

DU CELEBRATES 94TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY



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(Clockwise from top) An illuminated Curzon Hall last night marking Dhaka University Day celebrating 94 years past the founding of the country's leading educational institution. Students, teachers, and alumni bring out a procession on the campus. Some of the participants play flutes tuning in to the festivity. A visitor at an art exhibition organised in the Faculty of Fine Arts on the occasion.



DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University campus yesterday was in a festive mood and abuzz with its current and former students celebrating their association with the 94-year-old institution.

Despite summer vacation and the ongoing month of Ramadan, students in colourful attire thronged the campus to celebrate Dhaka University Day.

The celebration kicked off in the morning at Mall Chattar where students gathered with banners and festoons and with an orchestra. Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi inaugurated the programme by hoisting the national and university flags, and releasing pigeons.

He urged DU students to prepare themselves with the power of knowledge to get succeeded in global competitions.

In a message, DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said the university has

a history of producing brilliant students who later took leadership and played vital roles in every possible sector at home and abroad.

The VC led a colourful procession which paraded through the campus and ended at Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) where a discussion on this year's theme "Higher Education and Sustainable Development" was held.

At the discussion, Education Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan said higher education is not only about obtaining a certificate rather it is about achieving social value. He also urged the Dhaka University authorities to develop its communication with universities across the world.

One of the enthusiastic students, Tanin Mehdi, said the university eagerly embrace students coming from different backgrounds and nurture them in a friendly platform, imbuing them with the sense of equity and integrity. Even a shy youth from the village easily mix with other students and turns out to be a

strong personality both mentally and professionally.

An alumnus said, "Our teachers often shared recent and ancient stories and events apart from syllabus which gradually made us conscious about secularism, gender equity and our self-respect. Dhaka University not only imparts book-based knowledge rather it provides opportunities to its students to become self-educated and practical."

Fahad Bin Kashem of law department, said, "We expect that DU will put more emphasis on research and knowledge based education rather than focusing on job-oriented short curriculums."

The celebration included an exhibition of rare manuscripts, display of arts and crafts, and sharing reminiscence and cultural programmes.

The registrar building, arts building, business faculty, TSC, senate building, Curzon Hall and newly established Mukti o Gonotantra Toron were decorated with attractive lights.



Bangladesh attends CICA forum

TRIBENI CHAKMA, from Kazakhstan

After becoming a fulltime member of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Bangladesh for the first time is attending the annual forum of National Cultural Centres in Kazakhstan.

A three-member delegation from the country led by parliamentarian Fazle Hossain Badsha is attending the three-day long forum "Culture of Peace and Harmony in the CICA Space" along with other CICA states at The Independence Palace in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The forum aims to promote measures for creating a tolerant environment and public dialogue platforms for intercultural interaction among people of CICA states. The programme, which ends tomorrow, comprises an exhibition of national art, craft and heritage of the member states.

Six admit to killing man in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday arrested six persons involved in killing and mugging incidents in the capital.

They also recovered a pistol, three bullets, a motorbike and 300 Yaba pills from Md Omor Faruk alias Al Amin, Pabitra Samaddar, Md Rakib, Zahurul Islam alias Zakir, Rifat Hossain and Zakir Hossain in Badda.

During primary investigation, the six admitted that they shot Selim Akhtar, 30, an accountant of Distribution Ltd, in Moghbazar and snatched away Tk 33.27 lakh from him on May 24.

Govt team starts archeological site protection work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-member team created jointly by the cultural ministry and the Department of Archeology started working yesterday to mark property zone (core zone) and buffer zone of the country's protected archeological sites.

The team was created to protect the sites with an aim to have them enlisted as Unesco World Heritage Sites, says a cultural affairs ministry press release. The team led by the director general of the Department of Archeology includes archeologists from the country and abroad, and officials of Unesco, and the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Cultural Minister Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurated the first zone marking task of the team at Comilla's Lalmai Mainamati Shalbon Bihar yesterday. Property zone is the main area of an archeological site, where no structure can be built without special reasons. The buffer zone is a specific portion outside the property zone used for managing the site, where no structures can be built that can damage the site.

Rejoinder

FCI (BD) Ltd yesterday issued a rejoinder to a news item headlined "Savar RMG workers protest unpaid overtime" published in The Daily Star on July 1.

Below we publish parts of the text of the rejoinder as it is:

"The news/report which is published in your daily is not correct. It is false and baseless.

