City

PREMIER UNIVERSITY

Classes, exams

of BBA faculty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The authorities of Premier University yesterday suspended the academic activities of BBA

Faculty until March 12 as its

students continued their agita-

tion for the last three days pro-

testing resignation of their dean.

to continue their movement

until the authorities reject the

University (CU) Vice Chancellor

(VC) Prof Abu Yusuf, also a mem-

ber of the Premier University

Governing Body, for forcing

Dean Milon Kumar

university run by Chittagong

City Corporation (CCC) in a

press release yesterday declared

that all the academic activities

and examinations have been

station located on the ground

floor of the varsity resumed

around 4:30pm after three days

in the presence of police and Rab

formed a human chain at

Chittagong Press Club. They also

brought out a protest procession

at 6:30pm demanding the

authorities to reinstate the dean.

Earlier in the morning, the

The agitating students later

The CCC-run CNG refuelling

The authorities of the private

Bhattacharjee to resign.

suspended till Friday.

members.

They blamed Chittagong

resignation letter of the dean.

The agitating students vowed

suspended

Agri reforms vital to make country self-reliant

Land minister tells symposium

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira underscored the need for working together with a view to bringing reforms in agriculture sector to establish Bangladesh as a middle-income and self-reliant country by 2013.

"Agrobased industrialisation will contribute significantly to eradicating poverty from the country in future. We will have to bring overall reforms in the agriculture sector to have sustainable development. Aimed at reaching the goal, we all should work together to establish Bangladesh a middleincome and self-reliant country."

The minister said this as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a three-day 'Agriculture Symposium' organised by Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL) at the

National Press Club in the city yesterday. He said the government is pledge-bound to provide all kinds of facilities to farmers, as they play the pioneering role in making the rural economy vibrant, which is the prereq-

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

if there were genuine grievances.

try's curbs on foreign scholars'.

India yesterday said it was ready to review the new

guidelines for granting tourist and conference visas

government has received a number of representa-

tions requesting it to reconsider the revised guide-

regulations which may not be correct. But in a

democracy, there is a system. We correct ourselves

if a mistake is made," he said at a seminar on

"Thought policing or fighting terror; Home minis-

Under the present guidelines, a tourist cannot

Later, Pillai told reporters that "we have received a

brating the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

return to India within 60 days of his exit from the

number of representations (on conference visa) and

we are examining them. This is under consider-

Indian Home Secretary Gopal K Pillai said the

"Government makes rules, government makes

new visa rules

uisite to eradicate poverty.

Hira stressed the need for creating employment opportunities for the rural people out of agriculture sector, as an everincreasing number of farmers are putting tremendous efforts in the sector.

The government will introduce computerised digital system soon for preserving land survey records to recognise landowners, the minister added.

He talked about different projects under-

taken by the government for developing the life standards of the rural people, facilitating farmers, rehabilitation of the homeless people andfishermen. He blamed the last BNP-Jamaat govern-

ment for stopping all the welfare projects taken by the previous Awami League (AL) government. Bangladesh Economic Association President Dr Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad

underlined the importance of improving health and education of farmers as well as the financial development for the betterment of

According to the revised guidelines for confer-

ence visas, prior security clearance from the home

ministry is required in respect of participants from

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Iran, Pakistan, Sri

Lanka, Iraq and Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani

Besides, the home ministry's clearance is also

required if the participation involves visit to

restricted or protected areas in India or to areas

affected by terrorism, militancy and extremism like

Jammu and Kashmir and northeastern states, and

if the conference involves politically sensitive

tourist visa, the home secretary said the govern-

ment was open to amend any rules if there was any

Referring to restrictions imposed on issuing

Pillai wondered how many of the six million

genuine tourists, who visit India every year, would

like to come back to India within 60 days?

origin and stateless persons.

subjects.

"mistake".

India ready to review

the agriculture sector.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu also laid emphasis on promoting social economy for changing the fate of farmers and development of the sector.

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon urged the government to implement the law to ensure minimum wage for the farmers.

Presenting a keynote paper, Monowar Mustafa, secretary of Development Synergy Institute, made a set of recommendations for the development of the agriculture sector.

The recommendations include providing quality fertiliser, restarting a number of irrigation projects of Water Development Board and introduction of easy loan system forfarmers.

CSRL Coordinator Dr Ahsan Uddin Ahmed presided over the function, which was moderated by CSRL Member Secretary Ziaul Haque Mukta.

BCL men held over SMC clash freed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police freed six BCL activists of Sir Salimullah Medical College unit, who were held after factional clash at the college premise in the capital yesterday morning.

The BCL men were Obaidul Islam, Md Zabed, Palash Pal, Ataul Karim Arbi, Mizanur Rahman and Atiqur Rahman.

"The college authority took them after giving an undertaking in the evening," Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali Police Station Salahuddin Khan told The Daily Star.

Following a dispute over forming a working committee of the college unit, a group of supporters of Zabed, the present BCL president, and Arbi, former secretary of BCL college unit, locked into a clash at the medical college premises on Monday night.

