

ISKCON meet held in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
A religious discussion and rally was held at Nitaiganj area of Narayanganj on Thursday.
Members from over 50 countries including USA, England, and Canada joined the gathering organised by International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).
So far, ISKCON organised such programme in at least seven districts this year, said the organisers.
Speaking as a chief guest, Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy said, "People from different sects including Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian fought for the countries freedom. Everyone belongs to this country regardless of religion."
Addressing the attendees she urged everyone to live in the city in harmony.
Cleric and religious leaders of ISKCON (Narayanganj unit) Hangsha Krisna Dash Brammha was also present at the programme.
The ISKCON, known colloquially as the Hare Krishna movement, is a Gaudiya Vaishnava Hindu religious organisation, founded in 1966 in New York City.
Their core beliefs are based on select traditional scriptures, particularly the Bhagavad-Gita and the Srimad Bhagavatam.

Dhaka for shared responsibility

To implement water action under SDGs
UNB, Dhaka
State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahrar Alam has emphasised shared responsibility, sincere efforts and strong cooperation at regional and global levels to implement the water action under the SDGs.
He said these are also required to make international water decade a success, and to create a water-secure world for all.
The state minister was addressing an event titled "Launching of the International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development (2018-2028)" at the UN Headquarters. This decade was launched on the occasion of "World Water Day".
Shahrar Alam is representing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, one of the members of the UN Secretary General's High-level Panel on Water, at the event.
He said Bangladesh has earned global recognition as a champion for ensuring safe drinking water and sanitation for all.

Abul Mansur Ahmad

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He said Abul Mansur Ahmad wrote very clearly about his fundamental beliefs that need to be discussed objectively and scientifically without any prejudice.
Azam quoted Prof Jatin Sarkar who termed Abul Mansur Ahmad a pragmatist.
He said in all Abul Mansur Ahmad's works in politics, journalism and literature, he defended the rights of people.
Abul Mansur Ahmad declared himself a secular democratic, which he maintained in all his works. Throughout his life, he believed in secularism and democracy.
Though a supporter of Pakistan movement, he was one of the earlier proponents of Bangla being the national language of East Bengal.
Prof Azam advocated greater understanding of Abul Mansur Ahmad's works.
Writer Morshed Shafiqul Hasan said Abul Mansur Ahmad in his writings carefully countered Buddhadeb Basu to establish Bengali people's right to their language.
He gave a priority to the distinctiveness of the then East Bengal in literature, said Shafiqul.
Professor Hayat Mahmud said Abul Mansur Ahmad used to write in Bangla magnificently.
Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman during his speech said Abul Mansur Ahmad was one of the outstanding thinkers of his time who strongly believed that cultural identity of a people is a fundamental prerequisite for their advancement.
Urging for a better understanding of Abul Mansur Ahmad's writings, he said Abul Mansur through his writings, political works and journalism upheld the rights of Bengali Muslims.
He was a strong proponent of Bangla as a national language and also an advocate of secularism and democracy, Prof Anisuzzaman also said.

WB approves \$15m for improving nat'l statistics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The World Bank on Thursday approved a US \$15 million financing to help Bangladesh produce timely and quality statistics.
This will help the country make more evidence-based policy decisions, according to a press release of WB.
The National Strategy for Development of Statistics Implementation Support Project will improve the capacity of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) to produce and disseminate quality statistics in a timely manner, it added.
"Quality statistics are necessary for development and poverty reduction efforts. They provide evidence for policy decisions. Timely, reliable, and publicly available statistics are central to understand needs, plan resource allocation, and monitor development progress," said Rajashree Paralkar, WB's acting country director for Bangladesh.
The credit is from the International Development Association (IDA), the Bank's concessional lending arm. The credit is interest-free and repayable in 38 years, including a 6 year grace period, and carries a service charge of 0.75 percent.

