

# Admission tests at KU today

A CORRESPONDENT, KU

Khulna University (KU) admission tests for first-year honours courses under 2018-19 academic year commence today.

This year, a total of 27,630 applications have been filed for 1,229 seats under 29 disciplines, according to a KU press release.

In other words, about 22 candidates will compete for each seat in this year's admission tests.

Admission test of "A" unit for Science, Engineering and Technology and Life Science schools is scheduled to be held from 8:30am to 10:00am.

The "B" unit test for schools of Arts and Humanities, Social Science, and Law, and Institute of Education and Research (IER) is scheduled from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.

However, the test of Institute of Fine Arts under the same unit is scheduled from 12:00pm to 2pm.

The "C" unit test for Management and Business Administration School will be held from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The examinees will not be allowed to bring in cellular phones or any other electronic devices and their faces and ears cannot be covered while in the exam hall.

Further details can be availed by visiting www.ku.ac.bd.

# The miracle of a mother's touch

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"At first, his condition deteriorated and doctors had to put him in an incubator for a couple of days to maintain his temperature. Later, they suggested using the KMC method. Now it has been 18 days, my baby's health is improving," said the relieved mother.

She said her first child is staying with her grandparents in Narsingdi and her husband, Mohammed Helal, a trader, is staying in Dhaka to be with them.

This correspondent also spoke to Naznin Nahar Ruma, 30, who gave birth to her first child at a hospital in Narayanganj. She said her child was born at seven months and weighed 900 grams.

As per doctors' recommendation, she is also using the KMC method and said her child's condition is also improving.

Dr MAK Azad Chowdhury, head of neonatology department at the hospital, said, there is nothing as powerful as a mother's love. "This continuous skin-to-skin contact between the mother and baby and exclusive breastfeeding method is the best treatment a child can have."

"Incubators or other machineries can cause problems to a child like burning of skin due to excessive heat," he added.

Dr Azad also emphasised the negative impact of early marriage and consequently pregnancy. He said early marriage, lack of nutrition and insufficient antenatal medical care are some of the reasons behind deaths of premature babies.

As a precautionary measure, many developed countries are also using the KMC method, he added.

Dr Md Mahbul Hoque of the same hospital said KMC has been helpful in decreasing mortality and morbidity in preterm and low birthweight infants by providing protection from infection; regulating temperature, breathing, and brain activity; and encouraging mother-baby bonding.

It reduces the risk of potential infection threats to babies, prevents hypothermia, mitigates respiratory problem and reduces the risk of death, he said. Both parents can use the method at home and should continue the process until the baby gains more weight (at least 2,500 grams).

## 98 KMC CENTRES IN COUNTRY

Premature babies are getting treatment in 98 KMC centres across the country with the help of Save the Children, Unicef and WHO, under National Newborn Health Programme of the government.

The government started the programme (January 2017-June 2022) with an aim to reduce the newborn mortality rate to under 12 per 1,000 live births by 2030.

Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are implementing the programme at a cost of around Tk 422 crore.

Under this programme, various steps, including KMC, are being taken to improve the health of newborn and mother, said officials.

## WORLD PREMATURITY DAY TODAY

This year, Bangladesh is celebrating World Prematurity Day with the theme -- "Working together: Partnering with families in the care of small and sick newborns".

Since 2012, Bangladesh has been observing the day to create awareness of premature birth and its impact on families.

According to health officials, around six lakh babies are born prematurely each year in the country.

The premature babies are born usually with low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) and run the risk of deaths, said Dr Md Jahurul Islam, deputy programme manager of the neonatal health programme of the health ministry.

## GOVT INITIATIVE

The government has targeted to set up 200 KMC centres under DGHS and 70 centres under DGFP by 2022 to reduce premature deaths.

Officials and doctors said programmes such as awareness building and providing quality healthcare services to mother and child are crucial along with applying the KMC method.

