

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 28.4 | L 14.8

CHITTAGONG H 29.7 | L 16.5

SYLHET H 27.6 | L 13.4

RAJSHAHI H 28.0 | L 11.5

KHULNA H 28.8 | L 14.8

BARISAL H 28.0 | L 14.2

RANGPUR H 26.0 | L 12.6

COX'S BAZAR H 27.6 | L 16.0

Night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius and day temperature remains nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:54am and rises tomorrow at 6:31am. Country's highest temperature 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chittagong and lowest 0.9 in Sreemangal.

Worker killed in N'ganj wall collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A construction worker was killed and his fellow injured when a portion of a boundary wall of the house of Narayanganj city Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy collapsed on them at the city's Dewbogha on Friday night.

Deceased Monir Hossain, 20, son of Rajbul Mian of the city's Beparipara, and injured Majibur Rahman, 40, were digging a road to construct a storm drain beside the four-storey house.

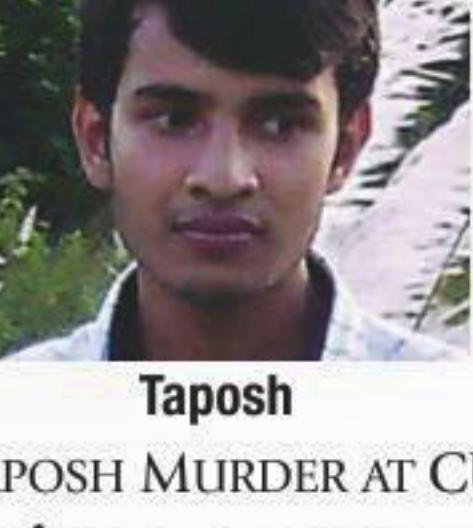
Majibur was undergoing treatment at Narayanganj General Hospital.

The project of Narayanganj City Corporation is being implemented by business firm Munia Enterprise, officials said.

The city mayor is currently staying in New Zealand on a one-month leave.

NCC Superintendent Engineer Abdul Aziz said they are investigating the incident.

Md Siddique, contractor of the firm, could not be contacted over his cellphone as it was found switched-off.



Taposh

TAPOSH MURDER AT CU Prime accused still at large

CU CORRESPONDENT

Even after two months into the killing of Taposh Chandra Sarkar, an activist of Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the prime accused in the murder case is still at large.

On December 14 last year, Taposh, a first year student of Sanskrit, was killed and four others were injured in a clash between Choose Friends with Care (CFC) and Varsity Xpress (VX), two shuttle train based factions of the pro-Awami League BCL, on the campus.

Hafizul Islam, an activist of CFC group, filed the murder case accusing 30 BCL men of the VX faction while police filed another one against five BCL men and 60 unnamed people.

Ashrafuzzaman Asha, assistant cultural secretary to the dissolved committee of the CU unit of BCL, is the prime accused in the murder case.

Contacted, Mohammad Ismail, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station, said their efforts were going on to arrest those involved

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People with disabilities enjoy Valentine's Day

