

KU math discipline's founding anniversary observed

A CORRESPONDENT, KU The 20th founding anniversary of mathematics discipline at Khulna University was observed yesterday. The fourth reunion of the discipline was held simultaneously on the campus. On the occasions, the discipline organised programmes including a rally and discussion. VC Prof Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman inaugurated the events. Treasurer Prof Sadhan Ranjan Ghosh and discipline head Prof Sarder Firoz Ahmmed were also present.



Kuwait Ambassador to Bangladesh Adel Mohammed AH Hayat and Kuwait Airways Manager Abu Amin Khan Chowdhury with other diplomats at an award ceremony of the airline, where top passenger and cargo agents were recognised for their contributions, in a Dhaka hotel on January 31. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Man fatally crushed under train

UNB, Gazipur A trader was fatally crushed under the wheels of a train while walking along the rail tracks with headphones in his ears in Joydebpur area of Gazipur yesterday. The deceased, Shaifulah, was a resident of Potan village. Joydebpur railway junction police camp in-charge Sub-inspector Subrata Das said Shaifulah came to the station for going to Dhaka.



An overflowing water tank of Chattogram Wasa is spilling water on the street in front of the port city's Shaheed Minar. The resultant sludge is soiling the streets, making commute difficult for vehicles and passers-by. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: MOSTAFA YUSUF

DBBL awards scholarships

FROM PAGE 3 The government cannot perform the duty alone, so the private sector should come forward. "Our goal is to promote Bangladesh to a developed country within 2041. In doing so, quality education is a must. It's the tool for survival in the competitive world," he said. "Today's students will lead the country tomorrow... It is our moral responsibility to provide the students with care so that they can flourish," added Abdul.

helping the meritorious and poor students. He expected that other institutions would come forward with such endeavour. He congratulated the awardees and expressed hope that they would dedicate themselves to education and serve the nation. Sayem Ahmed, chairman of DBBL's board of directors, and Abul Kashem Md Shirin, the bank's managing director, also spoke at the ceremony. DBBL, under its initiative, has awarded the scholarships among a total of 57,696 students since 1996. Of them, 18,500 students are currently continuing their studies through the scholarship.

'Robber'

FROM PAGE 5 The robbers fired back and left the scene," the OC added. Police recovered the body from a nearby marsh around noon and arrested the injured robber, Mohammad Idris, 38, he said, adding that they also recovered four sharp weapons. Konu and Idris were admitted to DMCH. In Gazipur, two suspected cattle lifters were beaten to death by a mob in Kaliakoir in the morning. The deceased are Kabir Hossain and Jillur Rahman. Jillur hailed from Bogura's Adamdighi upazila. OC Alamgir Hossain Mozumdar of Kaliakoir Police Station told our Gazipur correspondent that the incident occurred when a group of cattle lifters allegedly stole six cows from Nowla village and went to nearby Boriaboh to steal a few more. "Sensing their presence, villagers announced it through loudspeakers of a mosque and chased them. Kabir and Jillur were caught and beaten to death, while the others fled with stolen cows in their truck," he said. The bodies were sent for autopsies, said the OC.

Wrong question papers

FROM PAGE 3 She realised that she was given the question paper of 2018 after the exam," he said. Amzad said his daughter was crying since then. "Invigilators distributed the wrong question papers jeopardising the future of students. Who will take responsibility for it?" he questioned. A similar situation was reported from AVJM Government Girls' High School centre in Munshiganj, where 79 students were given question papers of previous year's syllabus. Examinees at the centre said some of them had informed of the mix-up to the authorities present, but they did not pay heed to it. Talking to reporters, Additional Deputy Commissioner (education and ICI) of Munshiganj Asma Shaheen said it was invigilator's fault to not have informed the hall super or secretary of the centre. The authorities have had notified the exam controller about the matter, she added. Principal of KK Govt Institution in Munshiganj Md Mansur Rahman said it was a grave mistake, which could severely hamper the students. He said the text book was changed in 2016, so students who were in ninth grade at the time and are attending their SSC exam now, are supposed to be tested on a new syllabus. The 2018 SSC questions were based on the previous syllabus. Question papers of previous year's syllabus were also supplied to another 74 students in MNPB Government Girls High

