



NSU celebrates Bengali New Year 1425 with much festivity

Pahela Baishakh marks the arrival of the Bengali New Year, part of a unique calendar system determined by the seasons. Bengalis all around the world wait for this day to make merry and indulge to their heart's content and North South University (NSU) celebrated this year with new hopes and festivities keeping the traditions alive.

Students, faculty members, and staff members of NSU welcomed "Nobobarsha 1425" on April 14, 2018 with its joyous significance. They participated in the elaborate festivities that included dressing up in traditional garb, and attending the parades showcasing talented Bengali artists and performers. The celebrations began with a colourful rally around the campus, where students carried handmade multi-coloured festoons, sculptures, and art projects to welcome the Bengali New Year.

A formal inauguration was held after the rally where M.A. Kashem and Azim Uddin Ahmed, Members of the BOT; Prof. G. U. Ahsan, VC (In-charge); and Brig. Gen. (Retd.) Mohammad Saber, Convener of the programme delivered short speeches. Among others, faculty and senior administrative members were present.

Nagar Baul James joined the NSU family to celebrate the festival of Baishakh and played a remarkable set-list in the occasion. The festival continued with Folk presentations, circus, puppet show, and many other ceremonies. A traditional fair was organised by NSU Sangskritik Sangathan.



ULAB celebrates Pahela Baishakh 1425

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) welcomed the new Bengali year with much enthusiasm and colourful festivity.

ULAB VC Prof. H.M. Jahirul Haque; Special Advisor to ULAB Board of Trustees Prof. Imran Rahman; ULAB Emeritus Professor Rafiqul Islam; and ULAB Registrar Prof. Akhtar Ahmed attended the rally along with students, faculty members, and admin members who joined the programme at its permanent campus at Mohammadpur. They carried masks, models of animals,

and other symbols of our Bengali heritage and participated in the rally.

Advisor of ULAB Art and Photography Club AFM Moniruzzaman Shipu directed the rally. Advisor of ULAB Co-Curricular Office Dr. Pinki Shah was also present.

The fair featured many stalls organised by different clubs where chotpoti, fuchka, pitha, and other traditional Bangladeshi desserts were available. ULAB Shangskriti Shangsad performed cultural activities to celebrate the day.

IUB celebrates Chaitra Sangkranti 1424

To bid farewell to 1424 and welcome the Bangla New Year 1425, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) celebrated "Chaitra Sangkranti 1424" on April 12, 2018 through cultural events at its own campus in Bashudhara, Dhaka. The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (SLASS), IUB arranged the programme that included typical Bangla food kiosks, folk music, and folk dance.

While inaugurating "Chaitra Sangkranti 1424", Prof. M. Omar Rahman, VC, IUB requested all concerned to organise such events regularly so the students could be familiar with essential and rich Bangla and its traditions.



In his remarks, Dr. Mahbub Alam, Dean, SLASS briefed about the cultural history of celebrating Chaitra Sangkranti.

As part of the event, renowned Rabindra Sangeet singer Bulbul Islam and Shahnaz Nasrin Ila rendered songs. Traditional Maljora gaan were performed by the teams of singer Radhu Thakur of Nasirnagar, Brahmanbaria and singer Gaurango Sarkar of Habiganj.

Deans and Heads of different Schools and Departments, senior members of the faculty and management, and IUB students enjoyed the various activities of Chaitra Sangkranti 1424.

AIUB hosts Baishakhi Ullash 1425

In celebration of Bengali New Year 1425, American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) arranged a daylong cultural programme on April 14, 2018 at its permanent campus at Kuril. The AIUB Baishakhi Ullash 1425 was inaugurated by Nadia Anwar, Founder & Vice President (Student Affairs) of AIUB.

Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna, VC, and Dr. Hasanul A. Hassan, Treasurer, Founder & Vice President (Human Resources and Administration) of AIUB were present as the chief guests in the second session of the cultural

programme. The event was presented with band songs, a nagardola, and folk fusion performances. Stalls of various local traditional items and foods were setup by the students. The baishakhi mela was open for all. The highlight of the occasion was presentations by band LRB, Dolchhut, Maksud, and the AIUB Performing Arts Club (APAC).

The Deans of the Faculties, teachers, students, and high officials among other foreign dignitaries were present on the occasion and enjoyed the event.



DIU students attend Spring Open Programme in UK

Syeda Maisha Tasnim and Nidhi Chakma, students of Department of English along with Md. Ashiqur Rahman Khan, student of Department of Software Engineering at Daffodil International University (DIU) are attending Hertford College of University of Oxford in United Kingdom, for its Spring Open Programme.

Under the partnership agreement, these students of DIU are completing their academic course with students from other countries and participating in different cross-cultural activities. They are the only delegation from Bangladesh this year in such a prestigious platform to learn and share experiences among attendees. The Hertford College under University of Oxford was founded in 1282 which is one of the oldest of the University's 38 colleges. Every year, a large number of DIU students go for study abroad programmes in different partner universities around the world.

