

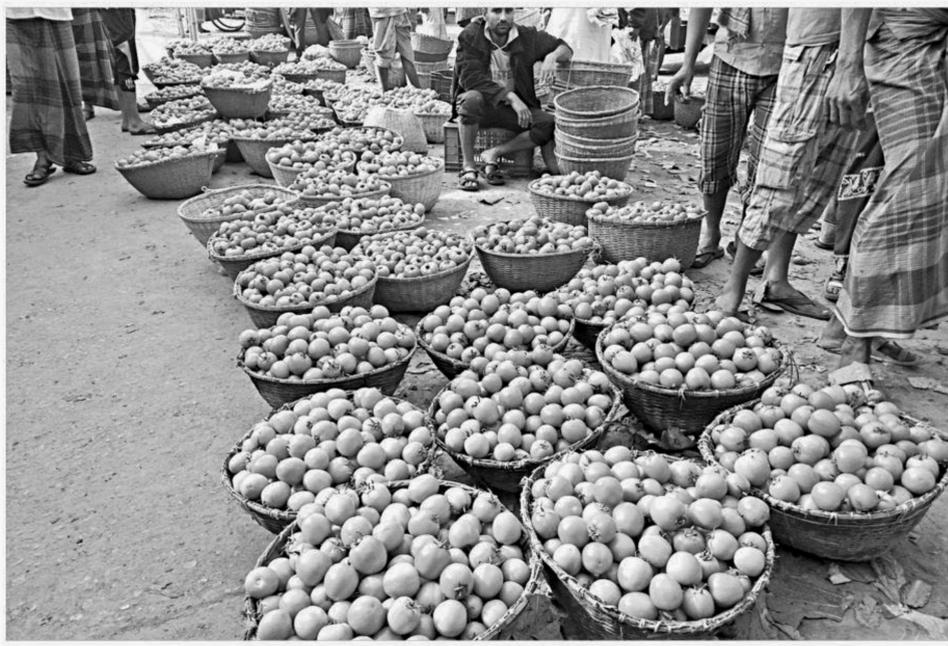
India invites undergraduate applications

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The India government has invited applications from Bangladeshis for admission to the bachelor programmes in engineering and pharmacy in India under the Self-Financing Scheme for the year 2017-2018.

A minimum of 60 percent aggregate marks with at least 60 percent in physics, chemistry and mathematics separately (in case of BE) and a minimum of 60 percent aggregate marks with at least 60 percent in physics, chemistry and biology (botany and zoology) separately (in case of B Pharm) with 50 percent in English in the qualifying examination is required.

The application deadline is April 30, and application forms are available at www.hcidhaka.gov.in.



With a bumper production of tomato in Lalabazar of Dakkhin Surma upazila of Sylhet, farmers carry basket loads of the fruit to Sobhanighat vegetable market in the city. They, however, are unhappy because of low prices. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASTR

Haab demands more time to register hajj aspirants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab) yesterday alleged that many private hajj agents could not complete registration of intending hajj pilgrims due to the slower server of designated IT firm's.

At a press conference at the capital's Officers' Club, Haab leaders demanded the registration deadline, which expired Wednesday, be extended, and actions be taken against Business Automation, the IT firm, appointed by the government to provide technical support for the registration.

"It took over 10 to 15 minutes for almost all hajj agencies to complete registration of a single aspirant as the server is slow. So many private hajj agents could not fulfill the minimum target of registration, which is 150," said Ibrahim Bahar, Haab president. He also alleged that the firm has no accountability for its irregularities although hajj agencies meet the firm's expenses. The firm officials could not be contacted.

Habb demanded the religious affairs ministry invite bids from IT firms and award the job to the best one.

Some 1,118 hajj agencies are working to reach the target. The registration started on February 19.

A total of 1,17,758 people are expected register under private management this year. The annual ritual is likely to be held on September 1 on condition of sighting of the moon.

NEWS IN brief

Six 'robbers' arrested in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-2) claimed to have arrested six robbers with sharp weapons in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area of Dhaka early yesterday.

