

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 Dakkhindihi 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'.

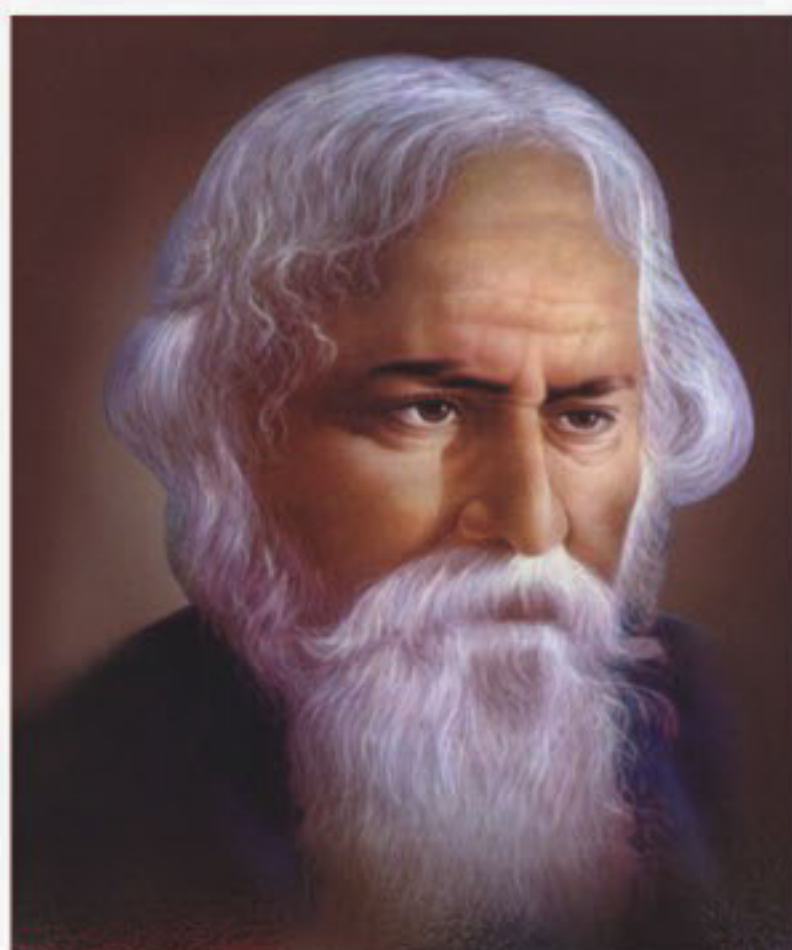
Sources in Khulna regional office of the department said Tagore's in-law's house, bearing his memories, is a preserved archeological site. Tk 31.50 lakh has been allocated for renovation of the house.

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 Dakkhindihi 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-storied 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.



Sangkhubda Janata, an organisation of the agitated people, forms a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting recent attack on the bauls (mystic devotees) in Rajbari.

PHOTO: STAR

## 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 Zobaer 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.

DHAKA TODAY	
<b>Reunion</b> Azimpur Old Friends' Association will organise a reunion; Venue: Azimpur Girls School and College auditorium; Time: 11:00am.	<b>Rally</b> Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation will organise a rally; Venue: Muktagong; Time: 10:00am.
<b>Reunion</b> Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association will hold a reunion; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 6:30pm.	<b>Rally</b> Samajtantrik Sramik Front will organise a rally; Venue: Nabisco intersection, Tejgaon; Time: 4:00pm.
<b>Discussion</b> Islamic Economics Research Bureau will organise a discussion; Venue: its bureau office; Time: 10:00am.	<b>Rally</b> Bangladesh Mukto Sramik Federation will organise a rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club premises; Time: 10:00am.
<b>Discussion</b> Bangladesh Nagorik Samaj will hold a discussion; Venue: World Concern auditorium; Time: 9:30am.	<b>Rally</b> Bangladesh Garments & Tailors Workers Federation will organise a rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club premises; Time: 10:00am.
<b>Seminar</b> Bangladesh Ovivashi Mohila Sramik Association will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 9:00am.	<b>Rally</b> Dhaka Mohanagar Taxicab Chalak Union will organise a rally; Venue: Balaka intersection, Motijheel; Time: 9:00am.
<b>Discussion</b> Gonoforum will hold a discussion; Venue: its central office; Time: 5:30pm.	<b>Rally</b> Jatio Sramik League will organise a rally; Venue: Muktagong; Time: 11:00am.
<b>Rally</b> Bangladesh Garment Workers Unity Council will organise a rally; Venue: Muktagong; Time: 11:00am.	<b>Rally</b> Jatiya Sramik Federation Bangladesh will hold a rally; Venue: its central office; Time: 9:30am.
<b>Rally</b> National Garment Workers Federation will organise a rally; Venue: Paltan intersection; Time: 10:00am.	



