



Save the Environment Movement launched a campaign to save a 100-year-old banyan tree at Mirpur in the city yesterday. Members of the organisation pile soil around the tree to prevent damage to its roots.

'Stop felling of trees to protect environment'

Bss, Dhaka

Speakers at a function yesterday called for steps to stop felling of trees in order to protect the environment in the city.

The function titled 'Preserving Environment' was organised by Save the Environment Movement (SEM) near the National Botanical Garden.

Different cultural organisations, including Mukul Fouj, Mirpur Sangskritik Oikya Forum, Mirpur Sangskritik Oikya Parishad and Probhat Natya Gosthi took part in the function.

The speakers called for raising mass awareness in order to encourage people to take care of planted saplings.

They also urged the local people to look after a 100-year-old banyan tree on the Beribadh (embankment) near the National Botanical Garden.

Such type of old banyan tree across the country should be protected, they added.

SEM Convener Abu Naser Khan, Architect Mostaq Kadri and Prof Dipen Bhattacharya of BRAC University also addressed the function.

Basanta Utsab on Feb 13

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The three-day Basanta Utsab (Spring festival) will begin at 7:00am on February 13 at Bakultala on Dhaka University campus to welcome Falgun.

Jatiya Basanta Udjapan Parishad has chalked out elaborate programmes, which will be announced at a press conference at Liberation War Museum at Segunbagicha today.



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Singers perform at the inaugural ceremony of Amar Ekushey programme at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organised the 11-day programme.

Probe into Paltan bomb blast demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday demanded proper investigations into the bomb blast that took place at its rally at Paltan in the city in January 2001.

In a statement, CPB President Manzurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Muzahidul Islam Selim said the previous governments did not take any initiative to bring the culprits to book although five years have elapsed after the incident.

Rather, they widened the scope for militancy and terrorism by not identifying and punishing the criminals, they added.

The leaders urged the Caretaker Government (CG) to take necessary steps to bring the criminals to book.

The bomb blast at the CPB rally on January 20, 2001 killed Comrade

Himangshu Mondol, Abdul Majid, Hashem, Bipradas and Mokter and injured over a hundred supporters.

Dr Kamal to attend confce on 'Saarc 2015'

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain left for New Delhi yesterday to attend a two-day international conference on 'Saarc 2015: Expanding horizons and forging cooperation in a resurgent Asia' beginning today, says a press release.

Dr Kamal will leave Delhi for Colombo on February 11 to attend another meeting of the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP).

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment worker has appealed for financial assistance for the treatment of his wife who has been suffering from cancer.

Razia Sultana, a mother of two, is now fighting for her life as cancer has spread to different parts of her body.

Razia, 37, underwent mastectomy after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. But that could not stop the spread of cancer. Razia has been under treatment of Dr Kazi Manzur Kader at Rainbow Heart Hospital.

Her husband has already sold off all their properties to pay the treatment cost of about Tk 7 lakh. Still, he needs about Tk 4,000 a day to continue the

treatment.

But it is not possible for her husband, an employee of Lilac Garments, to collect such a huge amount. Her family is also facing severe financial hardship that forced her son and daughter, who are twins, to stop their studies.

Her husband appeals to philanthropic people and organisations to extend a helping hand.

Contributions can be sent to Savings A/C No. 6946, Uttara Bank, Sadarghat branch, or Mohammad Nurul Islam, Lilac Garments, Rupali Market, 7/B Chittaranjan Avenue, Sadarghat, Dhaka-1100. (Phone: 7115841)



Both the pictures are of Razia Sultana who has been suffering from cancer. The picture on the left was taken three years ago while the other was taken recently.