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Woman undertakes mission to shine the light of education on Garo community

MIRZA SHAKIL with ANDREW EAGLE

When 85-year-old Protibha Sangma from Idlipur village in Tangail's Madhupur forest reflected on life, she has reasons to feel content. As her own Garo community struggled to find its place in a changing world, she was at the forefront. She's long been education's champion.

"As a teacher Protibha Didi was strict," says ex-student Maria Chiran, "A visionary who taught far beyond textbooks, she even gave girl-guide training."

Maria, the current headmistress of Corpus Christi High School in Lalchhatra, is among a number of Protibha's former pupils to have pursued professional careers. "Protibha Didi faced enough obstacles in completing her own schooling; then she served our community her entire life. She is education's pioneer."

When the second of five children to struggling farmer Sanatan Sangma was young, school was uncommon. But Protibha's culturally-minded mother Bangabala Chambugoni encouraged study.

"Our village was surrounded by dense sal forest then," Protibha recalls.

"It was full of wild animals: leopards, buffaloes, peacocks, monkeys and

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Celebrated Indian singer Papon enthrals the crowd with his soulful performances on the opening day of the third edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival at the capital's Army Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO:
SHEIK MEHEDI MOSHED

Dhaka sways to music of the roots

3rd International Folk Fest begins

FAHMMIF FERDous

The third edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival opened the capital last night to a jam-packed audience, who were treated to thoroughly entertaining performances by musicians from different parts of the world and local artists alike.

The biggest applause was reserved for the night's final performer Papon, the celebrated Indian singer hailing from Assam. With his sonorous baritone, the singer sang songs from his native land, as well as from other Indian regions such as Rajasthan and Punjab, and even a Nepalese song. An energetic crowd sang along from his very first song "Dinai Dina" to other hits such as "Tere Bin Na Jagla" and "O Maa", dancing and making merry under the open sky of the Army Stadium on a cool November night.

Earlier in the evening, Bauliana, a group of artists emerging from the musical talent show Magic Bauliana, opened the festival, performing two popular folk songs of Lalon Shah and

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PHOTO: SHEIK MEHEDI MOSHED

New window for 1971 research

Investigation agency preserving war crimes case documents to send those to libraries, institutions

TUHIN SHIBHRA ADHIKARY

There's a dead bug in the Van Gogh

AFP, Washington

When a Kansas City museum put a Vincent van Gogh painting under the microscope, it found an unlikely intruder: a grasshopper trapped in the canvas's painterly whirls for 128 years.

Mary Schafer, a conservator at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art,

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LAKEHEAD TERROR LINK
HC questions govt's decision about closure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the government's decision to stop the activities of two branches of Lakehead Grammar School in the capital on charges of patronising religious extremism and militancy.

It issued two rules asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain why the decision to stop the school's activities should not be declared

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Missing boy found dead in septic tank

Three senior students arrested, admit strangling him; family got ransom call

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Police recovered the decomposed body of a 14-year-old boy from a septic tank in his school in Homna upazila on Wednesday night and arrested three senior students of the school.

Jahid Hasan, a class IX student of Dulalpur Chandra Mukhi High school, went missing on Saturday.

Tracing a text and a call on his uncle's phone demanding Tk 50 lakh in ransom on Monday, Homna police arrested three SSX examinees of the school on Wednesday.

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 10

Faz Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

ASR 5:00-12:30 3:45 5:25 7:20

JAMAT 5:3-1:15 4:00 5:30 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The scarlet stare

MINTU DESHWARA,
Moulibazar

As evening fell, the stillness of the Lavacheria was suddenly broken by a chorus of croaks. Each one lasted from between 100 to 600

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Work hard, fast on N Korea

Trump urges Xi in Beijing, decries China's one-sided and unfair trade surplus with US

AFP, Beijing

Donald Trump showered Chinese leader Xi Jinping with praise during talks in Beijing yesterday, but prodded his host to work fast to help resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis, warning "time is quickly running out".

Speaking on the second day of a trip to Beijing marked by pomp and pageantry, the US president also declared China's "one-sided and unfair" trade surplus with the United States but told Xi "I don't blame China", as the two countries signed more than \$250 billion in business deals.

Xi hosted Trump at the imposing Great Hall of the People, next to Tiananmen Square, for the main event of the US president's five-nation tour of Asia.

While the two leaders exchanged pleasantries in keeping

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