

Ritwik Ghatak retrospective opens

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"Ritwik Ghatak Retrospective", a six-day programme on celebrated filmmaker Ritwik Kumar Ghatak is running at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum, jointly arranged by the museum and Chalacchitram Film Society. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurated the programme as chief guest on Friday evening, while Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, and Ritwik Ghatak's daughter Samhita Ghatak were the special guests. "I felt a need to hold a retrospective on my father, as he hailed from Bangladesh and maintained a connection with this land till his death. It has been over four decades since he last came here for 'Titas Ekti Nodir Naam'," said Samhita Ghatak. Ritwik's iconic film "Meghe Dhaka Tara" was screened at the programme. Ritwik's other popular films including "Nagorik", "Ustad Alauddin Khan", "Bari Theke Paliye", "Fear", "Komol Gandhar", "Amar Lenin", "Subornorekha", "Titas Ekti Nodir Naam", "Durbar Goti Padma" and "Jukti, Tokko ar Goppo", will be screened from February 13-16 everyday at 4:00pm and 6:30pm. Three films made on the iconic filmmaker will also be screened on the closing day of the festival.



Hindus praying to the goddess of knowledge, Saraswati, at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University yesterday, where quite a few idols were made on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, which coincided with the first day of spring this year, multiplying the festivity. PHOTO: STAR

Unemployed BCS exam passed man sets himself on fire

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One among a group of protesters demanding, among others, cancellation of the 34th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) exam suffered burns on parts of his body after setting himself on fire when police tried to disperse their demonstration blocking the capital's Shahbagh intersection yesterday. Members of "Deprived BCS Passed Cadre Forum" doused the fire after its convener, Noor Islam Noor, poured kerosene on his own shirt and ignited it. He was later treated at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical Hospital. The protesters blocked the intersection for half an hour demanding that the 34th BCS exam answer sheets be re-evaluated, appointing those who passed to 672 posts lying vacant under quotas and not filling those from the 35th batch, and ensuring appointment of all who passed the test for non-cadre posts. "A person burnt himself but his mates put off the fire. They held a demonstration in front of the (Bangladesh national) museum but I do not know about the road blockade," said Shahbagh Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abu Bakar Siddique. Earlier, the protestors formed a human chain in front of the museum. After blocking the road and chanting slogans alleging that Public Service Commission (PSC) is corrupted, they brought out a procession to Jatiya Press Club, where they staged a rally. They announced holding a demonstration in Shahbagh exactly one week later and that they would not stop until the demands were met. "PSC did not maintain transparency in publishing the results. There were no separate merit lists for general candidates or those

Exam results of many JU depts not published in months

Teachers too busy with on campus private programmes, teaching at private universities, allege students

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A section of Jahangirnagar University (JU) teachers are taking as long as nine months to examine and submit results of the final examinations in different departments, ignoring sufferings of students and bypassing stipulations to publish the results within 75 days. "We have finally got results of our 3rd-year final examination which was held nine months ago. Meanwhile the 4th-year honours programme is about to complete; we do not know when the results will come out for that," worried a 3rd-year student of the English department. The university also changed the tradition of sending exam papers to other public university teachers as second examiners to publish the results on time, a couple of years back, but to no avail. "Teachers are busy taking classes and exams in the private programmes on campus... they also

remain engaged in the private universities," accused Associate Prof Rayhan Ryne of philosophy, adding that commercialisation of higher education and "carefree attitude" of teachers towards students of their own institutions are one of the main reasons behind the prolongation of a student's academic life. He alleged that some of the teachers were never serious about taking classes on time and kept on changing class schedules whenever they desired. Meanwhile, Prof Manower Hossain, chairman of the zoology department, said, "There are different programmes and vacations that force teachers to remain busy, which creates prolongation in submitting results." The final examinations of four academic sessions of anthropology and economics were held over eight months ago and zoology and pharmacy over six months ago, sources of the departments confirmed. But the results are yet to

be published. "We do inform teachers to receive answer papers shortly after the final examinations are held, but mostly they do not take or return them on time," said an examination controller office employee, wishing not to be named. Students despite completing their honours or master's programmes can not vie for any desired jobs as their results take too long to be published and they have to wait for a long period of time before receiving their certificates, which also causes immense sufferings, alleged students. "The same teachers, who are reluctant to take our classes, submit exam papers on time, or think about our careers become extremely dedicated while teaching at the private universities or the weekend programmes on the campus," lamented a master's student of English. Contacted, Pro-vice Chancellor Prof Abul Hossain said, "I have personally contacted the teachers of the respective departments; results

NEWS IN brief

Kazi Shamsul Haque new head of Consular Corps in Bangladesh

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Honorary Consul General of Kyrgyz Republic in Bangladesh Kazi Shamsul Haque was elected president of the Consular Corps in Bangladesh (CCB) at its annual general meeting held at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital yesterday. A new executive committee was formed as well, said a press release.



Valentine's Gala Night at Ascott Hotels Dhaka today

CITY DESK
On the occasion of Valentine's Day today, Ascott Hotels will hold a Valentine's gala night for couples in the evening, said a press release. The programme will start at 6:30pm at its Grand Ballroom where "cutest couple-2016" will be selected from participants of the "Cutest Couple Contest". Participants will also get a chance to enjoy live music and buffet dinner. For the winning couple there will be exclusive prizes including a trip to Thailand, and a night-stay at Ascott Hotels.

