

## NU degree exams begin on Mar 31

Degree pass and subsidiary examinations of 2007 under the National University (NU) will begin across the country on March 31, says a press release.

A total of 223844 students from 1403 colleges will sit for the examinations in 490 centres.

Of the pass students, 123986 are male while 97543 are female.

A total of 30126 students are taking part in BA first year, 26977 students in second year, and 43345 students are taking part in third year exams.

In BSS first year exam, 32409 students are appearing while 4427 and 5801 students are taking part in BSS second and third year exams.

In BSc first year exam, 4125 students are appearing while 4427 and 3238 students are taking part in second and third year exams.

In BCom first year exam, 16673 students are taking part while 15426 and 14545 students are taking part in second and third year exams.

Besides, 82 students are appearing in B Music, 50 in B Sports, 577 in certificate courses and 1606 students are participating in subsidiary examination.

The NU authorities have already completed all preparations to conduct the exams smoothly with the cooperation of colleges concerned and local administration.

## Make yourselves worthy of leadership role

Rasheda urges women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women should make themselves worthy of leadership role through their hard work, efficiency and professionalism, Women and Children Affairs Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury said yesterday.

Women are yet to have equal dignity in society at every level, she said while inaugurating the two-day District Women Affairs Officers' Conference 2008 at the Directorate of Women and Children Affairs in the city.

Referring to the National Women Development Policy, the adviser said it is a guideline on women's advancement in society and does not involve any legal or religious issues.

It just specifies the women's right to their acquired resources, she said, adding that women are often deprived of their right to wealth.

The upazila and district women affairs officers have been performing their duties well despite various problems and limitations and that they should have a professional attitude to take the leadership role, Rasheda said.

Women's contribution is a factor behind every success story of

the country, she said, adding that they have made immense contribution to all economic and social management activities -- from immunisation to micro-credit and garment industry to family planning.

Women have also made significant contribution to the Liberation War, but the stories of their sacrifice often remain untold, she said.

Secretary of the ministry Rokeya Sultana, Director General of Directorate of Women and Children Affairs Ikram Ahmed and Director Afzal Hossain were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

## 18 shops gutted in Chittagong

CU CORRESPONDENT

Eighteen tin-shed shops and properties worth Tk 6 lakh were gutted in a fire in the city yesterday.

The fire originated from an oven at Steel Mills Bazar area at 1:00pm and soon engulfed the adjoining shops, sources said.

Six firefighting units from different fire stations rushed to the spot and put out the blaze after an hour.



The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Mahan Ekushey Subarna Joyanti Grantha' was held at the Cirdap auditorium yesterday. From left are Prof Md Anisur Rahman, Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, poet Al Mahmud and Prof Mahub Ullah. Adorn Publications published the book.

## Give voting rights to Biharis

Speakers tell nat'l consultation meet

Speakers at a national consultation meeting demanded voting rights and national identity cards for the camp-based Urdu-speaking people, popularly known as Biharis, living in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of Dhaka University under the aegis of Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty organised the consultation meeting at the National Press Club yesterday.

Prof Dr CR Abrar of Department of International Relations, Dhaka

University and also coordinator of RMMRU presented a keynote paper in the meeting.

Dr Abrar observed that members of Urdu-speaking community are citizen of this country according to the citizenship law of the land.

He also said the government should give the community their due recognition and facilitate their inclusion in the voter list and national ID card scheme.

NGO activists, politicians, cultural personalities and representatives from camp-based Urdu-speakers' organisations attended the meeting.



Children draw pictures in a painting competition organised by the National Museum on its premises yesterday on the occasion of the Independence Day.

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