এলিট পেইন্ট গ্রুপ অব কোম্পানীজের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান

**সিরাজউদ্দিন আহমেদ**

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২৬তম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকীতে শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি

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তার উখানাটা ছিল অনেকটা এরকম। বিন্দু বিন্দু জলকে তিনি সাগরে পরিণত করেছেন।

১৯৫৪ সালে যে মানুষটি একটি ছোট আকারের কারখানা প্রতিষ্ঠা করে শ্রম ও মেধা দিয়ে ধীরে ধীরে দেশের অন্যতম বৃহৎ প্রতিষ্ঠানে রূপ দিয়েছেন সেই এলিট পেইন্ট-এর নাম আজ দেশের আনাচে-কানাচে সবাই চেনে। শুধু এলিট পেইন্টই তার অবদান থমকে থাকেনি। তিনি ধীরে ধীরে গড়ে তুলেছেন মেসার্স এলিট কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ, মেসার্স এলিট ইন্টারন্যাশনাল লি., মেসার্স কর্পোরেশন ট্যানারিজ এন্ড কেমিক্যালস লি., মেসার্স ডিলাইট নিটিং কোম্পানি লি., মেসার্স এলিট গার্মেন্টস ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ লি., মেসার্স এলিট আয়রন ও স্টিল মিলস লি.। এই সব প্রতিষ্ঠান দেশের রাজস্ব খাতে যেমন অবদান রাখছে তেমনি ৫ হাজারেরও বেশি মানুষ জীবিকা নির্বাহ করছে এইসব প্রতিষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে। ব্যাংকিং ব্যবসা ও বীমা সম্প্রসারণে তার অবদান চিরস্মরণীয়। বাংলাদেশে প্রথম বেসরকারি ব্যাংক 'আরব বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক' ও প্রথম বেসরকারি খাতের ইস্যুরেস কোম্পানি প্রতিষ্ঠালাভ করে তার হাতেই। এই দুই বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানের তিনি ছিলেন প্রতিষ্ঠাতা পরিচালক।

সবচেয়ে বড় কথা তিনি শুধু নিজের শিল্প ও ব্যবসা প্রতিষ্ঠানকেই দিন দিন বড় করে তোলেননি। তিনি ছিলেন সামাজিকভাবে এক অসাধারণ দায়বদ্ধ মানুষ। এই সমাজের প্রতি, দেশের প্রতি একজন শিল্পপতি হিসেবে তার যে দায়িত্ব ছিল তা তিনি অক্ষরে অক্ষরে পালন করেছেন। পালন করেছেন অনেক দায়িত্বশীল পদ। তিনি শিল্প ও বণিক সমিতি ও চিটাগাং ক্লাবের সফল সভাপতি ছিলেন। এছাড়াও তিনি বাংলাদেশ পেইন্ট ম্যানুফ্যাকচারার্স এসোসিয়েশন, বাংলাদেশ টি-ট্রেডার্স এসোসিয়েশনের দীর্ঘদিন সভাপতি ছাড়া বাংলাদেশ ইন্স্টার্টার্স এসোসিয়েশনের মুখ্য সদস্য ছিলেন।