The arrestees -- Rakibul Hasan Sujon, 27, Imran Fakir, 22, Shamim Rari, 22, Harun Bepari, 35, Rahedul Islam, 25 and Md Liton, 26 -- were preparing for a robbery, said Firoz Kawsar, assistant superintendent of police, also media officer of Rab-2.

The elite force also recovered two machetes, two daggers, one knife, one seizer and four cell phones

Reckitt Benckiser, Channel i conduct cleanliness drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to create awareness about hygiene among people, officials of Reckitt Benckiser and Channel i along with distinguished guests took part in a cleanup drive in the capital's Gulshan-1 yesterday.

The drive is a part of "Dettol-Channel i Porichchonno Bangladesh" campaign, said a press release.

A total of 65 locations, including Gulshan-1 lake area, across the country were cleaned by Reckitt Benckiser and Channel i officials yesterday.

The target of the campaign is to reach at least 80 million people of the country each year through media and directly educate five million people regarding

Two-day voting for SCBA election ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day voting for electing new leadership of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) ended yesterday.

Some 3,928 lawyers out of 5,081 cast their votes at

Navy seizes boat with 10 Myanmar citizens in Bay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Navy yesterday seized a Myanmar boat with at least 10 of its citizens for illegally entering into Bangladesh through the Bay of Bengal.

The navy also recovered some sharp weapons while carrying out a search in the boat, says a Bangladesh Navy press release.

BNS Abu Bakar seized the boat worth around 1.5 crore one mile away at the south-west corner of the Saint Martin's Island in the bay.

The detained persons and the weapons have been

Shraddha of Mongol Ghosh today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The funeral rite (Shraddha) of Mongol Ghosh; a noted social worker and father of Ashish Saikat managing editor of Dainik Ittefaq; will be held at his residence at Kodda Bazar in Gazipur town today.

His family members have requested all relatives, friends and others to participate in the ceremony, said a press release. Mongol Ghosh died at Central Medical College Hospital in the capital on February 22.



SC upholds HC stay on Sylhet mayor suspension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that stayed the suspension of Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Ariful Haque Choudhury.

It passed the "no order" on a petition filed by the government seeking stay on the High Court order.

Now, there is no legal bar for Ariful to discharge duties as Sylhet City Corporation mayor, said Ariful's lawyer Muhammed Abdul Halim Kafi.

The LGRD ministry on January 7, 2015, suspended Ariful after a Sylhet court accepted a charge sheet against him on December 30, 2014 in former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case. On this January 4, Ariful got HC bail in the case.

Following a writ petition filed by Ariful, the HC on March 13 stayed his suspension for six months and issued a rule asking the government to explain why the suspension should not be declared illegal.

The HC also directed the authorities not to create any obstruction for Ariful in discharging duties as the SCC mayor.

Earlier, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, Gazipur City Corporation Mayor MA Mannan and Habiganj Pourasava Mayor GK Gous got back their posts on SC orders, after they fought legal battle challenging their suspensions, Halim added. The LGRD ministry suspended them at different times after the lower courts concerned accepted charges against them in criminal cases.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION 'No proof' against doctor: CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) authorities yesterday claimed that no evidence was found in favour of the allegation against a physician of CU medical centre that he groped a female student during a check-up on March 10.

Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury made the announcement after the sexual harassment prevention committee of the university submitted its primary probe report to Vice-Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury.

After examining the statements of the victim and alleged physician, video footage

and staffs, who were present during the check-up, the committee submitted the report, said the proctor.

Following the complaint, the university authorities issued a notice saying that after 6:00pm, female students will be given treatment at the centre only if it is urgent, and with permission from the hall's provost or in the presence of a house tutor of the respective halls and an on-duty attendant.

Yesterday, some hundred students formed a human chain before CU Shaheed Minar premises around 11:45am and submitted a memorandum to the VC protesting against the notice.

Participants in "International Summit on Employability & Soft Skills" on the Asulia campus of Daffodil International University yesterday. The university in association with Uniuersiti Sains Islam Malaysia and strategic partners organised the three-day event beginning on the day.



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