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# Country's first biotech rice released



UNB, Dhaka

Scientists in Bangladesh have developed the country's first biotech rice variety giving farmers an answer to the difficulties they face in harvesting the staple with machines.

Stems of BRRIdhan-86, the variety that got release approval yesterday, are strong and stout and easy to reap by mechanical harvesters. This will come handy to farm owners, who have dearth of labourers and also find it difficult to use harvesters.

BRRI breeders told UNB that the new variety, with half a tonne of extra yield potential per hectare over the country's most produced rice variety BRRIdhan-28, is derived from Iranian rice variety Niamat through application of a biotech tool called anther culture.

Anther culture, applied for the first time in rice science in Bangladesh, is a biotech plant culturing technique where

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Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma, one of the biggest attractions of the festival, performs on the second night of Bengal Classical Music Festival at the Abahani grounds in the capital's Dhamondi.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

## CLASSICAL MUSIC FEST Mesmerising melodies enthrall crowd

FAHMIM FERDOUS

A magnetic performance on the santoor by living legend Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma stole the show on the second day of the Bengal Classical Music Festival at the Abahani ground yesterday.

Earlier in the evening, the day's programme began with the Aditi Mangaldas Dance Company, who delivered an exhilarating Kathak recital. Led by noted Kathak exponent Aditi Mangaldas, this was the first dance company performing in the festival's six-year history. Through swift, graceful movements, Mangaldas, and six of her disciples, started the evening with a piece called Utsav which included a traditional Surya Vandana.

The second part consisted of Aditi Mangaldas performing a solo nritya, or an expressive style of Kathak. Set to the Sufi qawwali "Chashme Mast-e Ajabe" by Amir Khusrau, the solo piece was filled with expressive and evocative hand and eye movements. In the third part, her disciples performed a tarana, a dance performance set to Indian classical music.

Next, performing with a

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# Crafting in confinement

First garment factory inside prison launched in Narayanganj District Jail; inmates start earning making fabrics, handicrafts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A small garment factory has started production inside Narayanganj District Jail yesterday morning.

Inmates will be able to work and earn at the 5,000 square feet factory, titled Resilience Garments Industry and Jamdani Production Centre.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal formally launched the country's first ever such initiative.

About 300 inmates have started working in two shifts. Their earnings would be deposited to their bank accounts.

Officials said the inmates would

also be able to send the money to their homes.

Jail Superintendent Suvas Kumar Ghosh said a total of 52 imported sewing, overlock and embroidery machines have been set up in the factory jointly built by the Directorate of Jails, Narayanganj administration and the Social Service Department.

The government has taken many initiatives to rehabilitate prisoners, he added.

Twelve inmates have been weaving Jamdani saris in six handlooms. The authorities are planning to set up four additional ones. Around 25 other

inmates have engaged in weaving bed sheets.

The inmates working at the factory received training on embroidering, kantha stitching, block printing and boutique making, and other handicrafts.

The inmates would get half of the profit generated.

The authorities have been talking to Aarong officials to be able to supply handicrafts to its outlets, said the officer.

The home minister also laid a foundation stone of a six-storey building in the jail premises.

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## VERDICT REVIEW PLEA Pro-AL SCBA lawyers slam statements of its leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League faction of the Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday protested the statements of its president and secretary over the government's move to seek review of the SC's 16th amendment verdict.

The amendment had empowered parliament to remove SC judges for incapacity or misconduct.

The statements of SCBA

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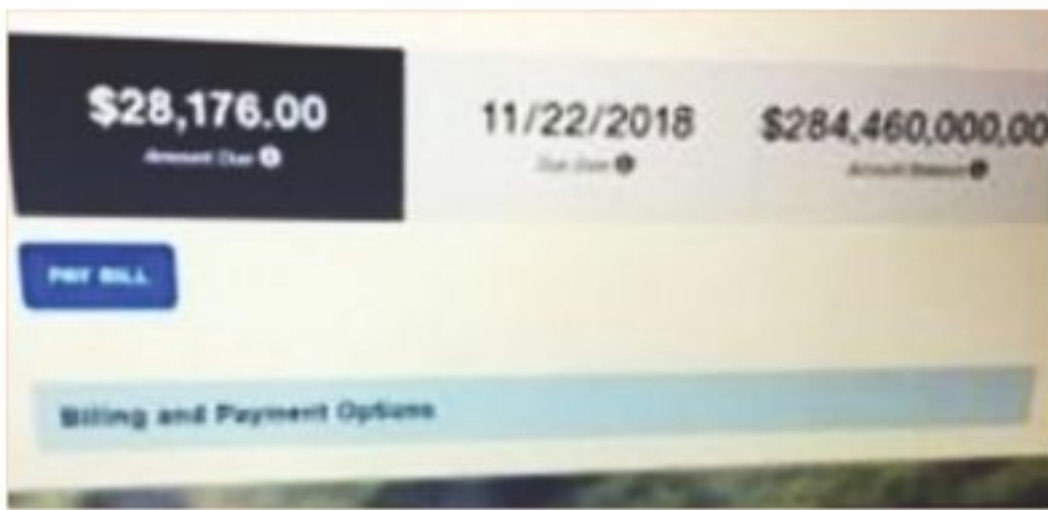
## Woman stunned by \$284b electricity bill

FOX NEWS ONLINE

A Pennsylvania utility customer got the shock of her life after checking on her monthly electric bill and seeing that she owed \$284 billion.

"My eyes just about popped out of my head," Erie homeowner Mary Horomanski, 58, told the Erie Times-News. "We had put up Christmas lights and I wondered if we had put them up wrong."

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Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal takes a tour of Bangladesh's first ever garment factory in prison. He formally inaugurated the factory set up inside Narayanganj District Jail yesterday morning. Half of the profit from the sales will be given to the prisoners who work at the factory.

PHOTO: STAR

## Nahid clarifies his bribe statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday clarified his remarks on bribe, saying his comment, which has taken the country by storm, has been misconstrued due to "partial" publication in some newspapers and online portals.

While speaking at a press briefing at his ministry, the minister said in his speech on Sunday, he had cited examples of the past to describe the scenario of the Directorate of Inspection and Audit (DIA) eight years ago.

Nahid said, "Although most of the media properly

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## PRINCE HARRY INTERVIEW Obama warns on social media use

AFP, London

Former US President Barack Obama told Britain's Prince Harry he was concerned social media was "corroding civil discourse", in what he said was his first interview since leaving the White House, aired yesterday.

"One of the dangers of the internet is that people can have entirely different realities," he told the prince, who was guest editing BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"They can be cocooned in information that reinforces their current biases. Things aren't as simple as they've been portrayed in whatever chat room you've been in," he added.

"The question has to do with how do we harness this technology in a way that allows a multiplicity of voices, allows a diversity of views, but doesn't lead to a Balkanisation of society and allows ways of finding common



ground."

The interview was recorded in Toronto, Canada, in September on the sidelines of the Invictus Games, the athletic tournament created by Harry for wounded former soldiers.

Despite admitting concern over the

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# ACC summons ex-chair, MD of AB Bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has summoned AB Bank's immediate past chairman M Wahidul Haque and a former managing director today for interrogation over allegations of laundering Tk 165 crore to the United Arab Emirates.

Wahidul Haque has been asked to appear before the commission at 9:00am, said Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, ACC Public Relations Officer.

Former managing director M Fazlur Rahman has been given schedule at 9:10am, he added.

According to a Bangladesh Bank probe report, the AB Bank has allegedly laundered around Tk 165 crore to the

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