Daily Star-Robi Initiative

Students engage in English learning spree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A daylong English Language Fair was held in two schools of Jamalpur and Rajshahi yesterday.

The Daily Star and Robi jointly organised the fair to improve the proficiency of secondary school students in English.

Our correspondent from Jamalpur reports: Around 60 students of Reaz Uddin Talukder High School of the district's Sharishabari upazila took part in the fair.

The school's Assistant Teacher Wazeda Parvin

Swapna inaugurated the programme.

The fair began with the screening of a movie, The Lion King. Afterwards, quizzes and competitions on vocabulary, moral

lessons, extempore speech and role playing and writing picture descriptions were held based on the movie. Students also

entertained the audience by reciting poems, telling jokes and singing songs. Later, prizes were distributed among the winners.

Our Rajshahi University correspondent adds: Over 100 students of Maskatadighi Multi Technology High School in Rajshahi took part in the fair.

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The school's Assistant Headmaster Abdul Hakim inaugurated the programme.

The movie was also screened here, based on which the students took part in the quizzes and competitions. Prizes were later distributed among the winners.

Under English in Schools programme, the fair in also being coordinated by the education ministry while Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner.











(Clockwise from top left) The sky above MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong glows during a spectacular fireworks display marking the launch of the 12-day 'Odommo Chattagram' festival, organised by The Daily Star yesterday to promote the port city. Revolutionary Binod Bihari Chowdhury looks at an exhibit at 'Chirayato Chattagram Pradorshani' (Eternal Chittagong Exhibition) on the sidelines of the festival at MA Aziz Gymnasium. The stadium packed with guests. **Chittagong City Corporation Mayor M Manjur Alam** addresses the launching. (Stories on Page 1,10)

CTG DEVELOPMENT

PM's assurance a mockery

Says Amir Khasru

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Nationalists Party (BNP) Chittagong city unit President Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday termed Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina's announcement, at the March 28 grand rally, to take responsibility of the port city's development a mockery.

The PM is making such an announcement at the last hour, showing that the government did nothing for the port city in the last three years in power, he told journalists at Chittagong Press Club.

BNP Chittagong city unit organised the press conference to express its view on the March 28 grand rally of the Grand Alliance at the city's Pologround.

Amir Khasru also said all the PM did for Chittagong was to present a lot of digital banners at the March 28 grand rally as part of her publicity of digital Bangladesh.

He alleged that the port city is gradually turning unfit for living as the Awami League backed government is doing no work for this city's development.

BNP Chittagong city unit General Secretary Shahadat Hossain and Vice-President Shamsul Alam, former Whip Syed Wahidul Alam and former MP Begum Roji Kabir also

attended the conference. The Baily Star **COMING OUT TOMORROW** Star Campus is a weekly publication of The Daily Star that comes out every Sunday. This week, the Star Campus offers an array of interesting articles to tickle your thoughts. The spotlight this week is on the advantages and effectiveness of hobbies and how hobbies can help save someone's life. Our Trends this week is a sequel to **Colours The Real** Secret behind Beauty (part 1) where the meanings and importance of colours are shared. We also have a Star Chat on rising star Saguib Nazar who shares his childhood memories with the readers. We will also have our regular news room for the readers to catch up with the latest news' of universities

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Silly Tales to have a quick

laugh. Catch Star Campus

tomorrow and as always,

Pvt varsity class at DU!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka University teacher yesterday took a class of some students of a private university at DU's business studies faculty violating rules.

Professor Ali Ahsan of Department of Management Studies was found taking the class of around 30 students of American International University of Bangladesh (AIUB) around 12:00 noon.

On information, this correspondent went to the MBA building of the business studies faculty and found Prof Ahsan giving lecture at room number

Contacted in the afternoon over the phone, he denied the allegation, and claimed it was a class of an evening MBA batch of the DU.

Two of the AIUB students, however, said Prof Ahsan, who is a part-time teacher at the private university, asked them to come to the DU business faculty for the class as he was busy with some tasks at his department.

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Wishing anonymity, the two students of BBA also admitted that their class was held between 12:00 noon and 1:30pm. DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin

university authority is looking into the matter with utmost importance. "If the allegation is proved, we'll take action as per the rules," he said. Contacted, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Philosophy Aminul

Siddique told The Daily Star that the

Islam said, "If any teacher takes such a class, we've to know first whether he or she got permission from the DU authorities.'

"If he took the class for private university students at a DU classroom without prior permission, it is truly an example of deviation of sense of duty and morality", he told The Daily Star.

He further said, "It's a unique incident. But a teacher can take such classes after receiving permission of the university authorities concerned, considering that such job is not harming education of the students at his own department."

Astami Snan begins

Bss, Narayanganj

The two-day annual Astami Snan, one of the largest religious festivals of the Hindu community, began here yesterday in the river Brahmaputra at Langalbandh with due respect and solemnity.

