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Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique cuts a cake to inaugurate the university's 91st anniversary celebrations on the campus yesterday.

DU's founding anniversary celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University students, teachers and staff celebrated the university's 91st anniversary amid fanfair and festivity yesterday.

Themed "Higher Education for Empowerment of Women", the day began with DU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique hoisting the national and university's flag and cutting a cake before the Registrar Building in the morning.

Afterwards, a colourful procession paraded the campus and ended at Teacher-Student Centre at 10:00am where a discussion was held.

DU Treasurer Prof Kamal Uddin presided over the discussion where the VC, pro VCs --Prof Nasreen Ahmad and Prof Shahid Akhtar Hussain -- and Registrar Rezaur Rahman spoke.

Prof Arefin said DU produced not only graduates but also brave people who sacrificed their lives for the nation through different movements, including the language movement and Liberation War.

Later different programmes, including blood donation, debate, friendly football match, cultural

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BSMMU VC rebukes errant doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Dr Pran Gopal Datta warned a number of doctors who were either absent in their duties or were late in attending office at the hospital yesterday.

The VC went to a round through the hospital and found some doctors were absent and late in their duties in the outpatient department and some other departments.

"When the vice chancellor was in a round through the outpatient department, he found some doctors were absent. He wanted to know the reasons from their respective departments, and immediately called the

doctors over the cellphone and rebuked them," Muhammad Salah Uddin Siddique, private secretary to the VC told The Daily Star.

BSMMU director Brig Gen Md Abdul Majid Bhuiyan told The Daily Star that there were rumors that 10 doctors had been suspended and some others had been issued notices to show cause why they were absent or late to work.

"Actually the vice chancellor warned the doctors verbally," he said adding that the office time starts at 8:00am in the BSMMU.

Meanwhile, the VC's warnings have created mixed reaction among the doctors, medical officers and senior professors at different departments.

CDs, cassettes stolen from ATN Bangla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some compact discs and cassettes containing important information were stolen from the archive of ATN Bangla's Karwan Bazar office, reported the private TV channel.

The channel management fears that it would be harmful for ATN Bangla if the records were altered with ill intention and broadcast.

They suspected that the theft took place recently.

A general diary was lodged with Tejgaon Police Station prohibiting use of the materials.

2 schoolgirls drown

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two schoolgirls drowned in Begunbari Jheel in the capital's Tejgaon Industrial area yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Bristi, 6, daughter of Abu Sani, a rickshaw puller and Boishakhi, 7, daughter of Mohammad Sayeed, a rickshaw-van puller of Begunbari area in the capital.

Locals said the two children drowned in the jheel around 2:30pm when they went there to take a bath.

They were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared them dead.

Family sources said Bristi and Boishakhi returned from school around 11:30 and went out for roaming the jheel area.

Ilias Hossain, an inspector of Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station, said police are investigating the matter.

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