

# Create congenial atmosphere for practice of free thoughts

Iajuddin tells CU convocation

CU CORRESPONDENT

President Iajuddin Ahmed said the practice of free thoughts is the driving force for a university and obstruction to this would cause activities of the university come to a dead stop.

So, it is the moral responsibility of all to maintain the congenial academic atmosphere at the university at any cost, he said, adding that university is a place that creates and disseminates knowledge

and contains ideals and values of a nation alongside playing vital role in fulfilling the dream and hopes of the nation.

Speaking at the 3rd convocation of Chittagong University yesterday, Iajuddin, also the chancellor of the university, said it is the main task of a university to keep the avenues open to help the students practise free thoughts imbued with the spirit of internationalism.

"The curriculum, subject selection and field of research of the

universities should be made in such a way so that they are able to fulfil the expectation of the nation," he added.

Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman was present as the special guest while eminent scientist Prof Emeritus Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam was the convocation speaker.

Congratulating the graduates, the president called on them to spread light of knowledge through their works, thoughts and spirit from society to society and nation

to nation as well.

Iajuddin said, "Mind it, your earnings may not only appear as certificate-oriented. You will earn further knowledge and create the new stream of knowledge and sciences."

Hossain Zillur said though education increased in quantity, the qualitative standard of higher education in the country is being questioned.

"Many of the universities have now appeared as the centres for distributing certificates instead of being fields for practising global knowledge, and holding seminars, workshops, discussions and researches" he regretted.

Convocation Speaker Prof Jamal Nazrul Islam underscored the need for collective effort in attaining the international standard of education.

Recruiting qualified teachers through proper system, accountability of the teachers, updated curriculum, modern teaching system and well-controlled academic calendar are the main things to ensure qualitative education, he added.

CU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Badiul Alam put up different developments and problems of the university.

Later, the president gave away a DSc degree to Prof Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam.

A total of 879 masters, honours, LLB, LLM and DVM graduates and 16 PhD, MPhil and MS (Medicine) degree holders were awarded the certificates.

Five students were given gold medals for winning positions in the "Chancellor Essay Competition."



President Iajuddin Ahmed gives away a gold medal to a successful graduate at the 3rd convocation of Chittagong University yesterday.

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METRO DESK

Warid Telecom in cooperation with the country's largest circulated Bangla daily 'Prothom Alo' launched a value added service yesterday to provide news services to its subscribers, says a press release.

Under the new service, both prepaid and post-paid subscribers of Warid will be able to listen the latest news by dialling 2221 or get news updates by typing 'news' and send it to 2221.

Warid management hoped that the subscribers will enjoy the service as they will be able to get the latest and breaking news from any part of the country just by dialling or sending text messages to the designated short code.

## Police bar parties from holding rallies in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) yesterday barred different political organisations in holding outdoor meetings and bringing out processions in the port city.

Police barred the leaders of Awami Jubo League Chittagong city unit when they tried to bring out a procession from their office at Darul Fazal Market in the afternoon.

The organisation declared the programme demanding unconditional and permanent release of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina and cancellation of all false cases against her.

Police also foiled a procession brought out by Awami Sramik League city unit at Amtal Moor.

Police said there is still restriction on outdoor political activities excepting programmes related to election campaign.

Assistant Commissioner of Kotwali Zone Babul Akhter said they could allow processions and meetings related to election campaign within a time limit in accordance with the amended Representation of the People Order (RPO).

Later Jubo League held a meeting at its office where its leaders demanded immediate withdrawal of emergency poweract.

They also condemned the government for not allowing the elected Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury to resume his duty.

They urged the activists to take all-out preparations for the upcoming election and to remain alert as a section is trying to make conspiracy to foil the election.

Jubo League city unit President Chandan Dhar and General Secretary Mashur Rahman spoke at the meeting.

## Earth Foundation chief freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Earth Foundation Chairman Khan Mohammad Khalid Hossain, who was arrested a year ago on charges of swindling people and organisations out of Tk 100 crore, was released on bail yesterday.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG-Prisons) Maj Shamsul Haider Siddique told The Daily Star, "Khalid Hossain was released from Dhaka Central Jail at around 5:00pm."

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested Khalid at Panthapath on November 3 last year after Shameem Enterprise, a printing company, filed a case against him with Dhanmondi police.

Rab-2 officials said over 30 cases were filed against Khalid on charges of swindling many people and organisations out of Tk 100 crore.



Legendary Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan speaks at a press conference at Dhaka Club in the city yesterday. On his left is Dhaka Club President M Sadat Hossain Selim.

## Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan performs at Dhaka Club today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Legendary Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan of India will perform in the city today during his first visit to Dhaka in 30 years.

Amjad Ali Khan, the master of Senia Bangash lineage, arrived in Dhaka yesterday along with his two fellow instrumentalists at the invitation of Dhaka Club Ltd.

The maestro will present Sarod recital on the club premises this evening with his entourage members Fateh Singh Gangani and Tanmay Bose.

At a press conference yesterday, Amjad Ali said classical music is the base and it will remain forever. He discussed the basic notes of music, saying that there are 12 notes of music and all the music is basically created from them.

Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty was also present at the press conference held at the main lounge of the Dhaka Club.

Amjad Ali Khan was born in 1946 in Gwalior. He started learning Sarod from his father late Hafiz Ali Khan. He now shoulders the sixth generation of inheritance of this legendary lineage.

Amjad, a recipient of many national and international awards, also created some ragas, one of them has been named after his wife 'Subhalakshmi'.

Subhalakshmi Khan, great exponent of Indian classical dance Bharatnatyam, could not come due to illness of her mother. Her two sons Amaan Ali Khan and Ayaan Ali Khan are well known in the musical ambience.

Dhaka Club President M Sadat Hossain Selim was also present at the press conference.

## JSD invites applications for nominations by Nov 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) has invited applications for the nomination from the prospective candidates for the upcoming general polls, says a press release.

The party has formed a seven-member parliamentary board comprising Hasanul Haque Inu, Syed Jafar Sajjad, Mainuddin Khan Badal, Sharif Nurul Ambia, advocate Rabiul Alam, Mir Hossain Akhter and Shirin Akhter.

The board has been formed at the central executive committee meeting at the party's central office in the city yesterday.

The candidates were requested to collect the forms from the party's central office and submit those with the references of the recommendations from upazila/thana committees, including grassroots level, by November 9.

## Kuwait envoy meets Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Kuwait Ambassador Abdullatif Ali Al-Mawash called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office yesterday when they discussed bilateral cooperation particularly welfare of Bangladeshi workers in Kuwait.

Former foreign secretary Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury told reporters that it was a courtesy call on. During the meeting the BNP chairperson urged the ambassador to ensure the welfare of Bangladeshi workers and recruit more skilled and semi skilled workers from this country.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain and former foreign adviser Reaz Rahman were present.

## Rajuk demolishes unauthorised part of house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) demolished the unauthorised portion of a house at Uttara in the city yesterday as part of its regular drive.

A Rajuk official said a team led by Magistrate Rokon-ud-Doula demolished the illegal part of the house No-6, Road-2/A at Sector-11, which was constructed without taking its permission.

They also handed over the position of one big land at plot-19 at Sector-6 to its owner who purchased the land by Tk 1.21 crore, he added.

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