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Participants of the Presidency University Inter-College Victory Day Debate Competition 2005 pose for photograph with the guests at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) auditorium in the city yesterday.

Inter-college debate begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Presidency University Inter-College Victory Day Debate Competition 2005 began at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) auditorium in the city yesterday with a call to apply logic to everyday life.

Twenty-three colleges are taking part in the weeklong competition organised by the Presidency University and the National Debate Federation.

Inaugurating the event as the chief guest, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed called on the young generation to build a society based on logic, talent, wisdom and knowledge in order to survive in the era of globalisation and information technology.

The practice of debate and logic also helps one to become a good parliamentarian, he said.

Presided over by Pro-Vice Chancellor of Presidency University Prof M Harunur Rashid, the function

was also addressed by Vice-Chairman of Presidency University and Chairman of Hosaf Group of Industries Moazzam Hossain, convener of the debate competition and head of the English department Dr Arifa Rahman, Chairman of National Debate Federation (NDF) Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron and its General Secretary AKM Shoaib.

The participating colleges include Vigarunnisa Noon College, Holy Cross College, Harman Mainer College, Mohammadpur Preparatory College, Rajuk Uttara Model College, Siddeshwari Girls' College, Dhaka Imperial College, Daffodil International College, Tejgaon Women's College, Titumir College, Saint Joshep College, State College, Ahsania Mission College and Ananda Mohan College.

The final of the debate competition will be held on December 18.

FEAR OF JMB ATTACK

JU bodies cancel V-day programmes

JU CORRESPONDENT

Most of the cultural organisations of Jahangirnagar University (JU) decided to cancel their victory day programmes as the university authorities as of yesterday failed to find out any clue to unravel the mystery regarding the existence and activities of JMB on campus.

Though the arrest of KM Wahidul Islam Wasim, a student of JU and a member of JMB suicide squad, is widely considered as a sign of JMB existence on campus, the university authorities did not get any further information. Instead, the authorities are discouraging the cultural activists to organise any programmes on security ground and in many cases refused to give permission.

The Jahangirnagar Students' Film Society and Jahangirnagar Theatre have already cancelled their scheduled programme while many others still wonder whether they should risk the life of the artists as well as the audiences.

The intelligence agencies on the campus have also been directed to keep a

watch on some hard liner pro-BNP teachers on suspicion of having link with JMB. The madrasas and mosques in the villages nearby JU campus are safe JMB den where militants stay and get theoretical training, intelligence and local sources said.

"We are keeping a close watch on suspected students and teachers," said proctor Prof Sayed Kamrul Ahsan.

Two killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Two people were killed and another injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Golora in Manikganj Sadar Upazila yesterday.

The accident occurred at around 6:30am when a Faridpur bound pick-up van from Dhaka skidded of the road and hit a roadside tree, killing one passerby named Karim on the spot.

Later, the van helper succumbed to his injuries at the Manikganj Sadar Hospital.