নানা সময় সরকারি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সিদ্ধান্তে তার মূল্যবান মতামত বা পরামর্শ দিকনির্দেশনার কাজ করেছে। সরকার ঘোষিত পাবলিক একাউন্টস কমিটির সক্রিয় সদস্য থাকাকালে তিনি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করেছেন। দেশ ও জাতির উন্নয়নে বিভিন্ন সময় তার বিভিন্ন প্রস্তাব সরকারকর্তৃক গৃহীত হয়েছে এবং তা বাংলাদেশে বেসরকারিভাবে শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠা, ব্যবসা-বাণিজ্য সম্প্রসারণে সহায়তা করেছে।

তিনি এশিয়া, ইউরোপের বহুদেশে বিভিন্ন সময় বিভিন্ন ট্রেড ভিডিং হয়ে বাংলাদেশের প্রতিনিধিত্ব করেছেন। অর্থনৈতিক ক্ষেত্রে এইসব অমূল্য অবদান ছাড়াও একজন শিক্ষানুরাগী ও ক্রীড়ামোদি ব্যক্তি হিসেবে তিনি যা করেছেন তা সব শিল্পপতির জন্য অনুকরণীয় হয়ে থাকবে।

তিনি পৃথিবী থেকে চলে গেলেন। কিন্তু তার কীর্তি এখনো অমলিন।

সৌজন্যে

**সুপার গ্রুপ অফ কোম্পানীজ**



## Pregnant rural mothers prefer delivery at home: Study

UNB, Dhaka

Pregnant mothers living in rural areas prefer delivery at home than at hospital due to influence of their senior family members, trained birth attendants and close neighbours, says a recent study.

"A significant number (77.06 percent) showed preference for home delivery while 22.94 percent went for hospital delivery," the study said.

A group of Chittagong Medical College students under Department of Community Medicine recently conducted the study at Mirsarai of Chittagong under Residential Field Side Training programme.

The study revealed that majority of the respondents were between 25 and 29 years (40 percent), receiving education up to secondary level (32.94 percent) and belonged to lower middle socio-economic status (53.30 percent).

It mentioned that some 23.53 percent of respondents were illiterate with 21.77 percent preferring home delivery. "64.7 percent were those who became pregnant for the first time between 16 to 20 years," quoted the study.

The study said among 170 respondents, 42.94 percent of the mothers had two children below five years.

# Road crashes kill six

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and 14 others injured in separate road accidents in Madaripur, Satkhira, Manikganj, Brahmanbaria and Noakhali yesterday.

A correspondent from Madaripur reports: At least two persons were killed and five others injured as a motorcycle collided head-on with a tempo on Dhaka-Barisal highway at Boulgram Kalibari of Rajoir upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Asaduzzaman Babu, 25, and Rafiqul Islam, 18.

Our Satkhira correspondent adds: A four-year-old child was crushed under the wheels of a truck while he was crossing Satkhira-Kaliganj road at Kukodanga in Kaliganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdur Rakib, son of Saiful Islam of Kukodanga.

Our Manikganj correspondent says: A motorcyclist was killed as a truck hit his motorcycle from behind on Manikganj-Rajibpur

road at Koitta of Saturia upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Ali Hossain, 60, of Kalinagar village of Manikganj Sadar upazila and general secretary of Atigram union committee of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD).

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent adds: A schoolgirl was killed under the wheels of a speeding bus while she was crossing road on Brahmanbaria-Sylhet highway at Medda village of Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mahmuda Akter, 10, a student of Asif Tutorial School and a daughter of Md Gulam Mia of Titaspura village.

Following the accident agitating people barricaded the road for an hour.

Our Noakhali correspondent says: One person was killed and nine others were injured as a bus lost its control and hit a roadside tree at Saudiabazar of Hatiya upazila in the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Marjahan Begum 35.

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