The sleepy village Langalbandh under Bandar upazila turned into a pilgrimage as tens of thousands of Hindu devotees both male, female and children from across the country, and neighbouring India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, dipped into the old Brahmaputra river around 10:30am.

They arrived at the spot by buses, private cars and trucks along Dhaka-Chittagong highway and by boat and trawler along the Meghna and Brahmaputra.

Mahatrha Langal Bandh Snan Utsab committee set up 20 reception camps to receive the pilgrims for overnight stay rest and leisure.

The rituals of Astami Snan started from 8:19am and will continue without any break until 9:11am on Saturday at 13 places -- Lalita Sadhu Ghat, Annapurna Ghat, Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi Ghat, Joy Kali Ghat, Premtoli Ghat and Rakkha Kali Ghat.

According to Hindu belief, Parsuram, a saint, killed his mother Omugha Devi upon order of his father Jamadagni with an axe. But it clung to his hand as a mark of sin.

At the order of divinity, he bathed at the slope of the Himalayan water fall on this day of lunar month. The axe dropped from his hand and he was freed from the sin.



Convocation

Dhaka University (DU) will organise its 46th convocation; Venue: Dl playground; Time: 11:30am. **Human chain**

Paribesh Bachao Andolon will form a human chain; Venue: Faculty of Fine

Arts, DU; Time: 11:00am. Sit-in Nagorik Sanghati will stage a sit-in;

Venue: Central Shaheed Minar; Time:

4:00pm.

Discussion Bangladesh-Bharat Moitree Samity Unity (DRU); Time: 3:30pm.

Natyashala, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 7:00pm.

will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya

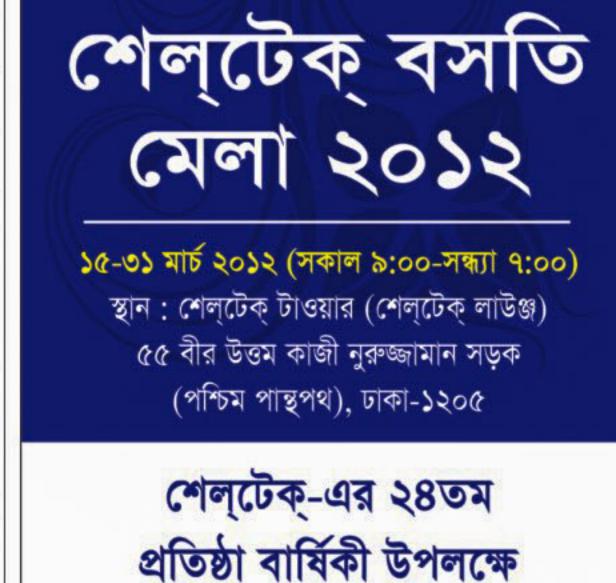
Conference

Faculty of Science and Information Technology of Daffodil International University (DIU) will arrange a national conference; Venue: DIU auditorium;

Time: 10:00am.

Discussion Save the Nation will hold an open

discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters





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STAFF CORRESPONDENT recent maritime delimitation victory Awami League will assume power in the with Myanmar. next parliamentary elections and take AL Joint General Secretary the country forward, as envisioned by Mahbubul Alam Hanif termed Khaleda the people, said Agriculture Minister

People envision AL in power

Matia Chowdhury yesterday. "People have become aware and they want to see the government of Sheikh Hasina again in power for the advancement of the country," she said at a rally before Baitul Mukarram National Mosque's south gate in the city.

Dhaka city unit of Awami League organised the rally to congratulate

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over the

an "agent of Pakistan", stating that BNP conspired to halt the country's devel-

opments. Dhaka city AL acting president MA Aziz Chaired the rally where AL General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya also spoke.

Later a procession was brought out at Suhrawardy Udyan where central AL leaders were present.

দি ডেইলি স্টার-অদম্য চট্টগ্রাম সৌন্দর্য, সাহসের যত গল্প The Daily Star নাট্য উৎসব ২০১২ ৩১ মার্চ ২০১২ - ৪ এপ্রিল ২০১২ নট্যি উৎসবটি সকলের জন্য উন্মক্ত বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি মিলনায়তন দি ডেইলি স্টার, চট্টগ্রাম অফিস, জামালখান রোড, চট্টগ্রাম আজ বিকেল ৫টায় উৎসবটি উদ্বোধন করবেন রামেন্দ্র মজুমদার, বিশ্ব সভাপতি, আই টি আই রচনাঃ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম. তির্যক নাট্যদল ১ এপ্রিল অরিন্দম নাট্য সম্প্রদায় নাটক-মধুমালা নির্দেশনাঃ আহমেদ ইকবাল হায়দার নাটক-জলকন্যা নির্দেশনাঃ - আকবর রেজা নান্দিকার রচনাঃ তানভীর আহমেদ সিডনী. ২ এপ্রিল উত্তরাধিকার

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