

TAGORE'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In-law's house to be museum

BSS, Khulna

Extensive renovation work has begun at Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath's father-in-law's house at Dakhkhindhi under Fultala upazila ahead of the poet's 150th birth anniversary celebration.

The Department of Archeology is carrying out the renovation work to make the house a museum titled 'Rabindra Complex'.

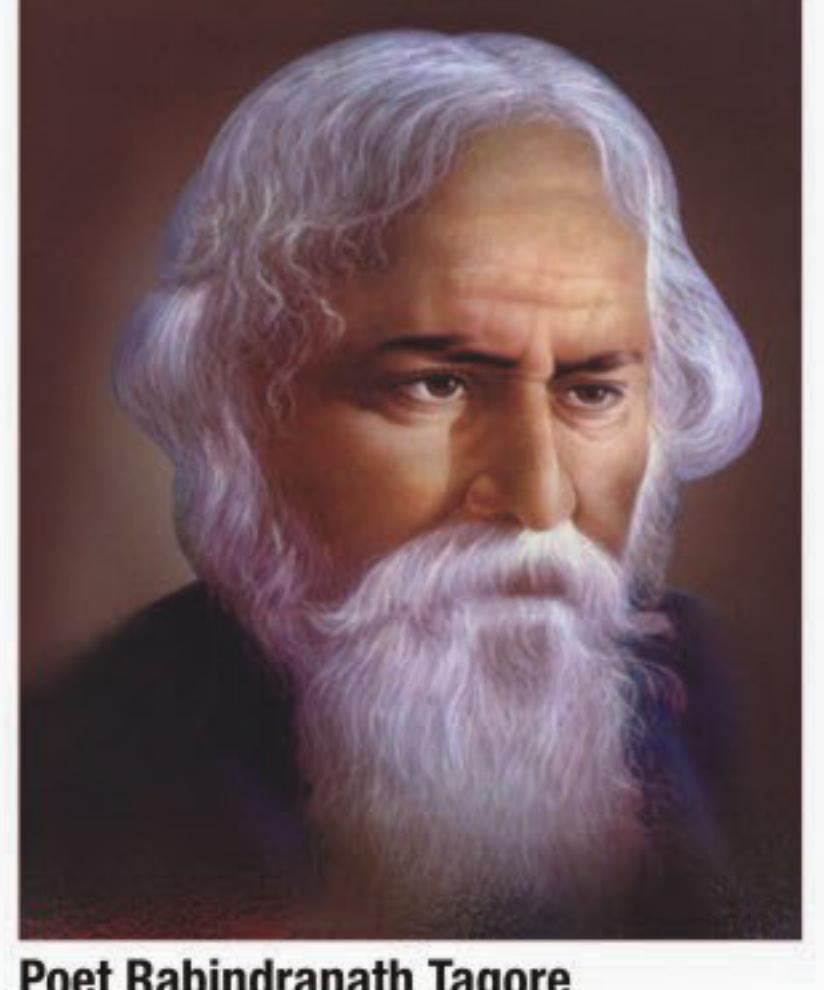
Sources in Khulna regional office of the department said Tagore's in-law's house, bearing his memories, is a preserved archeological site. Tk 31.50 lakh has been allocated for renovation of the house.

Shihab Uddin Md Akbar, regional director of the department, said the cultural affairs ministry earlier sent a letter in August last year for its renovation on an urgent basis to turn it into a museum.

The maternal ancestral home of the great poet was also situated at Dakhkhindhi village. The family of Netai Roy Chowdhury of this village belongs to his maternal uncles.

Tagore had married Bhabatarini

alias Mrinalini Devi, daughter of Benimadhab Roy Chowdhury of the village on December 9 in 1883. Their marriage was solemnised at Jora Sangko in Kolkata.



Poet Rabindranath Tagore

Deputy Assistant Engineer of Department of Archeology Khandakar Zillur Rahman said the two-storyed dilapidated building has four rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the

ground floor at present.

The entrance to the house is approached by staircases. The building has eight windows on the ground floor and 21 windows on the first floor. The height of the roof from the floor on the ground floor is 13 feet. There are seven doors, six windows and wall almirahs on the first floor.

The iron grills of the windows, stairs and corridors have been stolen. The whole building was plastered with white-colour lime and sand. But the plaster has fallen down from most of the walls for lack of maintenance.

A rift has developed on the ground floor. Tiles and wood in the room on the rooftop are slowly being damaged.

Zillur said the archeological site bearing the memories of the great poet could be protected through proper renovation of the old building, its boundary wall, kitchen, bathrooms, roof of the room on the rooftop and the tiles-roof of the veranda.

Shihab said the total land in the site gazetted in favour of the Department of Archeology in 2010 did not come under the possession of the ministry so far.

Five injured as CU BCL factions clash

CU CORRESPONDENT

Five students of Chittagong University (CU) were seriously injured yesterday when rival groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) clashed in a sequel of Friday's clash on the campus.

CU disciplinary committee expelled seven students for one year for their involvement.

Witnesses said CU shuttle train compartment-based BCL groups clashed near Shaheed Minar area on the campus, injuring Soumen and Arif, both second year students of international relations department.

In the afternoon, the groups clashed again leaving Quazi Tanjim of finance and banking department and Zobair Ahmed and Rifat bin Sadeque of sociology department injured.

Those expelled are Fazle Rabbi Sujon, a second year student of finance and banking; Mokarram Hossain, a second year student of history; Kishore Das, a second year student of law; Imran Hossain, a second year student of botany; Md Sharifuzzaman and Jamir Uddin, third year students of sociology; and Md Nuruzzaman, a second year student of accounting and information systems.

E-service centre to be set up in all dists

BSS, Jessore

National Project Director of Access to Information (A2I) Programme of Prime Minister's Office Md Nazrul Islam Khan yesterday said e-service centre will be introduced in all district headquarters across the country within next two months to reach information technology (IT) services to the doorsteps of common people.

He said e-service centre already has been set up in some district headquarters including Jessore.

Nazrul was addressing a meeting on 'The doings in building digital Bangladesh' at the Jessore deputy commissioner's office.

Field administration specialist of the A2I programme Md Mustafizur Rahman and officials of different local government offices addressed the meeting.



Reunion

Azimpur Old Friends' Association will organise a reunion; Venue: Azimpur Girls School and College auditorium; Time: 11:00am.

Reunion

Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association will hold a reunion; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 6:30pm.

Discussion

Islamic Economics Research Bureau will organise a discussion; Venue: its bureau office; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion

Bangladesh Nagorik Samaj will hold a discussion; Venue: World Concern auditorium; Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

Bangladesh Ovibashi Mohila Sramik Association will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 9:00am.

Discussion

Gonocon will hold a discussion; Venue: its central office; Time: 5:30pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Garment Workers Unity Council will organise a rally; Venue: Muktangon; Time: 11:00am.

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National Garment Workers Federation will organise a rally; Venue: its central office; Time: 9:30am.

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