

Seminar on peptic ulcer disease held

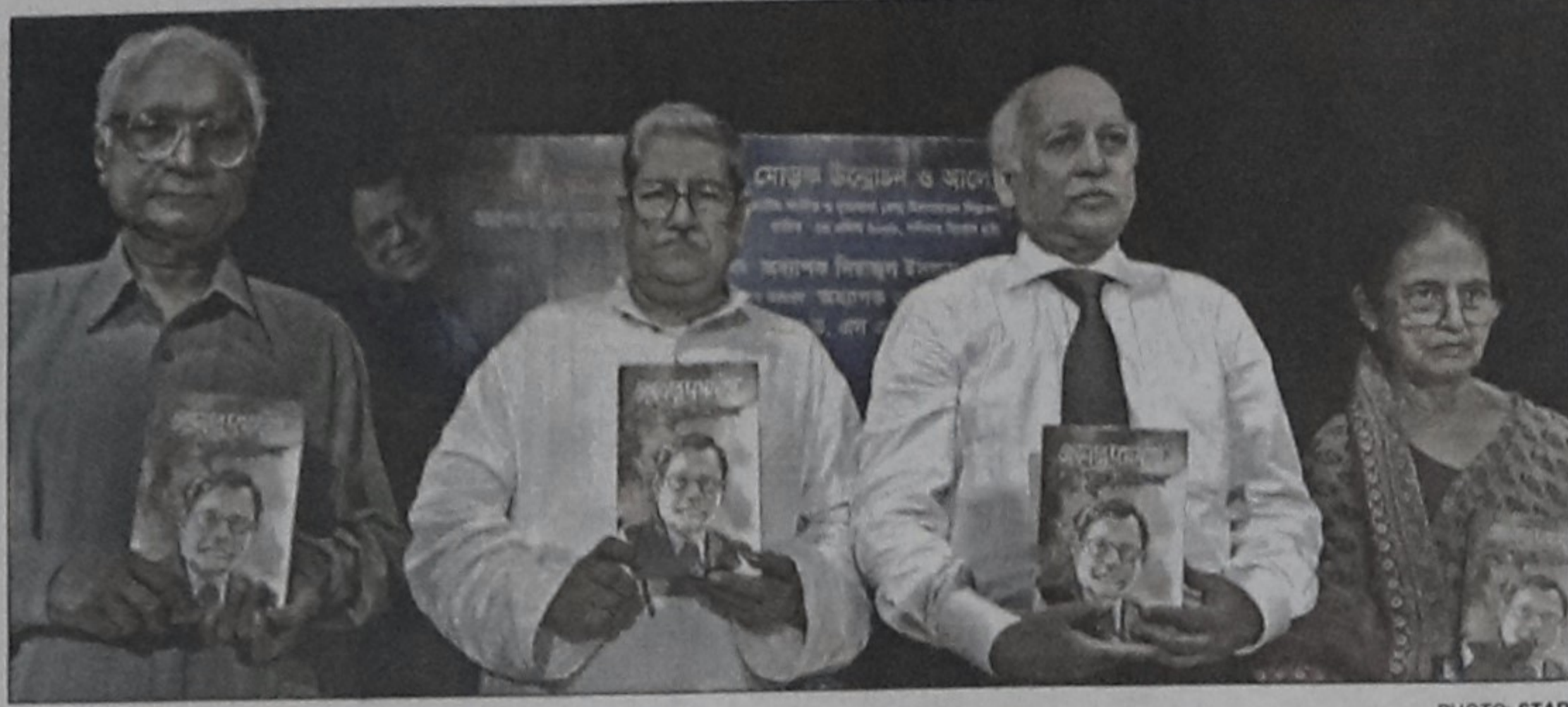
An international seminar on 'An Update on Peptic Ulcer Disease' was held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday, says a press release.

About 1500 eminent physicians participated at the seminar organised by Bangladesh Gastroenterology Society, chaired the programme sponsored by Eskayef Bangladesh Ltd.

Prof Dr AK Azad Khan, honorary president of Bangladesh Gastroenterology Society, chaired the programme sponsored by Eskayef Bangladesh Ltd.

Prof Dr Derek P Jewell of the University of Oxford, UK and Prof Dr Mahmud Hasan, retired professor of Gastroenterology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and president of Bangladesh Gastroenterology Society, presented keynote speeches.

Dr Mohammad Mujahidul Islam, head of marketing of Eskayef Bangladesh Limited, delivered the welcome note while AM Faruque, managing director of the organisation, gave the vote of thanks.



Guests hold copies of 'Alor Pothojatri' by Prof M Asaduzzaman at its launching ceremony at Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. From left are Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Prof Anisuzzaman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof SMA Faiz and Dr Nazma Chowdhury.

5 women drown in boat capsized in Meghna

UNB, Narsingdi

The bodies of five women who drowned in a boat capsized in the river Meghna near Bhasanir Char were recovered yesterday.

Meghnaghat river police recovered the bodies floating on the river near Balapur Titirchar. The victims were identified as Rezia Begum, 35, Mafia Begum, 12, Amena Begum, 60, Hazera Begum, 50, and mother

of Khaleque, 55. They were residents of Titirchar.

Police said an engine boat was going to Titirchar from Char Bhasania with about 60 passengers on board on Friday morning. Caught in a whirlwind the boat capsized at about 7:00am. All but the five women managed to swim ashore or rescued.

The bodies were returned to the relatives for burial.

Lifting of emergency demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree (BCM) observed the "Anti-Imperialism and Anti-Fundamentalism Day" on the Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday.

To mark the day, leaders and activists of BCM took out a colourful procession at noon that marched different streets of the campus.

