



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits Jatiya Jute Mills (former Qaumi Jute Mills) after inaugurating it in Sirajganj yesterday. (Story on Page B-1)

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All to stand 'in court of history' for Prof Yunus, says Dr Akbar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former adviser to a caretaker government Dr Akbar Ali Khan yesterday said Dr Muhammad Yunus lost in the battle in court but one day would come when all would have to stand "in the court of history" for this incident.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar titled "Economic development of Bangladesh and Dr Muhammad Yunus" organised by Friends of Nobel Laureate Dr Yunus, a newly emerged organisation, at Theater Institute Chittagong.

Chaired by Prof Sikander Khan, the seminar was also attended by Prof Moynul Islam; Almagir Muhammad Serajuddin, former vice chancellor of Chittagong University; and Abul Momen, resident editor of the daily Prothom Alo.

Akbar said the philosophical differ-

ence between politicians and Prof Yunus in reducing poverty is that politicians plan on charity while Prof Yunus solves the challenge with self-employment.

Prof Moynul said a Nobel Laureate cannot retire from his post, as his participation is too important to let go of and proposed to make Yunus chairman of Grameen Bank.

Momen said Yunus is not only a man of thought but also of action. Many organisations and men tried to establish microcredit formula through their own theory but only that of Prof Yunus became effective. And this made him the real proponent of microcredit, he added.

UNB adds: Akbar said the government removed Prof Yunus from the post of managing director of Grameen Bank citing a lame excuse that he crossed the required age limit but

many government institutions have no rigid age limit.

Akbar urged the government not to destroy Grameen Bank, which extended loans without collateral to 83 lakh clients, mostly poor women across the country, since its inception 28 years ago.

Criticising the government for what he said conspiring in the darkness to put an end to the micro-lending financial institute, he called for leaving the future of Grameen Bank to its clients.

Khan, also a leading economic expert of the country, accused the country's politicians, including ruling party men, of attempting to tarnish the image of Prof Yunus.

Prof Yunus brought the most prestigious laurel for the country, Akbar said, adding that he is not only an asset to Bangladesh but also a global personality and country's politicians are jealous of him.

Tk 1,201 crore projects for development of Ctg

Biggest govt allotment ever

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The government has taken up different development projects involving Tk 1,201 crore for Chittagong.

Among them, the Chittagong Outer Ring Road project of Tk 857 crore was approved by Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) in its last meeting on March 29 to save Chittagong city from sea surge.

It is the highest allotment ever in the history of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA).

Of the amount, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) will provide Tk 681 and Bangladesh government will give Tk 176 crore for this project to be completed within 2014. The total length of the road will be 14.7 km starting from Patenga sea beach to Sagarika intersection.

The project aims at building a dam, 10-metre in height, and a four-lane road, which will protect the city from natural disaster and make outlet from city simultaneously.

CDA officials said they were mulling to build a new dam as the present dam, about 23 feet (6 metre), of Water Development Board to protect the city is not sufficient enough to cope with rising sea level.

Project Director (PD) of the Outer Ring Road Kazi Hasan Bin Shams said the road would protect the city from rising sea level and it would be used as an alternative route for heavy vehicles

Chittagong Development Authority will build 10-metre high new dam to cope with rising sea level to protect the port city

coming out of Chittagong port simultaneously.

It would help reduce movements of heavy vehicles in the city. The road could be used as an alternative for Dhaka-Chittagong highway, reducing traffic jam. The city will be connected with this embankment highway through three different connecting roads, the PD added.

A consultant would be appointed by CDA to finish land acquisition of the project within a very short time, the PD said, adding, "At the same time we would appoint contractor for the project".

One official source in CDA said they already allotted Tk 140 crore for land acquisition, Tk 176.50 crore for earth filling, Tk 106.27 crore for bridge building and Tk 20.65 crore for culverts.

Meanwhile, Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) got approval for different other projects from local government and rural development (LGRD) ministry and is waiting for Ecne approval. LGRD ministry approved about Tk 344 crore for 629 infrastructures development projects in the port city.

According to a recent decision taken by the government, CCC will get Tk 254 crore for development projects while six members of the parliament (MP) will each get Tk 15 crore to be spent in different projects by CCC following their (MP's) suggestions.

CCC officials said Asian Development Bank will provide 80 percent of the budget and the rest will come from CCC fund.

CCC Executive Engineer Anwar Hossain said, "We hope the project would be passed in June and then we would call the tender for it".

CCC sources said they are prioritising expansion work of roads, new bridges and culverts, and upgradation of drainage system to remove waterlogging problem in Chittagong city forever.

CU dept kept locked for 3 hours

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students studying Sanskrit at Chittagong University (CU) yesterday demanded two separate examination committees for Pali and Sanskrit languages.

The two languages are taught in the department of oriental languages (Pali and Sanskrit) of CU.

Sanskrit students kept the classrooms and offices of the teachers locked for around three hours from 8:00am to press the demand.

The students withdrew the strike after Assistant Proctor Mohammad Shaidul Islam assured them of forming separate committees.

There had been always two exam committees, one for Sanskrit and the other for Pali. This year a single committee is formed with teachers of Pali.

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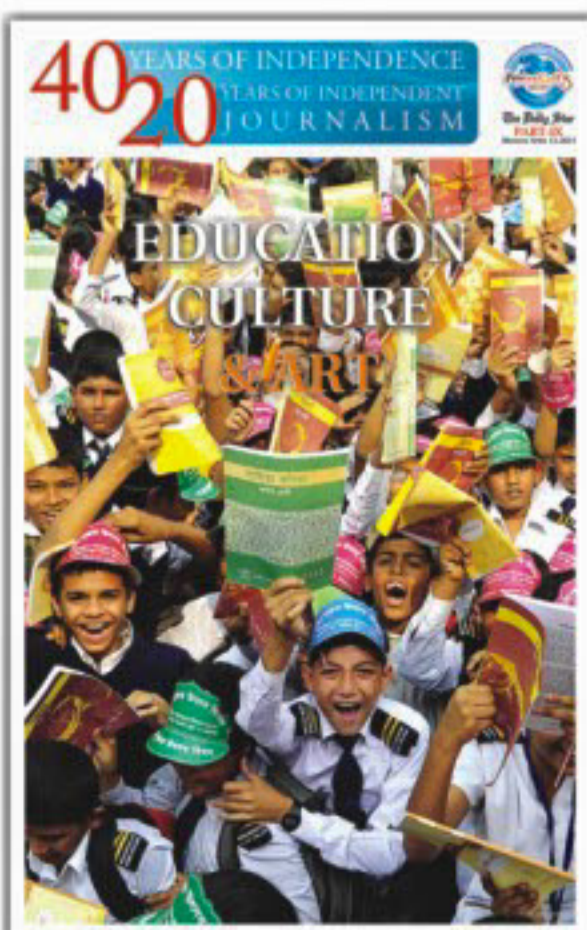
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