

DU observes World Tourism Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University's Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management organised various programmes on Friday to observe World Tourism Day.

On the occasion, the department arranged daylong programmes including a seminar, a rally, a quiz and photo competitions on the university campus, said a press release.

The daylong activities began with a rally with the slogan "Tourism is our future and we are tourism's future" planned by Bangladesh Tourism Board.

Later, a seminar was held at the conference hall of the department with Aktaruzzaman, CEO of Bangladesh Tourism Board, as the chief guest. Dr Mojib Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the tourism and hospitality management department, was the keynote speaker.

A discussion on revising the department's curriculum was held in the afternoon.

School principals

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manager of British Council, Prashanth Rathore, regional marketing manager of Edexcel, and Abdullah Liton, regional development manager of Edexcel, among others, were present at the workshop along with principals and vice-principals.

Polytechnic students clash with cops in Sherpur, Bogra

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At least 80 people including 12 policemen were injured as polytechnic students clashed with the law enforcers in Sherpur and Bogra yesterday during demonstrations demanding elimination of "professional discrimination" against diploma engineers and "timely promotion" of teachers at the institutes.

In Sherpur, police arrested around 30 students after about 150 students, stopped by police from forming a human chain blocking the Mymensingh-Sherpur highway, vandalised their institute, said Mazharul Karim, officer-in-charge, Sherpur Sadar Police Station.

Police charged batons, and fired 20 tear gas shells, and 110 shotgun bullets, he said.

At least 10 students were injured as polytechnic students in Bogra clashed with police while vandalising public property.

The students also blocked the Kachua-Sachar highway in Chandpur for around an hour.

Meanwhile, polytechnic students have threatened to boycott their final examinations from tomorrow in a bid to press home the demands, said a press release of Bangladesh Karigari Chhatra Parishad.

The Parishad organised a human chain at Dhaka Polytechnic Institute in Tejgaon and later tried to block the road, but were stopped by police. Agitated, they then vandalised the institute.

Under the banner, "We will not become supervisors or give exams", the association demonstrated against the 2008 government move to give entry-level diploma engineers the post of "supervisor". It also demanded introducing a new system of promotion for diploma engineers.

Seven get Prof Ibrahim award

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National Prof Md Ibrahim who established Birdem in 1980.

Handing over the awards as special guest, Finance Minister AMA Muhi said the young generation should follow in the footsteps of Prof Ibrahim and the principles he set as a successful physician, gifted teacher, talented socio-health organ-

iser and a great reformer.

Dr Ibrahim worked as per his motto, "no diabetic patient should die untreated, unfed or unemployed even if she/he is poor", providing primary care to diabetic patients free of cost, irrespective of their socio-economic, racial or religious status, said the parishad Vice-President Daulatun Neesha.

MJF moves to help

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Sarah Cooke, country representative of DFID Bangladesh, said Bangladesh had made significant progress in many sectors but too many people were left behind, and COPE was for those people.

"By December 2016, it will have helped many of them gain access to assets and economic opportunities and have a greater say in decisions affecting their lives."

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Prof Gowher Rizvi praised the non-government organisations for their pivotal role in the country's development especially in achieving Millennium Development Goals

(MDGs). Terming NGOs as development partners of the government, Gowher emphasised their joint role in poverty eradication.

Nurun Nabi Talukder, director general of NGO Affairs Bureau, and Priya Powell, counsellor, Head of Development Corporation, AusAid, Bangladesh, among others, also spoke.

After the first session, Rina Roy and Shamim Imam, directors of MJF; and Moinul Haque and Abdullah Al Mamun, MJF managers, demonstrated different aspects of the programme.

In the session, Executive Director of Transparency International, Bangladesh Dr Iftekharuzzaman, also a

member of MJF Board, asked the partner organisations to ensure transparency and accountability of their activities.

Later, Shaheen Anam and Parvin Mahmood, another member of MJF Board, answered the queries of the partner organisation representatives.

On the occasion, four partner organisations were given awards as "outstanding organisations for compliance and financial management."

These are Mohideb Jobu Samaj Kalyan Samity (MJSKS), Kurigram; SKS Foundation, Gaibandha; RDRS Bangladesh, Rangpur; and Bandhu Social Welfare Society (BSWS), Dhaka.

Two students 'commit suicide' in capital

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Two female college and university students allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents in the capital yesterday and on Friday, police told The Daily Star.

Rifat Tamanna Chaity, 17, a first-year student of Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt Anwar Girls' College and a resident of West Manikdi, near Dhaka Cantonment, jumped off a six-storey building in Mirpur's Monipur yesterday around 3:00pm.

She had gone to the building, where a relative of hers resided, after an altercation with her mother around 2:00pm.

Tasnim Ashrafi Tisha, 25, a law student at Stamford University, was found hanging by the neck from a ceiling fan on Friday night in the Mohammadpur residence she shared with her husband, two-year-old child and mother.

The mother found the body when she went to check up on her after she went to bed early around 8:30pm.

Family members claimed that Tisha was mentally imbalanced. The bodies were taken to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Khaleda to address

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of different front organisations of the party were accompanying the leader of the opposition.

Thousands of BNP supporters and activists were seen standing by the roads to welcome their leader on her way to Jessor, reports our correspondent travelling with the motorcade.

They chanted anti-government slogans, carrying colourful placards, banners and portraits of Khaleda, late president Ziaur Rahman, and their elder son Tarique Rahman.

The MP aspirants in the area made their presence felt at different points to win Khaleda's favour. A huge number of women supporters were also seen singing, dancing and beating drums to welcome her.

A huge tailback was created on Dhaka-Aricha Highway due to the motorcade.

Starting from Narsingdi on September 8, the opposition leader held rallies in Rangpur and Rajshahi on September 15 and 16.

She will also hold rallies in Barisal, Sylhet, Chittagong and Dhaka.

JU teachers go on fresh work

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An investigation team, upon directions from JU Chancellor and President Abdul Hamid, was formed on September 2 to recommend an acceptable solution.

The teachers launched a movement on April 14 demanding the VC's removal for not expelling a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, who allegedly assaulted a teacher earlier.

Reintroduce 'no vote'

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"Of the EC's proposals, the law ministry rejected at least two important ones, including section 44b(6) which states that EC would monitor campaigning expenditure of candidates," he said.

Such rejections might have adverse effects in the long run as a culture of vote buying during polls has turned into a threat to the country's democracy, he said.

The speakers also alleged that the EC had unsuccessfully tried to undermine its

own power and now urged the government to introduce some amendments to the EC's constitutional duty to hold a free and fair poll. "If the EC fails to do so, then the people would not forgive them," he said.

Former adviser to a caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan and Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Shahjahan also spoke.

He said, despite the presence of laws and governance, the country lacked a proper combination of the two, that is good governance.

SHUJAN is scheduled to form a human chain regarding the issue before Jatiya Press Club on October 1 at 10:30am.

Posting of 124

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JSC has initiated the process to appoint 127 more judges, he said, adding that these new appointments would help reduce the backlog of cases and ensure justice expeditiously.

Over 24 lakh cases are pending with lower courts, where the present government, till date, appointed 308 judges through JSC, said the sources.

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