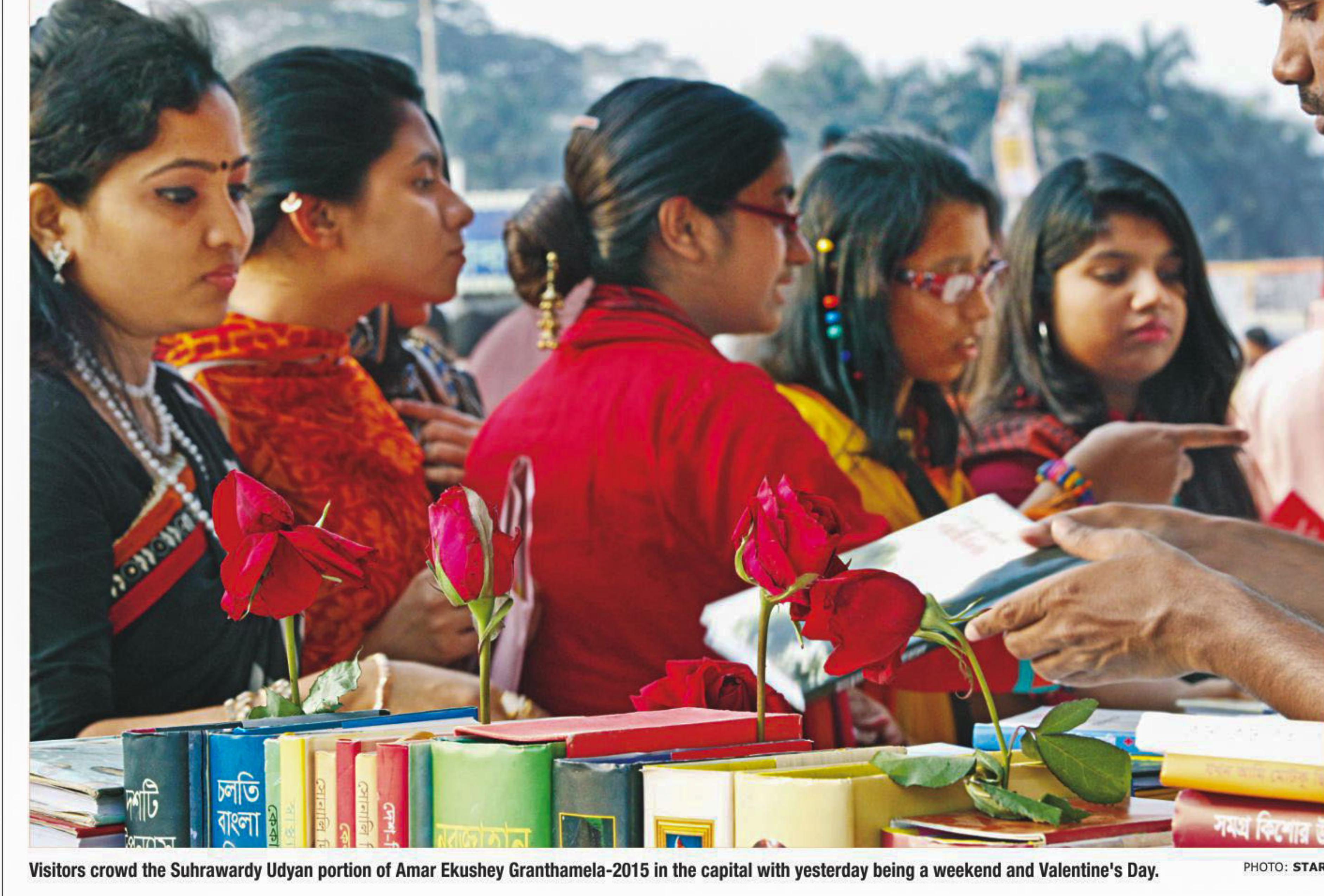
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

People with disabilities celebrated a different kind of Valentine's Day with games, songs, and other fun activities at Foy's Lake Amusement Park in Chittagong yesterday.

Srot, an organisation of volunteers working to promote education for blind people, organised the event, which was participated by 60 physically disabled people.

Organisers and the participants gathered at the amusement park at 10:00am for a whole day of enjoyable activities. The programme began with organisers releasing balloons and giving roses to the disabled people most of whom were blind students.

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Visitors crowd the Suhrawardy Udyan portion of Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015 in the capital with yesterday being a weekend and Valentine's Day.

PHOTO: STAR

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Love in the air

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On Friday the colour of the Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015 was yellow and yesterday it got drenched in the red of love.

From morning, young people mostly dressed in red, women and little girls with flower tiaras began to arrive at the fair despite the busy traffic of the hartaal-free city.

The relaxed mood of the young visitors would remind one of Anisul Hoque's book "Bikkhober Dingulite Prem" published by Prothoma during this year's book fair.

"The book is based on the democratic movement against (former military dictator) Ershad in the late 80s and 1990 and our life in Buet (Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology)," said Hoque, one of the best-selling authors of the present day.

A good number of Hoque's new books including fiction "Mayer Kachhe Fera" published by Somoy Prokashon, collection

AMAR EKUSHEY

To watch Anisul Hoque's interview, scan this QR code



of his essays, fiction for teenagers "Bhoyongkor Dipe Boka Goyenda" by Prothoma are also available at this year's fair.

Hoque, also a journalist, screenwriter and dramatist, received a number of awards for his literary works including the Bangla Academy award for literature in 2011.

