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## Habibullah memorial lecture held

## METRO DESK

The Islamic History and Culture department of Dhaka university organised a memorial lecture yesterday on the occasion of the 100th birth anniversary of Prof ABM Habibullah, founder chairman of the department.

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, as the chief guest, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Harun-or-Rashid and Arts faculty Dean Prof Sadru Amin, as special guests, addressed the programme arranged at RC Majumdar auditorium in the University, said a press release.

## 3 held with Tk 2.20cr fake money

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of police on Tuesday arrested three people, including an Indian, from the city with counterfeit money of Tk 2.20 crore, fake currency-making equipment and three coins, which DB claims is from the East India Company era.

The detained Indian identified himself as BN Sarkar alias Masudur Rahman, 45, of Gorabazar in Kolkata while the other two are Abdul Based, 41, and Shahin Oliullah, 40, residents of Beluchi upazila in Sirajganj district.

Sarkar was arrested from the Officers' Club canteen in Baily Road around 10:00pm, said Mohammad Masudur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

Based on his information, a DB team raided a Badda house where the remaining two were arrested with the seized items, said Masudur.



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## 'Unscrupulous agents disturb online Indian visa application'

## DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Indian high commission in Dhaka has said certain unscrupulous elements and visa agents have been trying to intrude into the online visa application system for blocking slots and apportioning them for a consideration.

In a press release yesterday it said unauthorised activities of such elements and agents are not only an impediment to smooth functioning of the online visa application system but is causing grave inconvenience and distress to genuine travellers wishing to visit India.

The commission assured all visa applicants that the matter is being probed to take preventive measures soon.