

'Ensure equal rights of women'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) yesterday recommended insertion of a provision in the constitution declaring equal rights of women in all spheres.

It placed the recommendation to the parliamentary special body on constitutional amendment.

The recommendations include insertion of "ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status and disability" in places of "religion, race and birth place" in the charter.

BNWLA executive director Salma Ali said if the scope of equal rights and opportunities cannot be specified in the constitution, violence against women would continue.

College admission begins tomorrow

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Admission process in the colleges will begin from tomorrow across the country through distribution of admission forms till June 9.

Like previous years, no admission test will be held for admission in class XI under the 2011-12 session. Students qualifying the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations would get admission on the basis of their results.

This was decided at a meeting at the Secretariat in the city yesterday with Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid in the chair. Chairmen of different education boards, principals of the city colleges, and the ministry officials attended the meeting.

The meeting decided that the students who have gone for re-scrutinising their results can submit their admission forms by June 13 and classes would begin in all colleges from July 2.

After the meeting, Nahid said several colleges would go for online admission for the first time with 16 colleges in Dhaka Board alone.

He also said two percent seats, this year, will be reserved for children of teachers or managing committee members or staff of the education ministry and its offices concerned.

A five percent quota will be reserved for the children and grandchildren of the freedom fighters.

Nahid said a 10 percent quota will be reserved for the admission aspirants from outside Dhaka while a 10 percent quota will be reserved for the girl students in the colleges.

Dhaka Board Chairman Prof Fahima Khatun said the list of eligible candidates would be published on June 19 and the last date of admission without late fee and with bank draft is June 28.

Fake money making factory busted

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Police busted a fake money making factory and seized a huge quantity of forged notes in South Keraniganj, outskirts of the city, yesterday.

A Kawser Hamid, 33, was arrested in this connection.

South Keraniganj police said they unearthed the den after raiding the house of one Haji Nur Alam at Bashundhara River View residential area around 2:00am.

Forged notes of Tk 1,000, Tk 500, and Tk 100 denominations, currency printing papers, fake monogram of Bangladesh Bank, one printer, one computer and inks of different colours were seized, police said.

Kawser, aided by one Selim, had been doing the crime under the leadership of their ringleader named Sumon.

Cop action on Jamaat human chain

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Police yesterday foiled a human chain program organised by Jamaat-e-Islami in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital in protest at the price hike of CNG and other fuel.

Some 30 Jamaat men sustained injuries as police charged batons to disperse the crowd, witnesses said.

Jamaat activists started gathering in front of the press club around 11:15am to form a human chain but law enforcers obstructed them. Resisted, Jamaat men clashed with police.

Police said Jamaat did not take permission from the authorities concerned before organising the programme.

Tasneem Alam, party's publicity secretary, however, said the party declared the program at a press conference on Tuesday.

Rejaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said 16 Jamaat leaders and activists have been arrested.

Jamaat Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam criticised the government saying, "Such action is not good for the country's democracy."

Unesco to erect Shaheed Minar in Paris

UNB, Paris

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) will erect a Shaheed Minar at its Paris headquarters, as a sign of respect to the language martyrs of Bangladesh.

This was revealed by Unesco Director-General Irina Bokova when she met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the meeting room of the UN's cultural wing's headquarters yesterday.

In reply, Hasina said she is very happy to learn that Unesco is going to erect Shaheed Minar, said her Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad.

"I hope Unesco will erect the Shaheed Minar soon," Hasina said.



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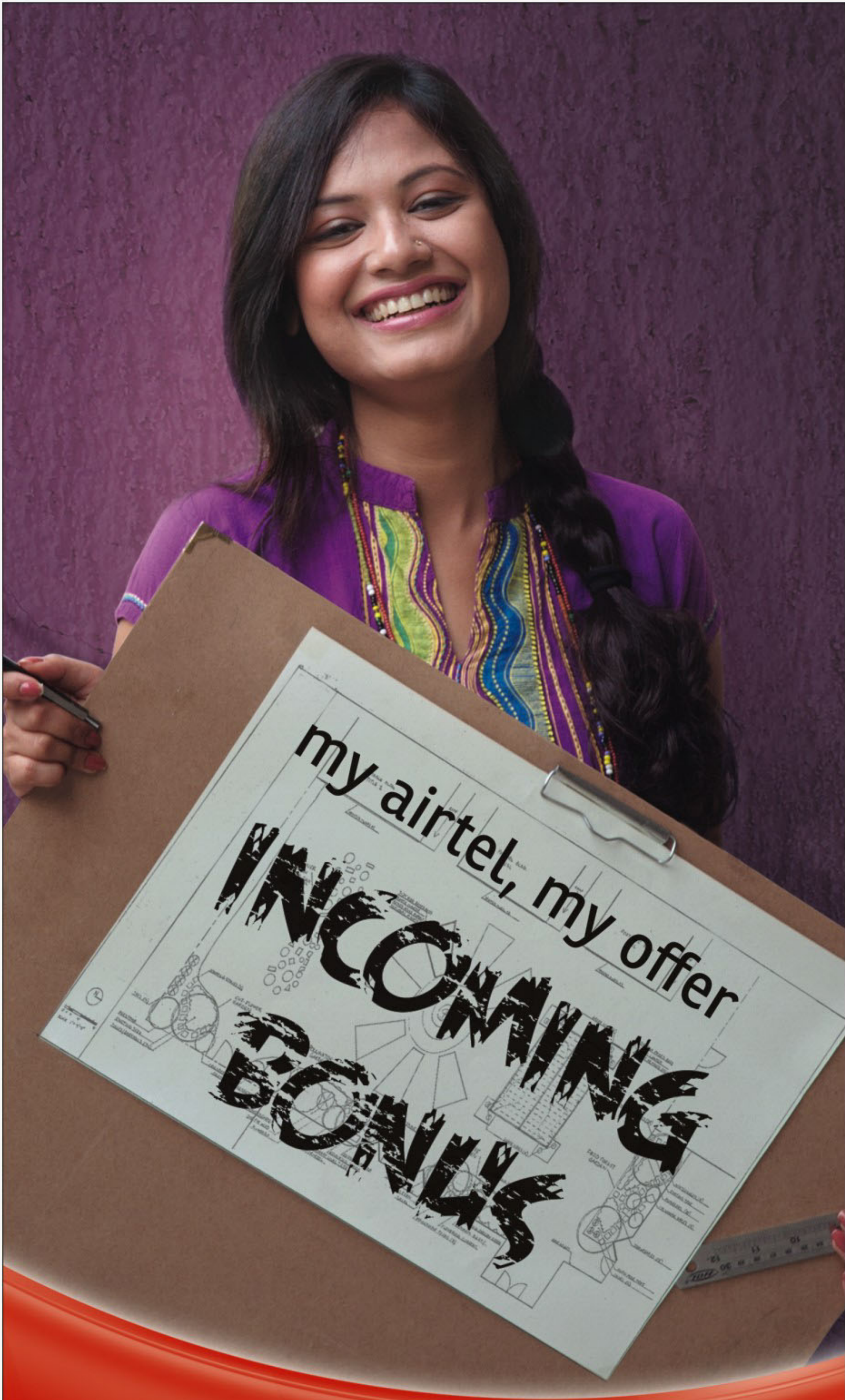
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