"Zabed formed a committee without prior approval of the central committee of Chhatra League whereas we wanted to form the committee after taking approval from the central committee," Arbi said.

As a sequel to the conflict, both the groups locked into clash again yesterday morn-

On information, police rushed to the spot and held six activists of both groups.

Arbi and 12 others were injured during the clash.

All the classes were sus-

pended following the incidents.

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre opens in city tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, will be formally inaugurated in Dhaka on Thursday.

ICCR President Karan Singh will inaugurate the centre at a function with Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad as the chief guest, said an Indian High Commission press release.

Bangladesh and India share common heritage and commonalities in art, culture, literature and language.

The Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Dhaka aims to promote bilateral exchanges in these fields, the release added.

The Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre is housed in two premises at Dhanmondi and Gulshan. The centre has a multi-purpose hall with exhibition gallery, a dance studio, music rooms and a yoga hall. It has a librarycum-resource centre with over 21,000 books.

For over the last three decades, ICCR has provided special scholarships for 100 students from Bangladesh every year to pursue graduate and post graduate studies in various fields at premier institutions in India.

Over these years, thousands of deserving students from Bangladesh have benefited by education in the fields of music, dance, art, philosophy, engineering and business administration.



Schoolchildren render a song at a cultural programme at Teacher-Student Centre on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote and Sector Commanders' Forum organised the event.

511 juvenile crime suspects identified

NEWS

Over 500 juveniles are engaged in crimes or have the capital, Dhaka rium. Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque said yesterday.

juvenile crime suspects from all the eight crime zones of DMP. The joint commissioner (crime) and deputy commissioners, additional deputy commissioners and officer-in-

briefing after the monthly crime conference at links with criminals' gangs in Rajarbagh Telecom audito-The juveniles who have

> already committed crimes and accused in criminal cases will face legal action, he said. The police would help the

from mixing with criminals and bring back their children to the right path, he added.

parents prevent their children

The DMP commissioner

other weapons were seized in February. Besides, 44 vehicles were

stolen and 35 stolen vehicles were recovered last month. The police arrested a total

of 5,007 people in February. Of them, 47 are listed criminals, 27 accused in murder cases and 740 are drug peddlers, The DMP commissioner said.

High officials and officersin-charge of DMP attended the conference.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT charges concerned will verify said 15 people were killed by criminals and 31 firearms and the list," he said at a press

"We have made a list of 511

Six killed in road accidents departments, including chairmen of Law department Dr Badruddin, English department

METRO DESK

Six people were killed in Dinajpur, Pabna and Rajshahi in the last two days. Our correspondent in Dinajpur reports:

Three people, including a six-year-old boy, were killed in a road accident at Ghoraghat in the distrcit on Monday night.

The victims were identified as Babu Ahmed 20, Mehdi Hasan, 19, and Tanvir Ahmed Babu,

The accident took place when a speeding

truck hit a motorcycle on Hatpara-Durgapur highway at about 8:30pm. They were returning home from

'Swapnopuri', a theme park at Nawabganj in the district. Our correspondent in Pabna adds: Two

women were killed in separate road accidents

speeding human hauler knocked her down on Pabna-Sujanagar highway at about 12:00noon yesterday while she was crossing the road.

killed on Monday afternoon when a speeding

Her injured son Emon, 5, was rushed to Ishwardi Health Complex.

Our staff correspondent in Rajshahi adds: A teenager was killed in a road accident at Shalbagan in the city yesterday.

students at a press conference blamed that the CU VC earlier forced chairmen of different

Ferdousi Ara, 28, died on the spot when a

In another accident, Farida Khatun, 32, was

trolley hit the rickshaw he and her son were travelling in at Ishwardi's in Raju Cinema Hall

Nabi Hossain, 18, died on the spot when a Nowata-bound human hauler hit him while he was crossing the road.

Dr Mohit Ul Alam and Computer at Ishwardi and Pabna Sadar in the last two Science department Dr Mihir Kumar Roy, to resign from their

> In his latest attempt, Prof Yusuf forced the popular dean of BBA Faculty to resign while some teachers of the faculty, including Razia Sultana and Mir Tarikul Alam, also assisted him through a conspiracy against Dr Milon to malign his image, they alleged. The CU VC, however, could

