



Finance Minister AMA Muhith presents Suraiya Ahmed Sharika, a visually impaired student of Government Titumir College, one of the Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd scholarships awarded to 2,518 needy, meritorious students at a programme in the capital's Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium. On his right is Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh Gerben de Jong and the bank's Managing Director KS Tabrez and on his left is the bank's Board of Directors Chairman Sayem Ahmed.

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2,518 needy students get DBBL scholarship

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A total of 2,518 needy, meritorious students from all over the country were awarded scholarships by Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd in a gala programme in the capital yesterday. The scholarship amount disbursed this year summed up to Tk 102 crore, and is meant for tertiary education. This is the eighth phase of scholarship distribution by the bank. Finance Minister AMA Muhith present at the ceremony encouraged all corporate bodies to adopt similar projects to give back to the society. Helping students is one way to make sure that the impacts of the money spent go a long way, said Gerben de Jong, ambassador of the Netherlands. "At least 90 percent of the scholarships are given to rural students, while girls received a 50 percent share," said Sayem Ahmed, chairman, executive committee of the DBBL board. Suraiya, from Satkhira, was one of the

awardees present at the ceremony in Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium at Mirpur. The daughter of a farm labourer, Suraiya's favourite book is Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. "I want to study English for graduation. We never got many English books in my village, I look forward to getting a chance to read more," she said. Suraiya has qualified for admission to Dhaka University but her major was not declared yet. "Although I am hoping for English, I know that the smart thing for me to do would be to sit for Bangladesh Civil Service exams afterwards and get a stable job. I need to support my family. How long can I let my father work as a labourer?" she said. The father of Fatema Jannat, who is also a day labourer, said, "I would not have been able to pay for her university education. Now I can dream that one day she can hold a PhD." Fatema wants to be a lawyer working on

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Develop habit of listening to others' views

Youths urged at closing session of Rotary Club of Chittagong Debate Championship 2014

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers yesterday urged the youth to develop the courage to find truth and the practice of listening to others' opinions from their debating experience. They made the call at the closing ceremony of the three-day debate competition "Rotary Club of Chittagong Debate Championship 2014" organised by Rotary Club, Chittagong in association with Drishti, Chittagong at Theatre Institute in the port city. SM Abu Tayab, president-elect of Rotary Club, Chittagong, said through debating, people developed the practice of listening to each other's opinions. At university level, North South University bagged the champion's trophy while Premier University Chittagong and Chittagong University became the first and second runner-up.

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Four including Nizami, Babar shifted to Dhaka, Kashimpur jails

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four of the convicts on death row in one of the two Chittagong arms haul cases, including ex-minister Motiur Rahman Nizami and former state minister Lutfozzaman Babar, were shifted to Dhaka and Kashimpur jails from Chittagong yesterday as they are also accused in cases being heard in the capital's courts. The remaining two are former National Security Intelligence (NSI) director general Brig Gen (ret'd) Abdur Rahim and former Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) director Maj Gen (ret'd) Rezzakul Haider Chowdhury.

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Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Begum Suraiya, a renowned folk singer in Lalmonirhat, died of old age complications in Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday. She was 65. Suraiya was famous for her song, "O ki garial bhai...". She performed on BTV and Bangladesh Betar regularly. Suraiya left behind her freedom fighter husband Nurul Islam and two sons. She would be buried in her family graveyard at Vadai village of Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat today, family sources said.

Ansar Ali Sarker
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Ansar Ali Sarker, a member of the advisory committee of Awami League district unit and a former chairman of Kamalpur union parishad, died of a cardiac arrest at his house in Dinajpur town yesterday. He was 78. He left behind a son and two daughters. He was buried at the town's Faridpur graveyard.



Guests with awardees of a three-day "Rotary Club of Chittagong Debate Championship 2014", organised by Rotary Club of Chittagong in association with Drishti, Chittagong, at Theatre Institute in the port city yesterday.

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Parvez Hossain, Mainus Sultan get Prothom Alo Year's Best Book Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla daily Prothom Alo conferred the "10th Prothom Alo Borsho Shera Boi 1419" (best book of the year) award on two authors through a ceremony attended by writers and readers in the capital's Hotel Ruposhi Bangla yesterday. Parvez Hossain received the award for "Dubochor", a collection of short stories in Bangla, under the fiction category while Mainus Sultan's travelogue "Zimbabwe: Boba Pathor Salanini", was adjudged the best Bangla non-fiction. The authors of the books, published in the last Bangla year, were presented a crest and Tk 50,000 each. The books were selected by a group of jurists, headed by eminent educationist Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and including writers Selina Hossain, Syed Manzoorul Islam, Wasi Ahmed and Bhishmadeb Choudhury. Addressing the event, Prothom Alo Managing Editor Sajjad Sharif announced that the Bangla daily will begin conferring on young poets from this year a new annual "Jibananda Das Award". "The manuscript will be published by us as well," he said.

