masters from Patuakhali Government College with two second classes, was selected ignoring the candidates with four first classes with even brighter academic backgrounds, sources said.

Tahmina Jamali, wife of the incumbent chairman of the department Prof Nazmul Alam, with two second classes in HSC and Honors, was also selected on the basis of nepotism.

Sources said the authorities ignored the written recommendation of a selection committee member not to make the two appointments.

## BJP Dhaka city convening committee formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 41-member convening committee of Dhaka City unit of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) has been formed yesterday.

Toyabur Rahman and Kamrul Islam Sajal were made convenor and member secretary, a BJP press release said.

## 'Make Pay Commission Report Public'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Bangladesh Gonokarmachari Sangjukta Parishad (BAGSAP) yesterday urged the government to make the 6th National Pay Commission Report public and consider the report a negotiating document.

Speaking at a press conference at the National Press Club, they also called for incorporating parishad representatives in the pay commission body for discussions and bargaining their demands.

The leaders said in a democratic country like Bangladesh, represen-

tatives of the government and stakeholders should be included in the pay commission to endorse and approve any pay scale, but it is quite disappointing that no-one from the parishad was included in the body.

Parishad President Sultan Alam Mallik, in a written statement, also highlighted their eight-point demand that included fixation of minimum wage at Tk 6,000.

He also demanded fixation of pension, gratuity and allowances as per their memorandum to the government.

Mallik urged the government to implement the new pay scale from

the date of the formation of the pay commission.

He called for transferring the service of the employees appointed on contract basis to revenue budget, raising the retirement age at 60, and allocating two festival bonuses for retired employees.

"To realise our demands and build public opinion in our favour, we have decided to hold rallies at district and divisional headquarters until April 20," said Mallik.

The central committee leaders would announce their next action programme on April 21, he added.