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Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin administers the oath of office to newly elected President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday.

A new journey of democracy begins Says Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a new journey of democracy began, with Zillur Rahman becoming the 19th president of the country.

"With the swearing-in ceremony completed, we took a step in the new journey of democracy. I hope the democratic process will continue," she told reporters at Bangabhaban.

"Welfare of the people and the nation cannot be ensured without an elected government and the democratic process," she added.

Expressing her happiness over Zillur Rahman assuming the office of the president, Hasina recalled his contribution to all democratic movements, including the Language Movement and the War of Liberation.

He has also made many sacrifices throughout his life, Hasina said, referring to the death of his wife Ivy Rahman who was killed in the grenade attack on August 21, 2004.

"I am very happy that such a personality has become the president," she said, adding:

"We firmly believe that we will be able to fulfil our election pledges and achieve Vision 2021 to establish a poverty-free happy Bangladesh."

The prime minister, also the Awami League chief, hoped that the president would play an important role in this regard.

Referring to the 1/11 changeover, she said Zillur kept the AL united and upheld trust among the countrymen during the crucial days.



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Basanta Utsab today

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Jatiya Basanta Utsab Udjapon Parishad will celebrate Pahela Falgoun, the first day of Bengla season Basanta, with a colourful programme at the Institute of Fine Art of Dhaka University today, says a press release.

Banglalink is sponsoring the programme titled 'Basanta Utsab-1415'.

To celebrate the first day of spring, people of all ages, gender and religion will gather at the venue. The events include colourful procession, folk dance, folk music and recitation.



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