

# Nat'l science, tech fair begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To make students enthusiastic about science, a three-day National Science and Technology Fair began in the capital yesterday.

Over 160 innovative projects from all over the country are on display. Winners of recent district level science competitions, held in junior, senior and special groups, are participating in the fair in National Science and Technology Museum.

The projects include mechanism to produce electricity from wastage and to keep food fresh longer without using formalin.

A group of three students from Sylhet Polytechnic Institute have made a device named Passive Infrared Monitor Sensor that can be used in bank vaults to ensure its security.

Jafri Ahmed, one of the innovators, said when someone enters the vault the sensor will read infrared emission from his body and send a message to the control room and a voice message to an authority's cellphone automatically.

He said it took four weeks and around Tk 6,000 to make the device. They conceived the idea following bank heists in Kishoreganj and Bogra several months back. State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman inaugurated the fair.



Visitors take a look at projects being displayed in a three-day National Science and Technology Fair at National Science and Technology Museum in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Only bigger budget for

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Khaleda Akhter, senior research associate at civil society think tank Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said the government was taking different projects for women but there was no specific work plan for their implementation.

Prof Mahbuba Nasreen, director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies at Dhaka University, doubted whether there was any coordination between the ministries of forest and environment and disaster management and relief on their expenditures on women.

Kazi Marful Islam, a teacher of development studies at DU, said there should be mechanisms to measure the government's spending in different sectors, especially on women's health.

Another DU teacher, Shourav Sikder, observed that the budgetary allocations and other arrangements were mainly for the upper class women, not the marginalised ones.

Earlier, Ranjan Karmakar, executive director of Steps Towards Development, presented a paper highlighting the pros and cons of the allocations for women in the recently placed budget.

## 9 officials transferred

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BR (West Zone) as its additional general manager, while Md Abdul Hai, joint director general (engineering) of Rail Bhaban, replaced him.

Abdul Motin Chowdhury, chief mechanical engineer of BR (East Zone), took the same post in the West Zone. Harun-Or-Rashid, chief mechanical engineer of BR (West Zone), replaced Motin.

Mihir Kanti Guho, chief operating superintendent of BR (East Zone), has been made joint director general (operation) of Rail Bhaban, while Md Mia Jahan, chief operating superintendent of BR (West Zone), replaced him.

Asked about the reason behind the transfers, Jobeda Akhter, deputy director (public relation) of BR (East Zone), said it is routine work.

## NU VC, five officials

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petition filed by Md Nazirul Islam, general secretary of Private Teachers Training College Association.

The bench also summoned Goutam to appear before it on July 7 to explain his role over the allegation of ignoring the directives.

Nazirul, a writ petitioner, on October 6 last year, applied to the six respondents to take steps for renewal of the registration of the 38 training institutions and raise the salaries of

the teachers who earned BEd degrees from these private colleges.

But, over four months later, on February 19, the education ministry issued a letter, saying it was not mandatory for the government to comply with the HC verdict since an appeal was pending with the Supreme Court against that judgment.

The ministry also served a show cause notice on Nazirul. Against this backdrop, Nazirul filed the contempt petition with the HC.

## Appeal for help

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now looking to the affluent and generous people of the society for financial assistance. Contributions can be sent to: civil

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# Two die as trains run them over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people, including a schoolgirl, died when separate trains ran them over in the capital's Gulbag and Khilket area yesterday.

Abdul Mannan 47, a laboratory technician of Local Government Engineering Department in Manikganj, was over the cell phone while walking on the rail tracks when a Dhaka-bound train, Dhumketu Express, rolled over him.

His younger brother, Lutfur Rahman, said Mannan left their Hatirpool residence for his work at Manikganj but the family does not have any idea why he went to Gulbagh.

In another incident, a class-X student of Khilgaon Girls School and College, Nilufar Yasmin Priya, 16, of Khilgaon Bagicha, died after a Tongi-bound train ran her over.

Railway police could not ascertain what Priya was doing on the spot. The body clad in school uniform was sent for an autopsy.

## Brother's fight for justice

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abduction case to the Rangamati court.

Over 5,000 letters arrived in support of the demand of Kalpana's family for fair probe.

"I am very happy that young children across the world expressed their concerns for my family; at the same time, these letters remind me of my sister, whose fate remains unknown to us till date," said Kalindi.

After her abduction, both Rangamati police and Chittagong Zone Criminal Investigation Department (CID) failed to carry out satisfactory investigation.

The CID's report was rejected by the magistrate court in Rangamati citing that the investigators did not even interrogate the prime accused, Lt Ferdous Kaiser Khan of Kojoichhari army camp and VDP men Nurul Haq and Saleh Ahmed.

A Rangamati court ordered the district's Superintendent of Police Amena Begum on January 16, 2013 to reinvestigate the case, asking her to interrogate the three. She too failed to submit the probe report on several occasions till date.

## Qaisar set Pak

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market's west. The next day, houses on the east of the market were looted and burnt down, and 10/12 people were killed there, said Nayeab, quoting Lal Miah, whose shop was gutted by fire. "I want justice," the witness said as he identified Qaisar in the courtroom yesterday.

Qaisar's lawyer SM Shahjahan asked three questions before the three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the proceeding till today when Nayeab will face further cross-examination.

## Osmani medical college

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Wednesday. Afterwards, the 10 suspended BCL men, including Soumen, and 10 others were sued.

Soumen was sent to jail after the court recorded his confessional statement, said Mohammad Rahamat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

Meanwhile, the college unit's JCD activists continued their indefinite strike protesting the murder.

## Rana Plaza survivor

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compensation in connection with the collapse of the nine-storey building last year.

Locals, hearing shouts from Shahabuddin's residence, alerted law enforcers, said police. Police rescued her and arrested Shahabuddin.

Police sent the victim to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for tests to verify whether she was raped.

## AL leader

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The constituency fell vacant after JP lawmaker Nasim Osman's death on April 30.

## Charge framing

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after lawyers of Abdullah Al Noman, Jubo Dal General Secretary Saiful Alam Nirob and several other BNP leaders submitted separate petitions seeking adjournment of the hearing.

During yesterday's hearing, among the leaders, Fakhru, Moudud, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Mirza Abbas, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annee, Moazzem Hossain Alal, Amanullah Aman and Sultan Salauddin Tuku were present at the court while Noman and Nirob remained absent.

The other accused have been absconding since the cases were filed.



South Korean Ambassador in Dhaka Lee Yun Young, Rotary Governor Ghulam Mustafa and others with some poor children at a fact finding mission at a village in Gazipur on Friday. South Korea and Bangladesh will carry out huge rural development projects in 132 villages.

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## Parents

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But the situation has changed as many middle-class families send their kids to the schools too," said Manjur Rashid.

The parents also demanded a stop to charging of "hidden" fees and withdrawal of the VAT on the schools.

Later, a representative of the guardians submitted a memorandum to the education ministry, seeking its intervention.

On April 23, the High Court directed the government to take effective steps to stop English medium schools across the country from taking readmission fees for the next three months.

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