The method was first initiated by paediatricians Dr Edger Rey Sanabria and Dr Martinez in 1978 in Colombia.

Uzma Syed, senior adviser (maternal and newborn health) to Save the Children, said the government first included KMC in its health policy in 2013 and then started implementing it from 2016.

She stressed the need for creating awareness among rural people regarding premature births.

Wahida Siraj, senior manager (improving newborn survival project) of Save the Children, said they are involved in 25 KMC centres, maintained by the government.

Contacted, Sultan Md Shamsuzzaman, director of DGHS, said, "We want to reduce infant mortality and are working towards it. So far, we have trained around 2,000 health workers and doctors and will train up 7,000 more."

But, he said, lack of awareness remains one of the major challenges in reducing premature births. "We are also initiating various programmes at the KMC centres in this regard."



From left, Sadia Sharmin, Masud Pavez Sujon, Mohiuddin Mahi, Parvez A Chowdhury, Hamium Maria Raka, Akhtaruz Zaman Khan Kabir, and Mir Shamsul Alam Baboo at the flag-in ceremony.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# 3 young mountaineers honoured for conquering Yala Peak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three young Bangladeshi mountaineers were accorded reception yesterday for conquering Yala Peak, a 5,525-metre summit of the Himalayas, in Nepal recently.

They are: Mohiuddin Mahi, co-founder of Rope4 Outdoor Education, a non-government organisation; Sadia Sharmin, a student of Dhaka University; and Masud Parvej Sujon, a student of Sylhet Engineering College.

Rope4, which arranged the expedition as part of its "Mission Himalaya 2018" project, honoured the mountaineers through organising a flag-in ceremony at Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) in Dhaka.

On October 23, the three-member team, led

by Mahi, started the expedition. They conquered the Yala Peak at 9:20am on October 29 and returned to Bangladesh on November 3.

Speaking at the ceremony, BPC Chairman Akhtaruz Zaman Khan Kabir said the achievement of the young mountaineers help in positively branding the country.

Rope4 Chairman Marufa Haque said, "Nowadays, youngsters are dependent on technology for entertainment and recreation. We launched the project to inspire them to pursue a healthy life," added Marufa.

The Daily Star is the youth engagement partner of the expedition. Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Peak69, Ghuddi, First Security Islami Bank Ltd and Peoples Radio 91.6 FM are other partners of the initiative.

## TENDER NOTICE FOR HIRING OF SECURITY SERVICES FOR icddr,b

Tender Ref. No. icddr,b/SCM/OTM/2018/40 Date : November 15, 2018

Sealed Tenders are invited by the icddr,b from reputed service provider having at least 5 years of work experience in delivering security services in UN agency, Embassy, large corporate house, International NGO, hospital/healthcare facility. Details terms and conditions of the tender are available in the RFP document:

Sl. #	Name of Group	Schedule of Pre-bid meeting	Selling Price (Tk.)
1.	Request for Proposal for Security Services in icddr,b	22nd November 2018 at 11:30 am	3,000.00

Tender document will be available for sale at Finance Office, Level-4 of Main Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka from **November 18, 2018 to November 30, 2018 from 10:00am to 3:00pm @ BDT 3,000/-** per set (non-refundable). Interested Tenderers have to pay cash as mentioned above (non-refundable) for each tender document showing their business card. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **November 22, 2018 at 11:30 am** at FM Conference Room, Level-4, Chiller Building, icddr,b, Dhaka. The tenderer must bring **NID Card/Company Photo ID Card** with him/her to attend the Pre-bid Meeting and for collection of Tender Document. Tender will be closed on **December 02, 2018 at 2:45 pm and opened at 3:00 pm** on the same day (in presence of icddr,b tender evaluation committee only). In case, tender cannot be received and opened on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working day at the same time and place.

icddr,b reserves the right to accept or reject all/part tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This tender notice will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the tenderer.

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## Tax Fair turns festive

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Separate booths have been set up at the fair venues for e-payment and freedom fighters, women, people with disabilities and the elderly.

