



Participants, trainers, and guests after a training session for RMG and textile professionals about CSR and sustainability, held on Monday on the campus of the BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT) in Turag. Twenty-six professionals from garment and textile factories from around the country attended the training titled "CSR and the Dutch Covenant on Sustainable Garment and Textile". This was the second of a series of training workshops initiated by BUFT Centre for CSR and Sustainability (BCCS). The session was delivered by Dr Andre Nijhof, a professor of Nyenrode Business University, Netherlands, and moderated by Mallick Rakibul Hasan, business development manager of BCCS and assistant professor of BUFT. The certificates among the participants were distributed by Prof Dr Ayub Nabi Khan, pro-vice chancellor, BUFT, and Prof Andre Nijhof.

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Literary works can connect people in South Asia

Speakers said at International Literary Conference 2018

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Literary works can be a powerful medium to connect people across South Asian countries and to understand diverse cultures in the region, academics and authors said at an international conference yesterday.

In order to reach a cross-border readership, literary practice in a common language such as English and more quality translations of native literatures are necessary, they said.

They were speaking at the two-day International Literary Conference 2018 titled "South Asian Literature Now" at Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad auditorium of Bangla Academy in the capital.

The conference is being organised by the Bangla Academy as part of its month-long programmes during the Amar Ekushey Granthamela. It is being participated by authors, writers and academics from Bangladesh,

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Colombia.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Prof Emeritus Rafiqul Islam of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh said the geographical entity of South Asia is "multi-lingual, multi-cultural and multi-religious".

Various parts of South Asia are still isolated and people know little about their literary works, he said. "This is very unfortunate."

Regional organisations such as the Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) could be a platform to exchange knowledge, he also said.

Bangla Academy Director General Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan said there are many internationally acclaimed authors in South Asia, but it is apparent that the region has a scarcity of authors writing in English.

People know very little about native literatures practised in Urdu, Tamil,

Telugu, or Malayalam languages. "Without knowing native literature, it is very difficult to understand the mind of the people in this area," he said.

Prof Radha Chakravarty, a teacher of Comparative Literature and Translation Studies at Ambedkar University Delhi in India, said the role of translation to reach trans-border literature is very important while translators need to keep in mind their imaginary readers across the countries.

Keynote speaker acclaimed author Prof Fakrul Alam, pro-vice chancellor of East West University, said international events like Dhaka Literature Festival has opened the window for South Asian writers in English language to share their literary thoughts on a common platform.

"South Asian writings in English have gathered enough momentum, even in mono-lingual Bangladesh," said Prof Fakrul, one of the editors of

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Ekushey observed at Bangladesh missions

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Bangladesh missions in Denmark, South Korea and Pakistan observed the International Mother Language Day with due importance and fervor on Wednesday.

The mission offices arranged various programmes including discussions, cultural events, and competitions for children on the occasion of "Amar Ekushey", the Language Martyrs' Day.

Marking the day, Bangladesh Embassy in Copenhagen of Denmark arranged a discussion at the mission office, says a press release.

The event was attended by Ambassador M Muhit, Shubash Ghosh, adviser to Denmark Awami League (AL); and Dr Bidyut Barua, organising secretary of All European AL. Head of Chancery and First Secretary Shakil Shahriar hosted the event.

On February 21, 1952, students and people from all walks of life took to the streets in Dhaka to protest the erstwhile Pakistan government's refusal to recognise Bangla as one of the state languages and imposition of Urdu as the only official language of Pakistan.

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CRB DOUBLE MURDER CASE

64 BCL, Jubo League men charged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) yesterday pressed supplementary charges against 64 Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League men over a double murder in the city in 2013.

The accused include former Jubo League central leader Helal Akbar Chowdhury Babar, former Chhatra League central leader Saiful Islam Limon, and former president of dissolved CU BCL unit Alamgir Tipu.

PBI's Inspector Mohammed Jahangir, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Nirmalendu Bikash Chawakrabarty.

The initial charge sheet was submitted by Inspector Atik Ahmed Chowdhury of the Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police in November 2015.

The probe found that supporters of Babar engaged in a gunfight with supporters of Limon in CRB area of the porty city on June 2013 over submission of a railway tender.

Two people, including a minor boy, were killed in the incident. They are Amran Hossain, 8, a slum dweller, and Jubo League activist Sajju Palit, 25, of Nandankanan.

