

WEATHER  
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S  
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA

H 34.5 L 27.8

MYMENSINGH

H 32.0 L 27.3

CHATTOTGRAM

H 33.0 L 25.8

SYLHET

H 29.0 L 22.5

RAJSHAHI

H 34.6 L 27.0

RANGPUR

H 33.0 L 26.8

KHULNA

H 34.5 L 27.5

BARISHAL

H 34.0 L 26.8

COX'S BAZAR

H 32.6 L 24.8

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Sylhet, Chattogram and Mymensingh divisions, at a few places over Dhaka division and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barishal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over eastern part of Bangladesh in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:51pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49am.



This beautiful natural setting *left*, is only a prelude to the waterfall, Sahasradhara Jharna (a waterfall of a thousand streams). It is located only a few kilometres from the bustle of Sitakunda upazila headquarters. A traveller can take a short motorcycle or car ride, trek on the meandering path along the green hillocks from Chhoto Darogar Haat and then take a boat to soak in the greenery. The photos were taken recently.

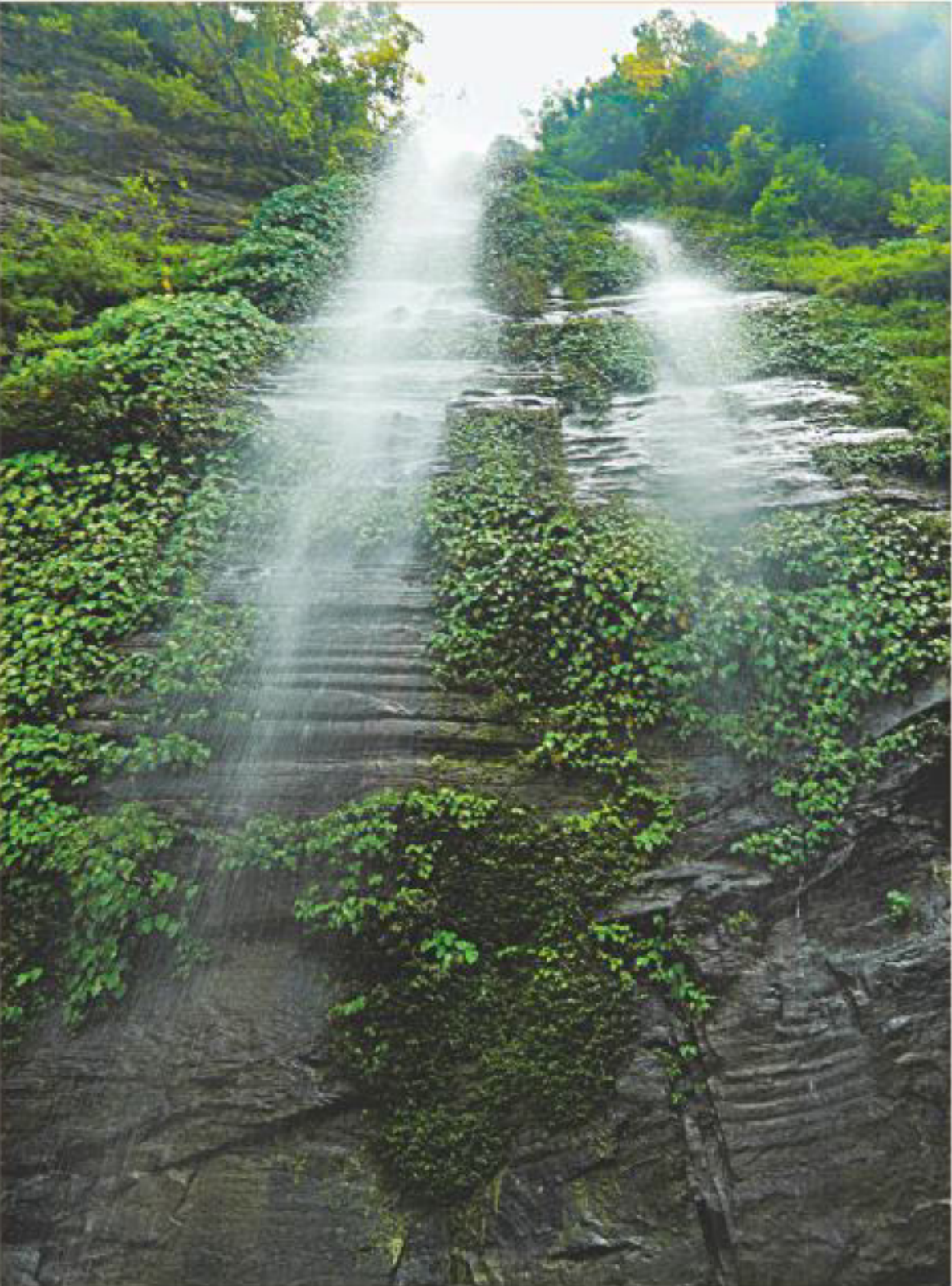


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## CHT PEACE ACCORD Govt to rehabilitate one lakh displaced families

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The government has decided to rehabilitate more than one lakh families who returned from India and those who were displaced internally at Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT).

The decision was taken at a meeting of the taskforce for 'Repatriation and rehabilitation of refugees back from India, and identification and rehabilitation of internally-displaced people' yesterday at Chittagong Circuit House.

The taskforce, which was formed soon after the signing of the CHT Peace Accord in 1997, has finalised the list of the displaced families. The list will soon be sent to the ministry concerned to start the rehabilitation process.

Lawmaker Kujendro Lal Tripura, the chairman of the taskforce, told The Daily Star that the taskforce has identified 81,777 internally-displaced families and 21,900 families who sought refuge in India due to the unrest in the hill tracts, and came back home after the treaty at different times.

Under the rehabilitation programme, government will build their homes, provide ration and give them back their land, Kujendro Lal Tripura said.

