



BASILA MELA

THE annual Basila mela has turned into a tradition. Every year around this time people on the outskirts of Dhaka organise this mela with fun fairs, encompassing a sense of community. As part of Bangladesh's culture, different rides are organised at the mela. Additionally, there is a plenitude of toys for children. Traditionally tempting and therefore mouth-watering food items are on happy display. But the key attraction of the mela certainly has to be the rowing race. Traditional boats crammed with rowers, oars in hand, are lined up for the dash to the finish line all the way near the Buriganga bridge. The mela and the race have been going on for about 40 straight years, but many in the capital with their busy schedules tend to forget that such events are happening around the city.

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