Jubo League and BCL men, led by Babar and Limon, went there to submit the tender involving Tk 1.5 crore for renovation works of a railway office and level-crossings in Feni and Comilla.

The gunfight left Amran dead on the spot. Sajju died of his wounds at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Limon is blessed by Chittagong city Mayor AJM Nasir

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Hajj pilgrimage

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applicable for both Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi Airlines, officials of the national carriers of Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia told The Daily Star.

Last year, airfare for a hajj pilgrim was around US \$1,550, said Habibullah Bahar, immediate past president of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh.

Sources at the religious affairs ministry said the cabinet may approve the lowest rate of this year's hajj package next week.

Last year's lowest price for the hajj package was fixed at Tk 3.21 lakh.

This year, a total of around 1.27 lakh Bangladeshis will get the opportunity to perform hajj. Of them, 7,198 are set to perform hajj under the government management and the rest under private management, the sources added.

With passion for books

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not know what to do at first. I've been a fan of their writings ever since I could remember. To see them in person... it was an incredible feeling. I even forgot to assist visitors..." said Nymul at Ankur publication.

However, some of the students said they had to face some untoward incidents too.

"On February 21, a guy came to our stall and during the rush, he took a book without paying for it. I tried to follow him, but he took off," said Kabita Hasan. The Habibullah Bahar University College student works at Modern publication.

This is the second time she has been working for Modern publication.

The publishers also appreciate that students are working at their stalls during the book fair.

"The students are well aware of literature. The knowledge helps them to interact with the booklovers better..." said Nasir Ahmed Selim, publisher of Kakali Prokashani.

A total of 103 books hit the fair yesterday. A book titled, "Idiot Atmokotha" (memoirs of an idiot) was unveiled at the fair. Written by Heerak Rana, the book tells the story of various social incongruities through theory, facts and a great amount of wit and

humour. The book is published by Adeel Prokashoni (stall 155).

The preface of the book has been written by Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury.

DAILY STAR BOOKS

Tahmima Anam's "A Golden Age" and its translation "Sonajhora Din", "Selected Micro Economic Issue: Theory and Practice" by Mirza Azizul Islam and "The Merman's Prayer and Other Stories" by Syed Manzoorul Islam were in high demand at Daily Star Books yesterday.

Other than those, "Shuno He Lokkinder" by Shawkat Ali, "Kishor Muktiyoddha" by Mostafa Hossain, "Sangrami Nari 52 o 71 (interview)" edited by Bashir Khan, "Srestho Rohosso Uponnas" by Rakib Hasan and "1971" by Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay were also popular choice.

"We offer a wide variety of books for people of all ages," said Emran Mahfuz, coordinator of Daily Star Books. "Our books are also available on Rokomari.com."

Meanwhile, Syed Abul Maksud's "Bangalee Musolmaner Buddhibratik Bibhrom o Bishwashinota" will hit the book fair soon.

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IUB

The Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) recently elected the following members for the Board of Trustees of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), A Matin Chowdhury, S M Al-Husainy, Lutfu M Ayub, Md Aminuzzaman Bhuiyan, Abdul Hafiz Choudhury, FCA, Rashed Chowdhury, Ismail Dobash, M Anis Ud Dowla, Javed Hosein, Syed Mahmudul Haq, Dr. Syed Serajul Huq, Didar A Hussain, Salma Karim, A H A Rasheed Khan, A Quaiyum Khan, Mohammad Zakaria Khan, Safia Ghazi Rahman, Abdul Hai Sarker, Altaf Hossain Sarker and Nilufer Zafarullah, MP.



Mr. A. Matin Chowdhury, has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, IUB (2018-19). He will take over the new assignment on 8th March 2018.

Mr. A Matin Chowdhury, former Chairman of ESTCDT, is a Businessman and a Social Worker who participated in the Liberation War in 1971 and retired from the Army as a Major in 1976. He is involved in Textile and Apparel Business and is the Managing Director of New Asia Group. He also provided leadership to various non-profit Organizations including Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB), Bangladesh Legal Aid & Services Trust (BLAST), Underprivileged Children Education Program (UCEP), Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, etc. He is also Founder and Chairman of the philanthropic trust, Shaheed Khalek and Major Salek Bir Uttam Trust.

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- * Master's degree in Accounting or equivalent. Extensive work experience can compensate for lack of a Master's degree.
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