He said government employees who had fled the country during the unrest and returned after signing of the treaty have been given back their jobs.

"The government is trying to ensure peace in the hills. The rehabilitation will accelerate the peace process," he hoped.

Abdul Mannan, divisional commissioner of Chattogram, also member secretary of the taskforce; and Nurul Alam Nizami, additional divisional commissioner (development) of Chattogram; were present at the meeting, among others.

## 340MW more power to be imported from India

Bangladesh-India Joint Steering Committee decides at Sylhet meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Bangladesh has decided to import an additional 340 megawatts of electricity from India under G2G through Surjmoni-Cumilla north link.

Power Division Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus disclosed the decision yesterday to journalists after emerging from the 15th Bangladesh-India Joint Steering Committee meeting on issues relating to the energy sector.

The meeting, also attended by Indian power ministry Secretary Kumar Bhalla, was held at a hotel in Sylhet city.

Bangladesh is already importing 160 megawatts of electricity from India through the Surjmoni-Cumilla north link.

Bangladesh during the Joint Steering Committee meeting has urged India not to impose any duties including value added tax (VAT) on the import of power from India, Dr Kaikaus said.

He also said the meeting discussed the issue about setting up of a power transmission line through India to enable Bangladesh import electricity from Bhutan and Nepal and the prospect of export of electricity from Bangladesh to India.

Earlier, on Monday, the Bangladesh-India Joint Working Group (JWG) at a meeting in Sylhet discussed the installation of an Indian power transmission line through Bangladesh to supply electricity to India's Bihar state from Arunachal Pradesh, another Indian state.

## Guiding generations

Three nat'l professors accorded reception at Bangla Academy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Whenever crises arise, the entire country looks up to them because they have always shown the right way. They are the lighthouse and torch-bearers of the nation.

This is how speakers at a programme described the role of three newly appointed national professors -- Rafiqul Islam, Anisuzzaman and Jamilur Reza Choudhury. The three were accorded a reception at Bangla Academy yesterday.