Tax collection on the first four days of the fair has crossed the Tk 1,200-crore mark amid the increasing turnout of individual taxpayers.

As of yesterday, 9 lakh people received services from taxmen at the fair. The figure was 5.99 lakh last year, officials said.

The NBR said 19,415 new taxpayers joined the income tax network by signing up for taxpayers' identification number in the first four days, which is 240.85 percent high on year-on-year.

## Bhasani's death

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oppressed.

His belief in the secular struggle for Bangladesh was unequivocal.

Bhasani was immensely influential throughout his political career and instrumental in winning many general and local government elections since 1946.

Despite that, he consistently stayed away from holding actual power.

## A fun-filled

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The Daily Star, "Today's celebration is a part of our series of programmes. There will be another event on November 20 where journalists will be honoured with Meena Award 2018 for reporting on child rights."

According to Unicef, some 262 million children and youth are still out of school while 5.4 million children die each year from mostly preventable causes before their fifth birthday.

Since 1950, the day is observed to promote welfare of children.

## IN REMEMBRANCE



Mohd Moksed Ali

With fond & loving memories we remember Late. Mohd Moksed Ali of Tangail and Late Mozammel Huq of Narsingdi to-day on their 20th & 13th death anniversary respectively. They are related to each other as "BEA". We miss them in every step of our life. Family, relatives, friends & well-wishers are kindly requested to remember them in their prayers. On the occasion of their death anniversary to-day **Saturday November 17, 2018, Qur'an Khatam, Doa Mehfil** and feeding the poor has been organized.

Members of the Bereaved Family



Al-Haji Mozammel Huq



## INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) for Vehicle (Retender)

Project and Tender Name	BRAC Transport
Source of fund	Own fund
Tender package no	BRAC/BPD-02-18
Tender Items	Recondition Hybrid Axio Car, Manufacture Year: 2015
Reference No & Date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-Transport/18-14 November 12, 2018
Time of delivery	As per Tender Documents
Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) non refundable
Tender security	As per tender document
Tender document available	BRAC Procurement Department (ground floor) BRAC centre 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. For study purpose please visit <a href="http://www.procurement.brac.net">www.procurement.brac.net</a>
Date and time for selling documents	19 November -02 December, 2018 between 10.00 am to 03:00 pm
Tender dropping place, date and time	Tender box-3, Procurement Department, (ground floor) 03 December, 2018 between 10.00 am to 2.30 pm
Tender opening place, date and time	BRAC staff canteen (4th floor) BRAC centre 03 December, 2018 at 3:30 pm

BRAC, Procurement Department, BRAC Centre 75 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212, Phone: 9844180 Ext: 5498



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## TENDER INVITATION

Tenders are invited from the bonafide / intending suppliers / firms for the following items:

- Printing of 1600 units Graduation Certificate Folder for the 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation-2019 of East West University.
- Procurement of 2000 units Souvenir item (Table Crest) for Graduating Students of the 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation 2019 of East West University.
- Procurement of different types Computer Accessories for various Departments/Sections of East West University.
- Procurement of different Network Accessories for East West University.

The schedule for the items with terms and conditions can be obtained either from the website (<http://etender.ewubd.edu>) or from the Finance & Accounts Department of the University up to 28.11.2018 during office hours (up to 3:00 p.m.) on payment (non-refundable) of Tk. 300/- (excluding online service charge for e-tender process) for each item.

**The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule either through hard copy or e-tender process by 29.11.2018 within 2:00 p.m.** Hard copy of the tender must be dropped in the tender box kept in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Office of the Treasurer (Room No. 316) of the University (Address-Plot No-A/2, Jahurul Islam Avenue, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Dhaka-1212). Submitted tenders within the deadline will be opened on **29.11.2018 (same day) at 2:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor) of East West University in presence of the bidders (if any).

East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Joint Chief, HR & Logistics