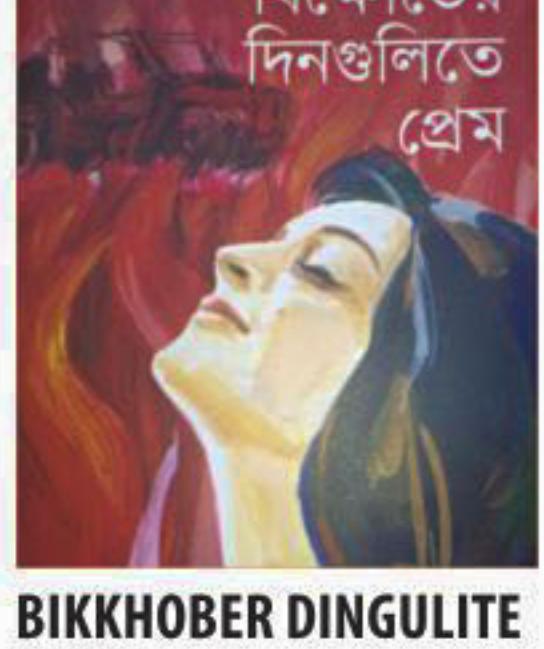
Praising the spacious organisation of this year's fair in the Suhrawardy Udyan portion, Hoque said all of the people for whom the arrangement was made could not all come to the fair because of the political unrest.

He mentioned how readers outside Dhaka commented about their inability to visit the fair this year on his Facebook account where he uploaded the first two chapters of "Bikkhober Dingulite Prem".

"This year books cannot be sent outside Dhaka either. In other years, books which came out in the fair would be sent immediately to Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi and

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BOOKS TO LOOK FOR



BIKKHOBER DINGULITE PREM

Author: Anisul Hoque

Publisher: Prothoma Prokashon

Price: BDT 400

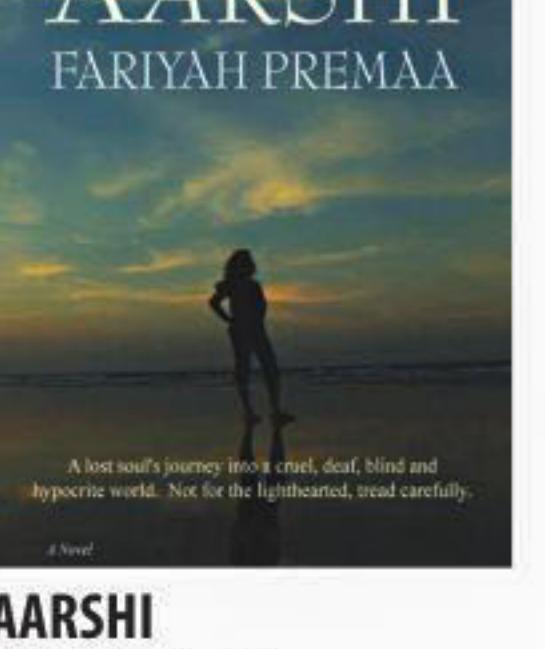


RUPALI JOTSNAI BHEJA JIBON

Author: Mauli Azad

Publisher: Agamee Prakashani

Price: BDT 200



AARSHI

Author: Fariyah Preema

Publisher: Adorn Publications

Price: BDT 320

EMPOWERING SPECIAL NEEDS PEOPLE At least 17 ministries should seek budget

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The at least 17 ministries dealing with development of people with disabilities should all specifically demand budgetary allocation for the purpose, which at present is only available for the Ministry of Social Welfare, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

The talks on the issue was organised by Bangladesh Visually Impaired People's Society (BVIPS) with support from Sightsavers and European Union in the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

"It is estimated that there are above two crore people with disabilities in Bangladesh but there is no comprehensive plan of action regarding their development," said BVIPS Chairperson Mosharraf Hossain Majumder.

The country's overall development cannot be achieved without including people with disabilities to the mainstream development programmes, he said, urging the government to increase the allocation.

Addressing as chief guest, State Minister for Finance MA Mannan said proper utilisation of resources could be ensured if ministries concerned with people with special

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Couple's bodies found in house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A married couple was found dead in their Monipur Moddhopara house in Gazipur Sadar upazila on Friday night.

The body of Monirul Islam, 40, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in their room while the body of Moyna Begum, 30, of Chuadanga, was found there in a bed. Both of them worked at Elegant Garment Factory.

Monirul first tried to cut Moyna's throat and then smothered her, suspect police who recovered a blood-stained knife from the room and sent the bodies to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsies.

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