Bangiya Sahitya Sangskriti Sanghsad organised the programme, where speakers highlighted that the life and works of the three eminent personalities will inspire future generations to build a prosperous Bangladesh.

On June 19, the government appointed the

three as national professors for five years.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith said he has been involved with different committees including the selection committee for national professors, and sent names of the three to the prime minister.

No other names came up and the prime minister gave consent without thinking about any other options, he said, adding, "This is a pleasure for all of us. They are so well known and respected that no one raised questions about them."

Professor Emeritus of Dhaka University Anisuzzaman said his appointment as national professor has brought honour for him, and also increased his responsibilities.

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Finance Minister AMA Muhith and author Selina Hossain light clay lamps to open the programme.

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OBSTRUCTION OF POLICE DUTY

## Sylhet BNP leader denied bail, sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday sent district BNP General Secretary Ali Ahmed to jail after rejecting his bail petition in a case filed for obstruction of police duty during the campaigning of city corporation election in July.

Session Judge Mofizur Rahman Bhuiyan delivered the order as Ali Ahmed did not appear before the court in time, said Additional Public Prosecutor Mofur Ali.

On July 21, BNP mayoral candidate Ariful Haque Chowdhury and around 100 of his supporters staged a sit-in near the DC (south) office of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, protesting arrest of two supporters.

That day, a case was filed accusing 39 BNP activists of obstructing police from performing their official duties.

On July 24, the HC granted bail to the accused and directed them to appear before the lower court by August 8.

Nasim Hossain, president of Sylhet city unit BNP, said as Ali Ahmed's mother died during the time, he could not appear before the court.

## CU suspends 11 BCL men

CU CORRESPONDENT

The authorities yesterday suspended 11 Chittagong University students, belonging to Bangladesh Chhatra League, on various charges.

Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury disclosed the decision at a press conference.

Mahmudul Hasan Rupak of English department was suspended for one year for beating a journalist on September 10.

Sabbir Hossain and Rajibul Alam of history department and Taimur Hossain of marketing were suspended for two months on the same charge.

Amat Uddin of history, Ibrahim Khalil of public administration, Salauddin Sazzad of Islamic history and Liptan Das of physics were suspended for two months for beating two students on September 9.

Kawsar Ibne Kashem of botany and Rifat Hasan of marine science were suspended for six months over stealing a laptop and a mobile phone from a dormitory on July 30.

Samdani Rahman Jiku of modern language and linguistics was suspended for one year for beating two students and a guardian on March 29.

They will be expelled if they are found involved in any other offences, said the proctor.

## Rise High Bangladesh at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

With the promise of promoting fresh and innovative export ideas, the third season of Rise High Bangladesh contest held its campus activation programme at Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday.

The activation at JU drew a sizeable turnout. Students looked on curiously at the events going on at the university as volunteers explained the contest to them.

Rise High Bangladesh is an initiative of The Daily Star and Crown Cement.

The event on the JU campus started at 9:00am in the university's central cafeteria and went on till 5:00pm. The programme area was decorated with banners and posters containing information of the contest, while volunteers also elaborated on the objectives, incentives and rules of participation to students.

A puzzle-solving game was arranged beside the booth, which attracted the

biggest crowd. Participants were asked to pick a card, containing export information of an unnamed country, which they had to identify correctly. The winners were given token gifts.

Md Ashikunnabi, a first-year student of the economics department, after winning the puzzle-solving contest, said, "This contest inspires me to know more about export geography of the world. I am planning to submit a project on clay products."

Another student of the same department, Uzzal, expressed his interest to submit a craft-related export idea.

Prof Bashir Ahmed, director of Teachers-Students Centre, said Rise High Bangladesh will help motivate students to think out of the conservative and traditional views.

Earlier, two activations were also held at Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) and Brac University on Sunday and Monday respectively.



Students posing with token prizes on Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday.

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