Trees are friends

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At the time of locals' protest against the DNCC's attempt to fell trees on Road 4, Dr Haroonur Rashid, president of Uttara Sector 3 Kalyan Samity, said protecting trees are more important than widening roads.



Jatiya Garment Sramik Federation forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding Tk 16,000 as minimum wage for a garment worker.

Dr Sonia's book launched

CITY DESK
Dr Sonia Zaman Khan's recently published work, "The Politics and Law of Democratic Transition: Caretaker Government in Bangladesh", was launched at the capital's Brac Centre Inn yesterday.
The work has been published by Routledge.
Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain among others discussed salient aspects of the book.
Sonia Zaman is a lawyer based in the United Kingdom. The book is a result of years of research she has put into her study of contemporary politics in Bangladesh, according to a press release.

Clarification of United Hospital

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lifesaving medicines. Since then, the United Hospital authorities have been purchasing such medicines, which are not manufactured in the country, from Jazz Corporation as nominated by DGDA.
Hence, displaying an old document, which does not hold true now, defames the current goods storage of the United Hospital pharmacy. The reagents found in the lab had expired only few days back and those were waiting to be thrown off.
The jars of time-expired sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and potassium chloride were almost full. But, those were not used at all for the last few years.
In modern scientific lab practice, different reagents in microbiology lab are procured and utilised as "ready to use"; hence the above mentioned chemicals have no chance to be used currently as alleged by Rab.
However, the hospital authorities believe that physical removal of those jars from the lab should have been done timely; this is a correctable omission committed.
But, some of the short-dated reagents and sutures materials, confiscated during the drive, were with usable date limit.
Being the lone ISO 15189 accredited pathology laboratory of the country, the United Hospital has never compromised with using time-expired reagents.

Creating jobs can help

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affairs ministry, said Bangladesh is likely to face challenges during transition period after graduation. "So, we have to find out alternative ways," he said.
Shafiqul Islam Mohiuddin, president of FBCCI, urged the policy makers to include the private sector in formulation of policies.
"Give us a conducive business atmosphere, we will present you a 'Golden Bengal'...", he added.
Nihad Kabir, president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), stressed the need for smart negotiation with the development partners to ensure smooth transition period.
"We need to prepare for fundamental structural reforms in our economy and it is time to think about structural change," she commented.

Haoliang Xu, UNDP regional director for Asia and the Pacific, underscored the need for addressing inequality, further improving quality of governance, and overcoming the middle-income trap in the coming years.
"I am hoping that Bangladesh's transition would be a lot more smoother and faster as well as it would not make any mistake in becoming a developed country by 2041."
Shubhashish Bose, commerce secretary; Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, UNOHRLS high representative; Janina Jaruzelski, head of mission of USAID in Bangladesh; Kazi M Aminul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA); Roland Mollerus, chief of Committee for Development Policy of the UN; spoke among others.

Health condition

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Other survivors of the plane crash Emrana Kabir Hashi and Rezwanaul Haque were flown to Singapore from Kathmandu for better treatment. Another survivor Eakub Ali was taken to Delhi.
At least 49 people were killed as the US-Bangla Airlines aircraft crashed and burst into flames while landing at the Kathmandu airport in Nepal on March 12. Twenty-six Bangladeshis were among the dead.

Govt's taking credit

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corruption, misdeeds and mismanagement."
Referring to the victory by pro-BNP lawyers in the Supreme Court Bar Association election, Moudud hoped that BNP would win the upcoming general elections by a margin of 75 percent if it is held in a free and fair manner.
He said the government's evil attempt to split BNP by keeping its Chairperson Khaleda Zia in jail has been thwarted. "BNP is more united than before. And BNP will remain united whether Khaleda Zia comes out of the jail or not."
Accusing the government of "crossing all limits", Moudud said the ruling quarter is daydreaming of holding an election similar to that held in January 5 in 2014. "We will have no alternative but to take to the streets if the government does not reach a compromise."