BFUJ faction

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general Omar Faruk. The BFUJ faction also demanded that the media owners give the government-declared allowances for Bangla New Year before Pahela Baishakh. They also demanded a separate wage board for electronic media and trial of the killings of all journalists including couple Sagor Sarowar and Meherun Runi. Former president of the BFUJ faction Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul demanded security for journalists.



A family rushes a loved one to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital on foot, due to a dawn-to-dusk strike enforced by Microbus Workers Union in Sylhet division yesterday, while another stares blankly not knowing how they will transport a body for burial, inset, since no long-route ambulances were available and the workers also hindered the movements of CNG-run auto-rickshaws in the hospital area. PHOTOS: BANGLAR CHOKH

Sylhet ambulance workers go on dawn to dusk strike

Threaten an indefinite one if not allowed to park on Osmani Medical College Hospital premises

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Ambulance workers in Sylhet yesterday threatened to enforce an indefinite strike if MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital does not withdraw its ban on parking vehicles, including ambulances, on its premises. The medical college authorities enforced the ban on Friday morning for helping easier movements of patients-carrying vehicles near the emergency unit of the hospital. Following the decision Microbus Workers Union enforced a dawn-to-dusk strike in Sylhet division yesterday. It triggered immense sufferings to patients as no long-route ambulances were seen in the area. The workers also hindered the movement of CNG-run auto-rickshaws in the

hospital area adding to the sufferings of the patients. Romij Uddin Chowdhury of Chittagong said he was not being able to take his mother home after her release from the hospital yesterday as there was no ambulance available. Contacted, Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy Commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said police have been deployed in the area to avert any untoward incident. "We have talked to the college authorities several times but they did not pay heed to our demand," said Akmal Hosain Luku, president of Microbus Workers Union of the medical college-unit. Brig Abdus Sabur, director of the hospital, said the higher authorities were informed about the matter, and a decision

BNP dist

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president and general secretary, it added. The EC on Thursday announced that elections to 4,275 of the over 4,500 UPs, the lowest tier of the local government system, will be held, on partisan lines for the first time, in six phases starting March 22. BNP on Friday formally announced participating in the elections, saying it was part of its "movement's strategy". Addressing a press conference in the office that day, Rizvi said there was no chance of a peaceful election. "...there is a possibility that people's voting rights would be snatched amid continued serious suppression and repression against the opposition leaders and activists," he said.

Ensure quick

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the rights of women," she said, adding that 90 percent people of the country are Muslims and Islam is a religion of peace. Hasina mentioned that Islam is the only religion that ensures the rights of women from father's and husband's side. "Sometimes, there is a move to keep us behind the curtain in the name of religion," she regretted. Finance Minister AMA Muhith and State Minister for Public Administration Ismat Ara Sadique were present at the function as special guests.

Ctg teenager chops man into 10 pieces

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missing since January 15. His brother and wife, who live in Dhaka, filed an abduction case against Ariful's mother Nazma Akther, 41, a garment worker of EPZ area in the port city, on January 21. They said Mohsin was having an affair with Nazma. Police arrested Nazma. Later she admitted that Mohsin would frequent her house but denied knowing about his whereabouts. Ariful was absconding since his mother had been arrested.

On January 18, police recovered the severed body without legs, hands and head in Anandabazar area. A case was filed in this connection. The law enforcers found that the mobile phone numbers of the victim were being used on January 30 and on February 1. After tracking the numbers, they found that Ariful was using them from Jhalakathi. Police contacted him in guise and once Ariful got back in town they arrested him on February 12. During the interrogation, Ariful admitted committing the murder and said after

finding his mother and Mohsin in a compromising situation, he killed Mohsin. Police later recovered the saw used in severing the body and the two mobile phones of the victim. The body parts dumped in the river could not be found, said Javed Mahmud, inspector (investigation) of EPZ police. Ariful told The Daily Star that he committed the murder as Mohsin tried to rape his mother. Police later took Ariful to a court for a confessional statement.

Now squabbles over settlement money

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went on for around two hours, and he, under duress, signed the document. Nasir told The Daily Star that Monir had agreed to withdraw the case unbeknownst to him. "Salam, requested me to help him get bail. I was aware there was an agreement regarding that." Councillor Hamidul Haque Shamim (ward-11) told The Daily Star that what Nasir said was false. "Two parties were discussing the deal for

quite some time and Jihad's family agreed to withdraw the case," he said. According to Monir, they have made a settlement for Tk 6.2 lakh and have already received Tk 4.2 lakh. "I gave my sister, Nasir's wife, Tk 2 lakh already and informed her about the settlement... but Jihad's father wants to backtrack from the deal." When asked about the money, Nasir said, "My father died and I was in Shariatpur on February 5 for his burial, and came back on February 9, the same

day they took me to the office to sign the paper. I had no knowledge about the dealings between my wife and her brother." Salam said the money had changed hands to withdraw the case but now Nasir was backtracking. On December 26 2014, four-year-old Jihad fell into the 300-foot well shaft while playing with other children around 4:00pm. He died within two hours into his fall and his body was recovered 23 hours later.

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