

Youths walk to learn about Liberation War

Chip in for new building of Liberation War Museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The morning sunlight shone on Osama Rahman Anas as he struggled to answer why he took up the challenge to walk 36km from the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka to the National Memorial in Savar, on the capital's outskirts.

But when he was asked by reporters if he could complete the difficult task, the 12-year-old did not hesitate once. "Yes, I can do it," he said with conviction.

It was this passion Liberation War Museum trustee Mofidul Hoque spoke of while inaugurating the march to raise fund for the new building of the museum at Agargaon.

Abhijatri, a youth group that promotes adventure including nature walking, trekking and cycling, has been organising this walk on Independence Day for the last three years, said Nishat Majumdar, member of the group, also the first Bangladeshi woman to scale Mount Everest.

"This is not a marathon. ...we have been organising the event under the theme 'Shok theke Shokti' (turning grief into strength)," she told The Daily Star.

This year Abhijatri joined hands with the museum to

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Participants marching towards the National Memorial in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, on Independence Day yesterday. They also chipped in for the construction of the new building of the Liberation War Museum at Agargaon. It was a 36km walk from the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka. The photo was taken at Sadullapur in Savar.

PHOTO: LIBERATION WAR MUSEUM

Foreign friends celebrate too

STAR REPORT

India yesterday extended greetings marking Bangladesh's 46th Independence and National Day and expressed confidence that relations would scale new heights.

President Pranab Mukherjee in a message to his Bangladeshi counterpart, Abdul Hamid, said, "on behalf of the government, the people of India and on my own behalf, it gives me immense pleasure to extend warm felicitations and best wishes to you and to the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of your National Day."

In a Twitter post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Independence Day greetings to the people of Bangladesh. We cherish our long-standing ties & am sure our relations will grow even further", reports our New Delhi correspondent.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in a Facebook post, greeted Bangladeshis in Bangla, reports UNB.

"Today is glorious Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. On this occasion, I convey my heartiest

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