posts in a bid to appoint his

chosen persons in the respective

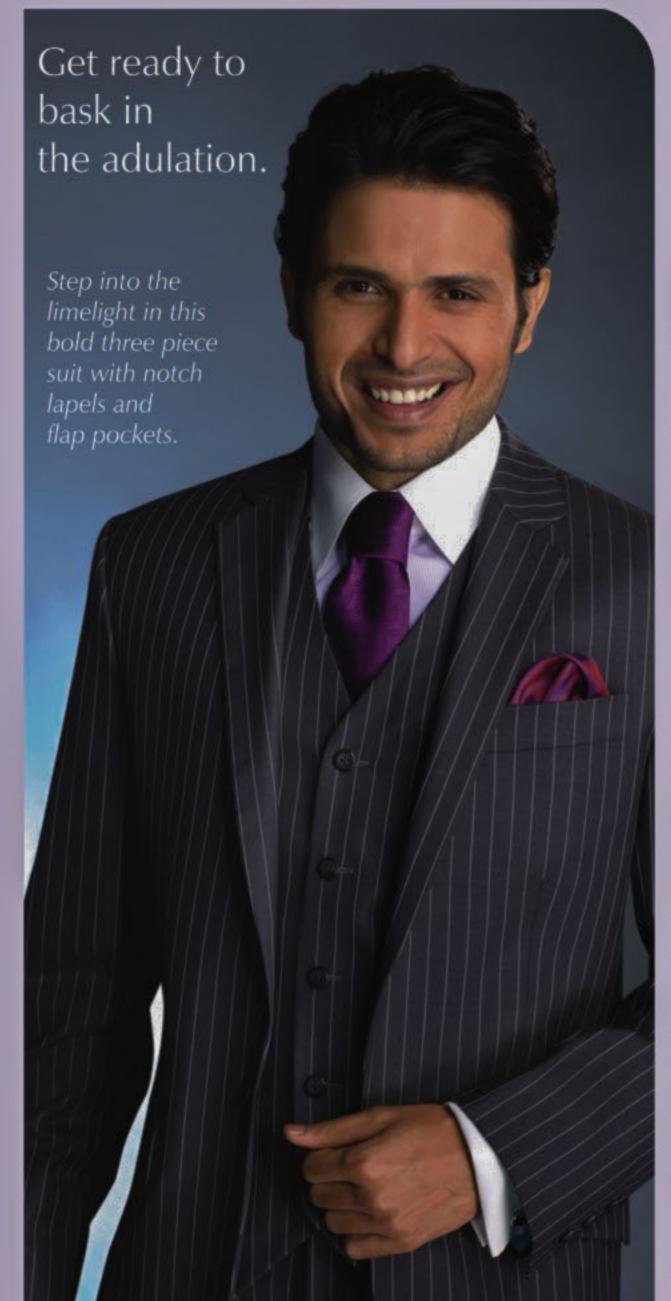
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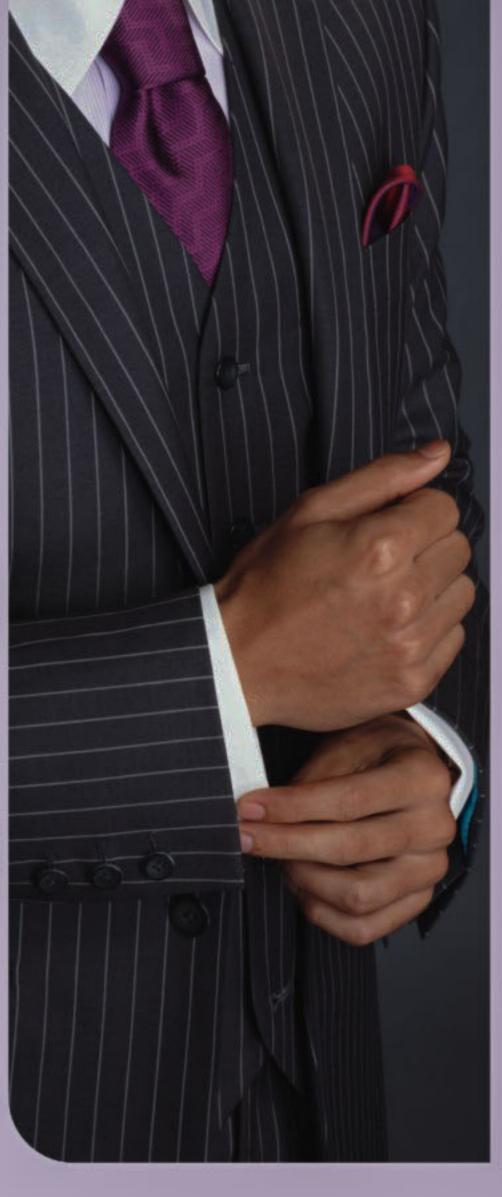
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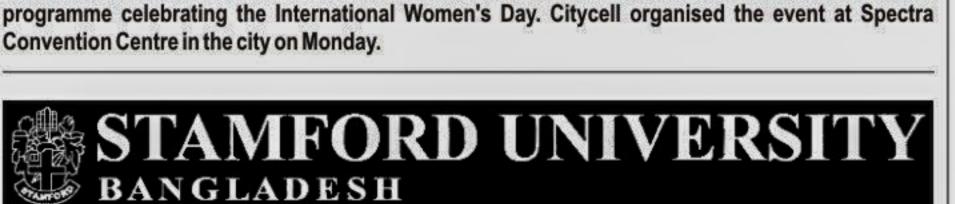




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Foreign Minister Dipu Moni cuts a cake at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the city on Monday cele-

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