

NEWSIN brief

Country suffers 70pc shortage in milk production: Sayedul

BSS, Dhaka

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Muhammed Sayedul Hoque yesterday stressed the need for proper utilisation of the Tk 200 crore commercial loan being distributed to the dairy sector at this moment and said the country still suffers from a 70 percent shortage in milk production.

"Now the country's milk production stands at 72.75 lakh tonnes and the output should be doubled to meet the huge demand," the minister told a conference of upazila, district and divisional level livestock officials under the Department of Livestock Services at the capital's Krishibid Institution. "It is our responsibilities to provide cooperation to successful implementation of the loan distribution programme being carried out by

Prof Anowarul Islam dies

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Anowarul Islam, former professor of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), died of old-age complications at Bangladesh Medical College Hospital on Friday. He was 80.

Anowarul, also a former VP of DMCH student council, achieved the country's first FCPS degree in

medicine in 1968.

He was buried in his hometown in Sherpur yesterday after his second namaz-e-janaza.

His qulkhwani will be held at his residence 'Nirjhar' in Sherpur today.

Ershad's younger sister dies

BSS, Dhaka

Mariam Begum, younger sister of former president and Jatiya Party Chairman Hussain Muhammad Ershad, died of old-age complications at the capital's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) hospital yesterday morning, aged 83.

According to a JP release, Mariam Begum left behind a son, four daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She will be buried at Mirpur Intellectual Martyrs Graveyard after a namaj-e-janaza at Minar Mosque on Tajmahal Road at Mohammadpur after the Asr prayers today.

JP leaders, including party Secretary General ABM Ruhul



Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma, addresses a press conference in the capital yesterday ahead of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples to be observed on Tuesday. The conference was organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Forum.

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No bar on

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security vigil on their dormitories. Miah said law enforcement agencies were carrying out "block raids" at different bachelor messes or dormitories as part of the continued anti-militancy security vigil.

But he urged all not to get frustrated or worried about the raids and to contact with the numbers given on the DMP's website if innocent people are harassed anyhow.

He called upon the residents of the capital to provide all-out help to the anti-militancy campaign led by police and other law enforcement agencies.

India may pass

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has also been allotted for the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016, which is likely to be taken up by the House after being passed in the Lok Sabha, it said.

The Indian parliament is now having its monsoon session which is likely to end on August 12.

At the time of placing the bill in the Lok Sabha on July 18, Singh had said hence they are forced to apply for citizenship by naturalisation under the Citizenship Act which required 12 years of residency as qualifications for naturalisation in terms of the law.

This denies them many opportunities and advantages which are available only to Indian citizens even though they are likely to stay in India permanently, he said.

"It is proposed to amend the Schedule 3 of the Act to make applicants belonging to minority communities from the aforesaid countries eligible for citizenship by naturalisation in seven years instead of the existing 12 years," he said.

Thousands of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Christians and Parsis who have entered India have been facing difficulty in getting Long Term Visa (LTV) or citizenship.

The existing law does not allow anyone to be granted Indian nationality if he or she can not show proof of documents on country of birth and therefore they have to stay at least 12 years in India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, during campaigning in 2014 general elections which brought Bharatiya Janata Party to power, had made a distinction between Hindu and Muslim refugees from Bangladesh and argued that the former should be accommodated.

Since the Modi government came to power in May, 2014, several concessions have been announced for Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Christians and Parsis who migrated to India from neighbouring countries that include issuing long-term visas, allowing such people to buy residential properties, procuring income tax filing cards, driving licence, opening of bank accounts and lowering of visa fees besides others.

Parents of Savar militant suspect detained for interrogation

He went missing early last year; police suspect he joined IS

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police yesterday detained the parents of a militant suspect "missing" for one year for interrogation from their Tongabari residence in Ashulia of Savar.

Son of Abdul Malek and Momtaz Begum, Abdur Rahman Masud graduated in electrical and electronics engineering from the capital's Military Institute of Science and Technology.

Before "going missing," he used to stay at his Palagram village home in Nagarpur upazila of Tangail.

Mohsinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashlia Police Station, said, "Masud's father filed a general dairy after he went missing in February last year.

"Police suspected that he might have gone to Syria and joined Islamic State, and therefore they detained his parents to further look into the issue," added Mohsinul.

Sub-inspector Shahidul Islam Mollah said, "Masud's parents were taken to the police station following an order of high-ups. They were handed over to Detective Branch of police."

Ethnic children still

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cultures, worldviews and languages.

States and indigenous people must work together to fulfill indigenous peoples' right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions, said UN officials.

Claire Charters, chair of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, stressed that education is empowerment, and critical to the realisation of all of the rights contained in the declaration and international human rights treaties. "Unfortunately, indigenous children and youth often do not have access to adequate, accessible and appropriate forms of education."

Special Rapporteur Tauli-Corpuz drew attention to the situation of indigenous women and girls, and called on governments to give special priority to ensure they have access to relevant education.

She also cautioned that "the available data shows a consistent pattern of disparity between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in terms of educational access, retention and achievement in all regions of the world."

"States must engage and work constructively with indigenous peoples to address barriers to education, including stigmatisation of indigenous identity, discrimination in schools..." Alvaro Pop Ac, chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, stressed.

First Dhaka Neuroscience

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participated in the summit.

The conference, with the theme "Application of latest discoveries in our life" was organised to update doctors, nurses and other health care professionals about the latest discoveries that have immediate applications in lives.

The main objective of the summit was to improve the knowledge and skills in addressing the issue related to neuro

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