The student leaders demanded lifting of the state of emergency and immediate declaration of date of the national polls for the sake of democracy and human rights.

Besides, they urged the government to take proper steps to control the price hike of essentials.

BCM President Rafiqul Islam Sujan, General Secretary Mukter Hossain Nahid spoke in the programme.

The organisation has been observing the day since its inception in 1980.

UGC wants quota for students with disabilities at universities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission (UGC) will hold meetings with public and private universities to allocate quota and provide other facilities to the students with disabilities in all universities, said UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam yesterday.

He was speaking at a view exchange meeting on 'Disabled Students in Higher Education: Existing Barriers and Remedies' with the representatives of handicapped students from different levels at the LGED building in the city.

The meeting, organised by National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD), was presided over by Jatiya Protibodhi Forum (JPF) President Khandoker Zahurul Alam.

"We will hold meetings with public and private universities about the facilities that could be given to the handicapped students including allocating quota in the institutions for them," Prof Nazrul said.

"UGC has been thinking about giving higher education facilities to the disabled students. The UGC and the universities will have to think a little more about them," he said.

"There should be broader plan for providing facilities to the physically impaired students both at the university level and at the national level. The UGC is thinking about giving them quota facilities."

Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, a blind man and assistant coordinator of JPF, presented a keynote paper at the meeting.

The recommendations include announcing policy for disabled students, identifying disabled people exercising the present laws regarding handicaps, allotting quota for them in every educational institution, relaxing pre-requisite for applying to get themselves admitted in universities, description of handicaps in the admission forms and making the system easy for blind students to get a transcriber.

Mosharraf said, "The disabled students in higher education is facing tough competition but they are not provided with extra

facilities though they are doing well in higher education."

"The disabled students should be given proper facilities so that they can compete with the normal students," he said.

Jatiya Protibodhi Unnayan Foundation Managing Director Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury, National University Dean of School of Undergraduate Education Dr Fakir Rafiqul Alam, Training and Research Centre Dean of Post Graduate education Dr SM Abu Rahman and disabled students from different institutions also spoke at the meeting.

President, CA greet Mbeki

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed have congratulated South African President Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki on the occasion of Freedom Day of the Country tomorrow.

In a message to Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, Iajuddin expressed hope that the friendly relations that so happily exist between the two countries would be strengthened in the days ahead.

Tk 4.9 lakh Aussie grant for persons with disabilities

"There is now common consensus about the inextricable links between disability, poverty and development and we all should work together to address this issue and support Bangladesh in achieving its development goals," said Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Douglas Foskett recently, says a press release.

Foskett underscored the need for integrating the persons with disabilities into the mainstream society while handing over a cheque for Tk 4.9 lakh to Rafiqul Islam of Good Earth, an NGO.

The envoy provided the amount to Good Earth under its Direct Aid Programme. The funding will be used to provide necessary therapeutic services, assistive devices, as well as vegetable seeds for cultivation within the homestead of more than 200 people of Kachua upazila in Chandpur district.

Deputy High Commissioner Kilmey Beckering Vinckers was also present on the occasion.



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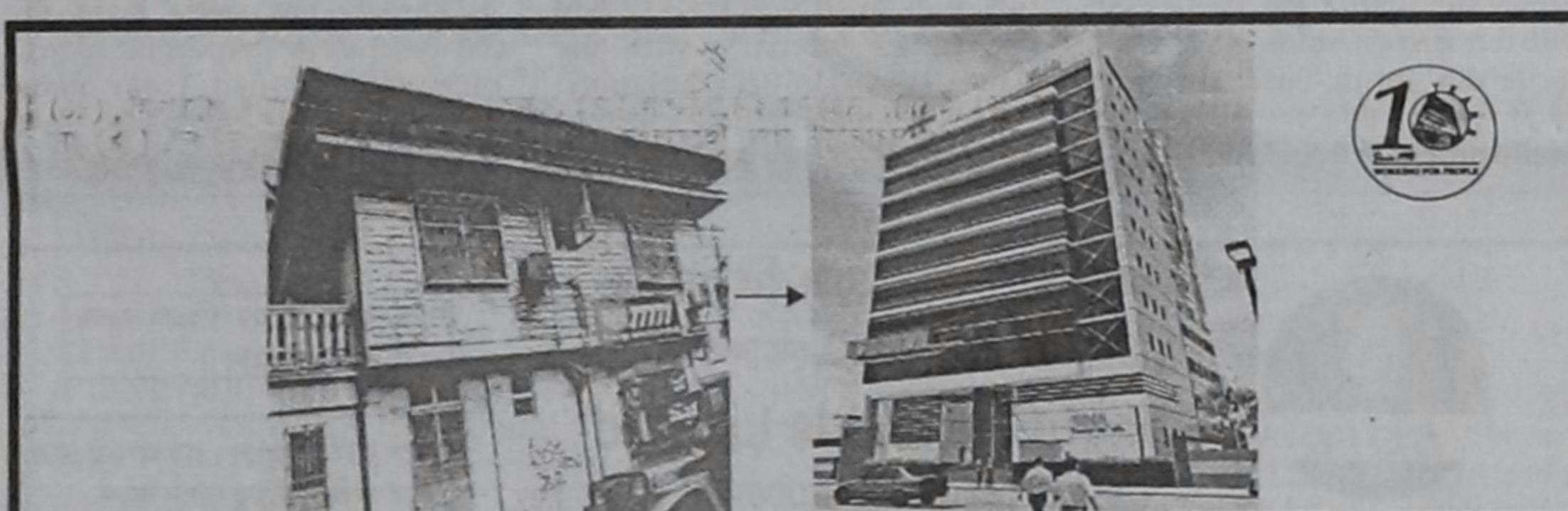
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