



A reading room with a rich library inside multipurpose Fatema Khanom Complex at Banglabazar in Bhola Sadar upazila. Right, people visit the photo gallery inside the complex. Below, the impressive structure of the complex.



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A multipurpose memorial with a vision

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed makes the complex with Liberation War memorabilia, library and old home, named after his mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Commemorating the memory of his late mother and love for the country, a son built a multi-storied complex, including a museum and an old home, meant for taking care of elderly people, at Banglabazar in Bhola Sadar upazila.

The multipurpose complex, having seven different institutions, was built after the name of Fatema Khanom, mother of Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, also a local lawmaker.

The three-storey complex, built on 60 acres of land, consists of a museum, an old home, a mosque, a college, an orphanage, a medical college hospital and a medical centre for pregnant women for free of cost.

Fatema died on December 25 in

2006.

Of the establishments, the Swadhinata Museum, architecturally very unique, is the main attraction for the visitors.

"I have built the museum inside the complex to reveal the actual history of the country among the young generation and for my love for the country," Tofail Ahmed said.

"I loved my mother and I love my country as like my mother," he added.

"I was totally shocked when I visited the National Museum three years ago," the minister said, adding that he did not see enough collections representing the memory Liberation War martyrs.

During a recent visit to the site this correspondent saw that the three-storey building complex has a modern library with a reading room, a digital hall room, 28 digital displays and a huge number of



historic photos.

The museum is centrally connected with a lift and has 14 staff, who guide the visitors inside the museum.

A visitor needs at least an hour to see

the only digital modern museum across the country, said Mohammad Nakib, manager of the museum.

Around 400 to 600 guests, including students of different schools, colleges

and universities, visit the museum daily, he said, adding that the beautiful mosque and the old home on either sides of the museum have enhanced its attraction as well.

"I have learned many things about the country's Liberation War from the museum," college student Sanjida Akter said.

Tofail said he built the old home to show his love to all the parents and he loves all the women, who are staying there, like his own mother.

The old home and the mosque are built near the museum so that the residents can easily visit the museum during leisure and offer their prayers.

A resident of the old home Sakhina Begum said the complex is one of the best examples of showing respect to all mothers.

Man killed over land feud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash over a disputed land at Abdullahpur village in Rajnagar upazila on Tuesday.

The deceased was Anwar Mia, 45, son of Mahmud Ali of the village.

Police and locals said there was a conflict between Mahmud Ali and Aftab Mia over a land.

On Tuesday, Aftab with his men attacked Mahmud's brother Manik Mia when the latter went to the land at Chorkarpara. Mahmud's men hit Aftab's nephew Anwar. He later died at Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital, said Sub-Inspector Binoy Chokrabarty of Rajnagar Police Station.

AL man stabs BNP leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A local BNP leader was stabbed allegedly by an activist of Awami League at Tilla village in Rangabali upazila yesterday.

Injured Motaleb Hawlader, 40, president of ward No 5 of Chotobaishdia union BNP, was admitted to Galachipa Upazila Health Complex.

Locals said when Motaleb was going to nearby Naolbungia bazar AL local activist Shakil Mridha stabbed him, saying that no BNP men could live in the area.

Villagers caught Shakil and gave him a good beating.

Rangabali Police Station OC Milon Mitra said he heard a quarrel took place between the two over a personal matter.



College student Minhajul Islam feeds his pigeons at the yard of his house at Sanwashi village in Kurigram Sadar upazila.

Managing education cost by pigeon farming

ABDUL WAHED, Kurigram

When the guardian is supposed to provide his education expenses, 17-year-old Minhajul Islam has taken the responsibility upon him and arranges the expenditure through pigeon farming.

Besides arranging his own study cost, the teenage boy also financially supports his younger brother whenever possible.

Minhajul, son of Mostafa Kamal of

Sanwashi village in Sadar upazila and an HSC first-year student at Kanthalbari Degree College, first took up the hobby of pigeon rearing from his maternal grandfather when he was a student of Class VII in 2014.

In the first year, Minhajul took a pair of pigeons of a local variety from his maternal grandfather and bought another pair from the nearby Kanthalbari Bazar later on.

A couple of months later, he sold some of his local variety pigeons at

Kanthalbari Bazar and bought a pair of Shiraji variety with the money but did not have much knowledge about it.

Later, he gathered some primary knowledge from one of his neighbours while he was in Class IX and started farming of Shiraji variety along with the local variety at his house.

After five months, when the Shiraji variety started laying eggs for the first time, he started getting profit.

At present, Minhajul is rearing about 30 pairs of different varieties of pigeon, including Shiraji, Ghia Chunni, Lal Chunni, Shoa Chandan, Red Bombai, Mukkhi, Kagzi, Gerebaj as well as the local variety.

"I feed them different foods items like wheat, maize, china, pulse, mustard, paddy, rice and grits, a mixer brick dust, egg skin, snail dust and oyster, twice a day," Minhajul said, adding that he earns around Tk 7,000 every month by selling the pigeons while his expenditure is only Tk 50 per day.

"Pigeon rearing doesn't hamper my study and with the little income I manage my education expenditure, including college, private tuition fees and buying clothes," he said, adding that with the profit money he purchased a cow expending Tk 26,000 last year.

Minhajul said he sells each pair of pigeons of upper variety for Tk 1,000 to Tk 2,400 and while the local variety for Tk 300.



Minhajul at his pigeon farm.

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PATUAKHALI MEDICAL COLLEGE

Organogram of recruitment lingers for govt approval

Academic activities of 250 students hampered for shortage of teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The organogram, proposing recruitment of 420 employees, for Patuakhali Medical College is still waiting approval from the ministry concerned, hampering academic activities of 250 students of five batches.

Due to the delay, the institution is facing serious crisis of teachers and it does not even have teachers in three out of eight basic subjects.

Although the college requires at least 22 teachers to run its tutorial and practical classes, only seven teachers are currently serving there.

On January 10, 2014, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated Patuakhali Medical College on the premises of 250-bed Patuakhali General Hospital.

Academic and administrative activities of the medical college have been running at the hospital's CCU building.

"We placed an organogram, seeking approval to recruit 420 employees, to the authorities concerned on a number of occasions, but they sent it back on various grounds," Principal of the medical college Prof Dr Mahmudur Rahman said, adding that the last time he placed the organogram was in June this year and is still waiting for a reply.



Patuakhali Medical College compound.

PHOTO: STAR

Of the 420 proposed posts, 205 posts are Class I officials, four Class II, 58 Class III and 153 Class IV employees, source said.

"We are facing serious trouble in running academic activities as there are no teachers in three basic subjects like pharmacology, anaesthesia and cardiology," the principal said, adding that the college needs at least 22 teachers to the run its academic activities smoothly.

Prof Dr Mahmudur said they raised

the issue in the November 18 district coordination meeting recently.

According to the hospital sources, construction of 14 new buildings spending Tk 584.46 crore is going on.

The construction work, which began in July, 2016 and likely to be completed in June, 2020, includes a five-storey academic building, separate residential hostels for male and female students, internee doctors and dormitories for both male and female doctors, nurses and emergency staff.



A cowboy takes his cows back home after a daylong grazing in Hakaluki Haor area of Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar, giving a typical picture of the practice in the greenery with immense natural beauty.

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