

NEWS IN brief

Green Univ, US-Bangla sign MoU

CITY DESK

Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) and US-Bangla Group signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the university campus on Thursday.

Prof Md Golam Samdani Fakir, GUB vice chancellor; and Wing Commander (ret'd) Mohammad Ferdous Imam, director (administration) of US-Bangla Airlines Ltd, signed the MoU, says a press release.

Under the MoU, GUB students will get internship and job opportunity in the US-Bangla Group.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Freedom fighter Md Farid Ahmed Beg of Matarkapon in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila died of cancer at a clinic in Moulvibazar town yesterday. He was 70.

He left behind his wife and a daughter.

Book fair starts at Bashundhara city

CITY DESK

A book fair has started at Level 1 of Bashundhara City Shopping Complex in the capital.

Bookends, an international book importer, distributor and supplier, is organising the book fair displaying rare and popular books written by foreign writers.

The fair will remain open from 10:00am to 8:00pm till November 21, said a press release.

Focus on charitable acts

President urges the affluent

BSS, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged well-off people and corporate organisations to concentrate on charitable activities, like zakat and waqf, which would supplement the government efforts to lift the people from poverty.

"We need to extend our hands to pull out the less privileged community from the curse of poverty... Waqf resources will facilitate the government strides for rooting out poverty, ensuring social safety and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," he said at the inaugural ceremony of an international workshop in a Dhaka hotel.

Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited (IBBL) and Centre for Zakat Management have organised the two-day workshop titled "Revival of Waqf for Socioeconomic Development" with IBBL Chairman Arastoo Khan in the chair. He also called upon scholars to put their full efforts to discover the essence of different Islamic financial instruments, including zakat and waqf, to support the disadvantaged community.

Referring to the successful institutionalisation of waqf resources in



some Muslim countries, the president stressed the need for reforming and modernising waqf aiming to institutionalise waqf resources for the greater welfare of the society. "Although waqf properties in Bangladesh are administered by respective laws and regulations, we need to reform and modernise it," said the president.

Noting that many educational institutions, orphanages, and mosques are based on waqf properties, Hamid said it indicates that waqf has got a deep root in society and culture.

Hamid said some Islamic banks have introduced Cash Waqf as a new product of savings and perpetual charity while Centre for Zakat Management (CZM) has been

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A fluttering delight



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Wearing masks and holding bright and colourful Styrofoam cutouts resembling butterflies, young and old alike bring out a joyous procession at Jahangirnagar University yesterday as part of a daylong butterfly fair.

JU CORRESPONDENT

The premises of Zahir Raihan Auditorium in Jahangirnagar University (JU) took on a festive look yesterday as over a hundred of butterflies and their photographs were put on display.

The fluttering of vividly coloured butterflies and a myriad of programmes kept both the young and the old alike mesmerised at the daylong butterfly fair.

Butterflies of around 60 species were exhibited beside the auditorium and the university's Butterfly Park and botanical garden.

Looking at the shimmering butterflies, seven-year-old Ramisa could not stop clapping. "They are so beautiful..." said the second-grader.

Meanwhile, her mother kept on reminiscing the childhood days spent chasing the colourful creatures in gardens, fields, river banks and green fields.

The zoology department of JU in association with Prokriti o Jibon Foundation and International Union for

Conservation of Nature (ICUN) organised the fair.

It included a colourful rally, art and photography competitions, photo exhibition and documentary on butterflies.

The theme of the fair was "Urle akashe projapati, prokriti pai natun gati" (when butterflies fly, nature gets a new life).

Kentaro Arikawa, a Japanese scientist, was given this year's "Butterfly Award" for his contributions to research on butterfly and overall achievement in the field of zoology. Aflaton Kaeser Zilany, a second-year student of public administration, was given the "Young Butterfly Enthusiast" award.

JU VC Prof Farzana Islam inaugurated the fair. Pro-VC (administration) Prof Amir Hussain, Treasurer Prof Sheikh Md Monzurul Huq, chairperson of zoology department Prof

Monwar Hossain, and director of Prokriti o Jibon Foundation Mukit Majumder Babu were present.



A butterfly feeding on nectar.

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Date: October 09, 2017	Tender Opening Date & Time	November 06, 2017 at 12.15 BST	November 20, 2017 at 12.15 BST

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RU CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS

Punish those responsible

Demand 19 minority organisations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People responsible for the widely criticised multiple choice questions (MCQs) in the admission test for Rajshahi University's faculty of fine arts must be punished.

The National Coordinating Committee of Religious and Ethnic Minority Organisation made the demand yesterday at a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The committee comprises 19 minority organisations, including Bangladesh Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad (BHBCOP) and Bangladesh Christian Association (BCA).

Hubert Gomez of BHBCOP said, "Bangladesh is a non-communal country and we have to be careful so that it does not become a communal one." He urged the education minister to investigate the incident and take action against those responsible.

Nirmal Rosario, president of BCA, said preparing such questions was a condemnable act.

Ashoke Barua, general secretary of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation, termed the questions "humiliating".

Shreemati Padmavati Devi, organising secretary of BHBCOP; Manindra Kumar Nath, co-coordinator of the organisation; and Jayanta Sen Dipu, president of Bangladesh Puja Uddjapan Parishad, also spoke.

Two of the 80 MCQs in the admission test for the university's faculty of fine arts on October 25 have been widely criticised.

One of the questions asked, "What is the name of the greatest book in the world?" It had four choices: A) The Holy Quran, B) The Holy Bible, C) The Holy Injil and D) Gita.

The other question was, "When did the Myanmar army and the Buddhists launch an armed attack on the Rohingya Muslims?"

DU teachers' faction to protest 'assault' on colleague today

DU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of "Blue" panel teachers of Dhaka University will form a human chain on the campus today, protesting an alleged assault on a teacher apparently by the proctor and few other teachers.

The decision of the pro-Awami League teachers came at a meeting on Friday.

On Thursday, Proctor Prof Golam Rabbani allegedly assaulted Prof AKM Jamal Uddin of sociology at a meeting of the panel teachers at TSC.

Several Blue panel teachers, loyal to Prof Arefin Siddique, alleged that the proctor was delivering a "provocative" speech about the former VC and was hurling abuses at some other panel teachers.

However, some of the panel teachers, loyal to the incumbent VC, alleged that Prof Jamal hurled abuses at the proctor and assaulted him.

On Friday, Proctor Rabbani issued a rejoinder, saying that Prof Jamal assaulted him at the meeting.

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132930	UGIIP-III-2/AF/KUSH/DR-03/2017	Construction of 2670m RCC Drainage system from Mazampur bus stand to Chourhash GK Canel Ch. 000-2670m under Kushtia Pourashava.	05-Nov-2017 at 9:00am	06-Dec-2017 at 2:00pm

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Reconstruct lab building: Poba

UNB, Dhaka

With a demand for reconstruction of the century-old laboratory building in the capital's Khamarbari, Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) formed a human chain yesterday.

Leaders and activists of different social, professional and green organisations participated in the event held in front of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.

They also demanded punishment for those who demolished the building.

Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan, its Assistant Secretary MA Wahid, Subandhan Samajik Kalyan Sangathan President Habibur Rahman and Modern Club President Abu Hasanat were also present.



Members of top 15 teams, selected from 230 teams who submitted their ideas for the export-based business idea competition "Rise High Bangladesh", at the capital's The Daily Star Centre. Yesterday, the teams presented their ideas to the jury panel. The export idea contest is organised by The Daily Star and Crown Cement.

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