Funeral of last 3 victims held

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fought against the Pakistan army under the sector No. 7 in Rajshahi region.
Earlier, on Monday, family members received the body of Nazrul's wife Akhtara Begum, who was also killed in the plane crash, at the Army Stadium.
In Khulna, another victim Alifuzzaman Alif was buried at Razapur Madrasa graveyard in the afternoon after a namaz-e-janaza at Belfulia Islamia School in Rupsha upazila, reports our district correspondent.
Meanwhile, another victim Pias Roy was cremated at Barisal Maha Shashan yesterday

morning.
After arriving at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, the body was brought to Govt Sayera Khatun Medical College around 9:00pm on Thursday where his friends and teachers paid him last tribute. Pias was the final-year student of the college.
From the college, the body was taken to Pias' residence in Barisal early yesterday. At 9:00am, the body was brought to Barisal Zilla School. He was a former student of the institute.
Later, the body was taken to the cremation ground.

DCCI

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) is inviting Research Proposal to conduct a Study on "Opportunities of Jute Paper Act and Jute Pulp and Jute Paper Production Process in Bangladesh" under USAID's AVC Project.
This procurement process will be conducted through cost and quality basis. Interested Research Firms are requested to submit a complete research proposal with budgetary equipment and CV of the team on or before 29 March 2018. For any queries, please send an email to: project@dhakachamber.com. For further information you are requested to visit www.dhakachamber.com.
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9TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today 24th of March 2018, is the Ninth Death Anniversary of **Late Prof. Dr. Wali Ullah**, renowned Professor of Medicine and Principal of Dhaka Medical college. We are still deeply bereaved by his sad departure. We pray to Great ALLAH for the salvation of his departed soul and request the same from all his relative, friends and well-wishers.

-Bereaved family members

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SUBMISSION OF THE LIST OF MARGIN LOAN HOLDERS ACCOUNTS

This is for information to all concerned that the Board of Directors of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited in its meeting held on January 28, 2018 unanimously recommended dividend @ 10% in cash and 10% in stock of the paid up capital of the Company for the year 2017 and the 19th Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

As per the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Order No. SEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/169 dated May 14, 2015; the amount of cash dividend payable to the margin loan holders to be paid to the concerned DP through a cheque or dividend warrant along with the list of those margin loan holders accounts.

Hence, for the payment of cash dividend to the margin loan holders, the concerned Brokerage Houses/DPs are requested to provide us the statement along with details of their margin loan holders on or before April 12, 2018 who are entitled to receive the cash dividend of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017. The statement should include shareholder's name, BO ID Number, client-wise shareholding position, gross dividend receivable, applicable tax rate, net dividend receivable, bank account number, routing number, contact person etc.

Mentionable, the "Record Date" for the entitlement of the dividend of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017 is February 19, 2018.

For RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited

Sd/-
(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)
Company Secretary

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Tender Notice

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has been implementing "Low Income Community Housing Support Project (LICHSP)" project funded by World Bank. Under this project PKSF invites sealed quotation from the manufacturers or their authorised dealers/distributor/resellers for the purchase and supply of **10 units of Desktop Computer, 10 units of UPS, 01 unit of Laptop, 02 units of Printer, and 01 unit of Scanner machine in a lot.**

The bid document including specification for **Desktop Computer, UPS, Laptop, Printer and Scanner machine** is to be submitted in the prescribed "Tender Document" obtainable from the office of PKSF during office hours (10 am to 4 pm) from 25/03/2018 to 09/04/2018 on payment of a non-refundable amount of BDT 1000/- (one thousand) only in the form of bank draft or pay order in favour of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh.

Bid documents should be dropped in the tender box at the office of PKSF by 12:00 noon on or before **10/04/2018**. Bid documents will be opened at **12:15 pm on 10/04/2018** in presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

PKSF reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all the bid documents without showing any reason whatsoever.

Deputy Managing Director (Administration)