FCI (BD) Ltd is known to all as a good pay master in all respects in the RMG sector. It cannot be thought in case of FCI that any unpaid overtime will be done here or any worker is forced to work. Actually, without any reason or any prior information yesterday at about 7:00am some undisciplined workers suddenly stop their works and attacked our three officers. This undisciplined workers vandalized machines, C.C. Camera, Computer and office furniture."

The story however mentioned that The Daily Star could not reach FCI (BD) authorities despite repeated attempts.

Workplace accidents on rise

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as they are not provided protective gear like helmets, gloves and shoes in workplace, it said.

Safety and Rights, which works for ensuring safety and rights of workers, suggested proper enforcement of the laws by regulatory bodies like Rajuk, and the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment.

Sekender Ali said employers should establish health and safety policies for their respective organisations, put in place a safety plan before undertaking construction work, provide proper personal protective equipment free of cost and ensure holding of a regular fire drill and health and safety training to stop such workplace accidents.

RU students protest 'cop torture'

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released three hours later.

Officer-in-Charge Humayun Kabir admitted that Lingcon had been beaten up but "it was not severe". Talking to The Daily Star, he declined naming the 12 and the

person in charge during the time of occurrence.

Police accuse Lingcon of verbally abusing them after they intervened in a "noisy altercation" he was having with his girlfriend.

Empower small farmers

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participation in the labour force.

He said currently male participation is 82 percent, but female participation is 43 percent.

Dr Sajjad Zohir, executive director of Economic Research Group; Mike Robson, FAO representative in Bangladesh; and Dr Abul Kalam Azad, executive chairman of BARC, also spoke.

State wants SC to uphold SQ Chy's

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along with the Pakistan army men had launched massacres in different areas of Razzan under Chittagong in 1971.

"Several eyewitnesses have testified about the atrocities he had committed [in 1971] and therefore, he (Salauddin) deserves the death penalty," said Mahbubey Alam, as he completed his submission yesterday.

He, however, said if necessary, he may place further submission after defence arguments.

The four charges for which Salauddin was given the capital punishment are: involvement in two acts of genocide; killing of Nutan Chandra Singha; and murder of Awami League leader Mozaffar Ahmed and his son in Razzan.

Local staff of icddr,b to continue demos for salary hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Staff Welfare Association (SWA) of icddr,b yesterday announced that they would continue demonstrations demanding salary hike and other privileges.

"We will demonstrate tomorrow (Thursday) to restrict entry of the chief operations officer who is a foreigner and whose recruitment was totally unnecessary," said SWA General Secretary Dr Firoz Ahmed.

SWA yesterday held a meeting with the management of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b) on the invitation of the latter to address the demands.

"There was no outcome of the meeting. Another meeting was scheduled for Sunday," said Dr Firoz.

SWA has been demonstrating for the last few days demanding cancellation of a contract through which 40,500 square feet of its space was leased out to Brac at a "throwaway price" for 49 years and stopping recruiting foreign staff to posts not related to science.

They also demanded that the icddr,b cut down food costs at its canteen and monthly transport costs and provide festival bonus and increase the retirement age.

They demand that the copyright of the Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition of icddr,b be bought back from a UK company.

Senior Communications Manager at icddr,b Nasmeen Ahmed said the management would hold Sunday's meeting to further discuss and address the issues raised by SWA.

Rizvi of BNP gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to BNP leader Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed in four vandalism and arson cases.

The HC passed the order after hearing four separate petitions filed by the accused.

Rizvi, however, cannot get released from jail as he is accused in eight other cases, his lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star.

He said the four cases were filed with Mirpur and Pallabi Police Stations on different days in January.

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The VC said he could not give them enough time that day for he was being troubled by family issues. He took two months' leave and returned on June 22.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanges greetings with journalists at an iftar party organised by a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and another of Dhaka Union of Journalists at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: PMO

OBITUARY

Mrs. Zaibunessa (Betu) Karim, wife of late Mr. G.M.M.E. Karim, passed away peacefully on June 29, 2015. Daughter of late Dr. Dabiruddin Ahmad, Mrs. Karim was a long-standing member of the teaching staff of Vigarunessa School. She is survived by her sons, Ambassador (retd) Iftekharul Karim and Zahir Karim, and daughters Nasrin (Queenie) Karim and Yasmin (Buri) Karim. Her son Dabir Karim predeceased her. She leaves behind ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her Qul Khani will take place at Gulshan One (Bhola) Mosque after Jummah prayers on Friday, July 3, 2015. The family asks her friends, family and well-wishers to pray for her departed soul.