

Uniform grading system at NU from 2006-07 session

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Uniform grading system will be introduced in all colleges and educational institutions under the National University (NU) from 2006-2007 academic session.

The common grading system will be effective for all courses of degree (pass), degree (honours) and at the post-graduate level of 2006-2007 academic session while the system will be introduced for all professional courses from 2007-2008 academic year, said an official handout.

The system will be applicable for all courses and groups, including science, arts, social and commerce, at all colleges and educational institutions under the National University (NU).

The NU Academic Council and Syndicate earlier decided to introduce the uniform grading system.

The public universities in the country have already introduced the system as per the decision of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Further details on the uniform grading system of the National University will be available from its web site (www.nu.edu.bd)



Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka unveils the plaque of newly built 'Abbas Uddin Square' at Purana Paltan crossing in the city yesterday. Abbas Uddin's sons former Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal and Mostafa Zaman Abbasi are also seen.

'Abbas Uddin Square' inaugurated at Paltan

Bss, Dhaka

Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday unveiled the newly built "Abbas Uddin Square" at city's Purana Paltan crossing.

The square was built after the name of the legendary folk singer Abbas Uddin in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the fields of music, a press release said.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has built the Square at a cost of Tk seven lakh.

The city Mayor in his speech said DCC have been undertaking different initiatives to keep the memories of the people, who made outstanding contributions for the country and the nation, alive.

Khoka said the memories of Abbas Uddin's melodies will remain ever fresh in the hearts of millions of the people of Bangladesh.

Sons and daughter of Abbas Uddin - former Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal, Mostafa Zaman Abbasi and Ferdousi Rahman and architect Prof Nizam Uddin, Ward Commissioner Khondaker Abdur Rob and DCC Chief Executive Officer Saifuddin Ahmed were also present on the occasion.

31.4m euro to check erratic power supply

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German donor agency KfW will provide 31.4 million euro for the upkeep of the newly created Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) for improving the erratic power supply in the capital.

The government has raised the DPDC to replace the shabby Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (Desa) into an independent public limited company.

The DPDC authorities have recently signed a minutes of meeting (MoM) with the representatives of the KfW to have the funds which the German donor agency promised as grants.

According to DPDC officials, this is the first time a German agency came forward to finance the city's electricity-supply system.

DPDC Managing Director Ataul

Masud, who inked the deal, told UNB that this money would be utilised for a project titled 'Distribution System Efficiency Improvement in DESA Area' under the Energy Efficiency Programme-II.

He said the Asian Development Bank (ADB) would also finance the project jointly with the KfW. The total cost has been estimated to be about US\$ 90 million.

After implementation of the project, Masud said, the Desa system would be upgraded with about 200MW additional capacity to serve the consumers.

Under the project, two 132/33kV substations, five 33/11kV substations, a number of transformers and some high-tension overhead and underground transmission lines would be installed in the city to enhance the capacity of its power system to cater an ever-growing electricity demand.



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National Prof Nurul Islam speaks at a discussion titled 'Unethical Promotion of Drug: World Consumers' Rights Day 2007' jointly organised by Consumer Association of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Quality Support Programme at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right is former ambassador Walir Rahman and on his left is CAB President Borhan Ahmed.

Produce quality drugs in affordable prices

Speakers tell discussion

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the caretaker government (CG) to take measures to stop unethical drug promotion in the country.

They also called for formulation of such a drug policy that would ensure usable, affordable and easily available drugs for all.

The discussion titled 'Unethical Promotion of Drug: World's Consumers' Rights Day 2007' was organised jointly by the Consumers Association of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Quality Support Programme at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Taking part in the discussion National Professor Nurul Islam said the government should formulate such drug policy that would force the pharmaceutical companies to produce quality drugs in affordable prices.

He also criticised a quarter of physicians who prescribe drugs being tempted by the gifts from representatives of pharmaceutical companies.

Prof ABM Faroque of Dhaka University said of about 242 pharmaceutical companies, only 50 are producing quality drugs in the country.

Citing a survey he said most of the substandard drugs are being sold and used in rural areas.

He also advocated for strict government monitoring in the production

and prices of essential drugs.

President of Bangladesh Drug Manufacturers' Association SM Shafiuzzaman blamed the unregistered drug stores for marketing substandard drugs.

He suggested creating the post of drug administrator in every district to monitor the sale and use of illegal and substandard drugs.

CAB President Borhan Ahmed chaired the programme which was addressed by former president of Bangladesh Medical Association Prof Rashid e Mahbub, former ambassador Walir Rahman, Vice-president (Programme) of ATN Bangla Nawazesh Ali Khan and Ishtiaq Ahmed of Multipharma Bangladesh.

Former JCD central leader held at RU

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Joint forces arrested former Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) central vice-president Anwar Hossain Uzzal on the Rajshahi University campus yesterday.

Police said he was caught at the second administration building at noon on charge of terrorism and extortion. Uzzal is wanted in several cases, police said.

He is being interrogated by the joint forces, said Motihari police.