

'Study circle' on Prof Rehman Sobhan starts on Aug 19

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 Banglar Pathshala Foundation, a youth-based intellectual platform, is going to hold a total of eight study seminars on "The Political Economy of Bangladesh: Thoughts of Professor Rehman Sobhan", according to a press release. Lectures will be delivered by Dr KAS Murslid, Prof Abul Barkat, Prof M Akash, and Prof Mustafizur Rahman. The last date of registration is August 17, and classes will begin August 19. After completion of the seminars, participants will be awarded with certificates. Also, there will be an essay competition for the participants, in which three best writings will receive awards of Tk 10,000, Tk 7,500, and Tk 5,000. Details are available at www.facebook.com/bpathshala or contact rmonico@gmail.com.



The footpath in front of the Prabin Hospital (Geriatric Hospital) in the capital's Agargaon has been in this battered state for months. In addition, the side of the road is being used as a garbage disposal site. The photo was taken on Wednesday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Implement rights of indigenous people outlined by UN

Speakers urge govt at rally
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 Recognition of indigenous people in the constitution can help them get their due rights, said speakers at a rally yesterday. They also urged the government to implement the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum (BIPF) organised the programme in the capital's Central Shaheed Minar, marking International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. At the rally, the forum's President Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma urged indigenous youths to come forward spontaneously to strengthen the ongoing movement for protecting the rights of their communities. Speaking as the chief guest, Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon regretted that the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord is yet to be fully implemented. Rights activist Khushi Kabir demanded land rights for the indigenous people. Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said, "We say that Bangladesh is a diversified country. It is you (indigenous people) who add to the diversity of the country." The rally placed 10-point demand including observing the day by the State. CPB President Mujahidul Islam Selim, Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, cultural personality Mamunur Rashid, Barrister Sara Hossain, columnist Syed Abul Maksud and Prof Mesbah Kamal of DU, spoke among others.