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Road crashes kill eight, injure two

CITY DESK

Eight people were killed and two others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Friday. Our staff correspondent reports, Taslima, 4, daughter of a day labourer, Saidur Hossain, died after a mini truck ran her over while she was playing on a road in Uttara's sector-11 in the capital yesterday. Our Chittagong correspondent adds, a youth was killed and his brother injured when a microbus hit a motorbike carrying them on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway at Adunagar in Lohagara upazila. The deceased was Shah Alam, 38, a shop owner of Adunagar village. Injured Nazim was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Meanwhile, Abdullah Arman Faisal, 14, a class-IX student of Ispahani Victoria High School, died as a covered van ran him over on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Badamtali

intersection in North Kattali area of the port city. In another accident, Kamal uddin, 35, of Mirsarai upazila, was killed when a covered van rammed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying him in Thakur Dighi area at the upazila yesterday. Our Jhalakathi correspondent reports, two activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League were killed while another was injured when the motorbike they were on hit a roadside electric pole at Bukathi in Jhalakathi on Friday. The dead were Habibur Rahman, 24, vice president of BCL Gava Ramchandrapur union unit, and Alauddin Howlader, 24. Our Tngail correspondent adds, two teenagers died after a truck rammed their motorbike on Bangabandhu Bridge in Salla area of Kalihati upazila yesterday. The dead were Imrul Sarker, 17, son of Mintu Sarker, and Rifat Ahmed, 15, son of Abdul Halim, of the upazila.

NEWS IN brief

Boy loses leg trying to jump onto train

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A child severed his left leg at the knee while attempting to jump onto a running train in Chittagong Railway Station yesterday afternoon. The incident occurred when Sadekul Alam, 10, son of Abul Kalam, of a nearby slum, slipped and the train rolled over his leg. His father rushed him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Man arrested for 'immolating wife' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man, who went into hiding allegedly after killing his wife by setting fire to her in their Hathazari residence in Chittagong on January 20, was arrested yesterday afternoon. Hathazari police arrested Sanjay Pal, 40, at Raozan Bus Stand. Joya Pal, died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on January 20 hours after Sanjay admitted her there with 95 percent burns. Joya's father Gopal Krishna Dutta filed a case accusing Sanjay, his brother Dananjay Pal and Dananjay's wife Beby Pal. The other two are still absconding.

Youth found dead in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

An unidentified youth was found dead under Angur Mian Bridge in Mahiganj area of Rangpur city yesterday morning. On information from locals, police recovered the body around 10:30am. Md Abdul Qader Jilani, officer-in-charge of Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, said the body bore several wounds. Unknown miscreants might have killed him at a place and left the body there Friday night, the OC added. The body was sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

DMP celebrates 39th anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday celebrated its 39th anniversary at Rajarbagh Police Lines. State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan attended the programme as the chief guest while Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker and Senior Secretary to the Home Ministry CQK Mushtak Ahmed were present as special guests. At the event, DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed urged the city dwellers to help the police in order to check crimes.

NSU spring semester orientation held

CITY DESK

The orientation ceremony of spring-2014 semester for the newly enrolled students of 13 courses under North South University (NSU) was held on its Bashundhara campus in the capital yesterday. Vice Chancellor Dr Amin U Sarkar, chaired the ceremony while NSU Trust BOT Chairman Ragib Ali was present as the chief guest, says a press release. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr ANM Meshquat Uddin, Proctor Dr Kazi Abu Sayeed, Students Club Coordinator Dr Emdadul Haq were, among others, present.

CVASU orientation for freshers held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The orientation programme for the new students under 2013-2014 academic session of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was held on the campus yesterday. Vice Chancellor Prof AS Mahfuzul Bari presided over the programme while State Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Chowdhury attended it as chief guest. University Grants Commission member Prof Md Akhtar Hossain, PHP Group Chairman Sufi Mohammad Mizanur Rahman and CVASU Treasurer Prof Somen Dewan, were also present.

DCCI distributes blankets among poor in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) distributed 250 blankets among cold-hit poor people in Rangpur city yesterday afternoon. Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), DCCI with the help of the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) jointly distributed the blankets. RCCI Senior Vice President Mojtoba Hossain Ripon handed over the warm clothes as the chief guest at a ceremony on RCCI Public School and College ground. The school and college Principal AKM Hasinur Rahman and RCCI directors were present.

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