

Practical lesson on science to be held on Jan 11 in Kishoreganj to break Guinness record

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Bangladesh is going to break the Guinness World Records by holding the "largest ever" practical lesson on science and ICT on the Kuliarchar thana field in Kishoreganj on January 11.

More than 3,200 students of class V to VII from different schools of Kuliarchar upazila will take part in the class organised by the upazila administration.

It will be included in the Guinness World Records if done successfully. Upazila Nirbahi Officer Dr Urme Binte Salam told a press conference in the conference room of the upazila parishad.

Around four and a half months ago, 2,900 students of Brisbane in Australia's Queensland became the part of Guinness World Records after being taught on science at a time, she said.

Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, also a popular writer, may attend as a resource person at the programme, which will be held between 11:00am and 12:30pm.

State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman is, among others, expected to attend it.

Two women

FROM PAGE 3 Earlier, on December 26, they were placed on a seven-day remand by another Dhaka court in connection with the case filed against eight named and three to four unnamed people under the anti-terrorism act.

The case statement said militant suspect Trisha Moni exchanged chits with police during the raid in an attempt to negotiate their release. She had told police that they would surrender if police did not take any legal action against them.



Measures taken by farmers in Bogra's Shariakandi to protect one of their most valuable assets from cold-related illnesses, with the mercury usually dropping far more there than in the capital, causing much discomfort to livestock accustomed to tropical weather prevailing most of the year. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Road crashes kill four

CITY DESK

Four people were killed and seven others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday.

In Nilphamari, two day labourers were killed and another was seriously injured as a potato-laden truck turned turtle on the Kishoreganj-Taraganj road as the driver lost his control over the vehicle at Nitai Point in Kishoreganj upazila.

The deceased were Jamir Rahman, 26, and Abdur Rashid, 27. Both hailed from Kabirajpara of the upazila.

The three, including the injured Younus Ali, 30, of Thetripa village, were traveling on the vehicle.

In Jamalpur, Rabeya Bewa, 70, of Paschim Amkhawa village was killed and six people were injured as a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them turned turtle on the Dewanganj-Rajibpur road in Gulughat area of

Dewanganj upazila.

In Narayanganj, Abdur Malek, 52, of Mymensingh, was killed as a bus hit him while he was crossing the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road near Fatullah Shibpur Market.

The deceased was a worker of Shahajalal Re-rolling Mill in Shibpur Market area.

Police detained the bus driver -- Mohammad Ismail, 28, -- and seized the vehicle.

Justice Bazlur Rahman laid to rest

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A holiday was observed yesterday at both the Appellate and High Court divisions of the Supreme Court in honour of Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman and Justice JN Deb Choudhury.

Justice Bazlur Rahman, a sitting judge of the Appellate Division, who was popularly known as "Chhanabhai" while he was a student leader at Rajshahi University, and Justice JN Deb Choudhury, a sitting judge of the High Court Division, died of cancer Sunday and last December 15 respectively.

Yesterday, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha declared the holiday for the judicial functions after attending the namaz-e-janaza of Justice Bazlur Rahman at the SC.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, Justice Bazlur was buried at his family graveyard at Khalghat in the town after another janaza at Khalghat Central Eidgah. People from all walks of life including Justice Iqbal Kabir took part in it.

Shawkat Osman inspired a generation

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Finance Minister AMA Muhith said that although Osman was 17 years older than him, they had a good relationship. He said he always saw a revolutionary character inside the writer.

Cultural Affairs Minister

Asaduzzaman Noor said the government had taken several initiatives to spread the spirit of the writer across the country.

He said from the Bangla Academy they were publishing Osman's books, and had taken initiatives to send the books to the libraries of universities

and district headquarters.

Yafes Osman, son of the writer and minister for science and technology, urged all to come forward to preserve the memory of the writer.

A memorial book and a photo album on the writer were unveiled at the programme.

DU appoints lecturer ignoring ineligibility

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"The Coordination and Development (C&D) Committee, which is comprised of one third of the teachers of the department, can recommend appointment of more teachers than the number of posts advertised... C&D also called a candidate for interview who has ineligibility only in one among SSC, HSC, honours and masters exams. So the syndicate passed it."

Some teachers said it was the best practice to appoint as many teachers as mentioned in the job advertisement.

Emeritus Professor Dr Serajul Islam Choudhury told The Daily Star, "In principle, the recruitment should be based on the advertisement; otherwise meritorious students would be deprived because of the delay of the next recruitment. If extra teachers are

needed, further advertisements have to be published. Recruitments should be transparent and beyond controversy."

On October 31, the university appointed three lecturers in the applied chemistry and chemical engineering department, who did not have any master's degree. Moreover, nine teachers including the three were appointed while four posts were advertised that time.

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To access the full application template, please visit <http://www.ide-bangladesh.org/main/opportunities>.

OIC meets Jan 19 to take

FROM PAGE 3 Over 50,000 Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh, telling the media horrifying stories of gang rape, torture and murder at the hands of Myanmar's security forces.

Denying abuse allegations, Myanmar banned foreign journalists and independent investigators from entering the area.

Apart from over 32,000 registered Rohingyas in two refugee camps of Cox's Bazar, about three lakh are living illegally in the district.

SPECIAL ENVOY Myanmar State Counsellor and leader of the National League for Democracy Aung San Suu Kyi will send the envoy. It might be after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returns from her January 16-20 visit to Switzerland, said diplomatic sources.

The foreign ministry on December 29 summoned Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka Myo Myint Than demanding an early repatriation. Ministry officials said Bangladesh expressed readiness to engage with Myanmar to discuss the process and modalities.

Secretary (bilateral and consular) Kamsul Ahsan expressed deep concern at the influx.

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