School in Sherpur, but the anomaly was detected early, and those were replaced by photocopied question papers of this year after invigilators learned about the matter. Those examinees were given extra 20 minutes, so that they could use the time wasted by the mistake, said exam centre secretary Md Abul Khair. He said there were question papers of 2018 inside a packet containing the question papers with 2019 written on the packet, supplied from Dhaka Board. "It was not ours but the board's mistake," he added. The exam began at 10am at 3,497 centres all over the country, with 17,88,319 students taking part and 10,387 remaining absent. A press release of the education ministry's Central Control Board said 24 students were expelled, but the reasons were not stated. Meanwhile, Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday said the government would take tough measures to prevent the leak of question papers of SSC and equivalent examinations. She made the remarks while visiting an exam centre at Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Government Secondary School in the capital's Ashkona. This year, a total of 21,35,333 students -- 10,70,441 boys and 10,64,892 girls -- from 28,682 institutions, have registered for the exams. The number of examinees rose by more than 1.03 lakh from last year.

Acute teacher shortage

FROM PAGE 5 Due to the shortage, short-mortem activities of Khulna Medical College Hospital are also being hampered, according to hospital sources. Shahanaz Pervin, assistant professor (acting) of microbiology department, said the department is running without a professor and assistant professor. "It's quite hard for us to manage the 40-odd students." Dr Manoar Hossain, assistant professor of the surgery department, said, "Not just our institution, the crisis is plaguing the entire nation... students are being deprived of quality education." "There is always shortage of teachers for the basic and preliminary courses since students are not choosing those as majors. Consequently, the country's not producing sufficient teachers of those subjects." Dr Manoar Hossain said many teachers are switching to in-demand subjects. "The government should look into the issue and offer better opportunities to teachers such as promotion or higher education," he said. Meanwhile, students are bearing the brunt of the shortage. Tity Roy, a fourth-year student, said, "Not just regular classes, we are also missing out on practical classes." Echoing her, another student Robiul Hassan said, "Our future is at stake." Students urged the authorities concerned to solve the crisis immediately. Contacted, Prof Dr Abdul Ahad, principal of KMC, said, "The college authorities have requested the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and health ministry several times, seeking a solution to the problem," he said. "I became principal of the college around two years ago. Within the period, I have sent 14 letters to the directorate in this regard. I have also raised the issue in several meetings with the authorities concerned," he added. "I also suggested reappointing retired teachers as a backup." "But we are yet to get any response," he said. "It's getting difficult to run the institution properly." The director of Khulna Divisional Health Directorate could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

A joyous day for children

FROM PAGE 3 The children's corner also has different stalls selling varieties of books targeting children. The little ones, holding their parents' hands, were browsing the stalls and nagging their parents to buy books. "I love books of Meena. So I have bought a book on her. I want to meet her when I grow up," said four-year old Ryan Siddique. Ryan's father Abdul Siddique said, "My son loves to watch cartoons. So we bought him some books on cartoons. It's his learning stage.

Therefore, we do not push him. He reads whatever he likes." There was a stall of Sisimpur at the corner, which saw the largest crowd. Razu Ahmed, a salesperson at the stall, said, "Children are happy to see their favourite characters, and they are buying our books." Meanwhile, a total of 81 new books hit the stalls yesterday at the fair. Today at 4pm, a discussion titled "1969 er gono-obhuthan" (Mass uprising of 1969) will be held at the main stage of the fair on Bangla Academy grounds.

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TODAY IS THE 21st DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF FORMER SECRETARY M. AKHTAR ALI

Milad Mahfil and Doa is to be held today 3rd February 2019, Sunday after Asar prayers at his own residence on the occasion of 21st death anniversary of Former secretary M.Akhtar Ali. Relatives and well wishers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul. Mrs. Akhtar Ali, House # 14/A, Road # 95, Gulshan # 2, Dhaka-1212. Ph: 01713069583

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Fire in N'ganj engine oil warehouse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj A fire broke out at a warehouse in Nandalalpur area under Fatullah Police Station in Narayanganj yesterday morning, burning a huge amount of engine lubricant. Cause of the fire could not be determined immediately. The fire broke out at a Padma Group warehouse around 11am. Hearing the news, fire service rushed to the spot. Eleven firefighting units from different fire stations succeeded in controlling the blaze after a five-hour effort, said Sanaul Hoque, senior station officer of fire service's Narayanganj unit. As engine lubricants are highly flammable, the fire spread quickly and fire fighters faced difficulties in controlling it, he said. Talking to The Daily Star, the warehouse's supervisor Shajahan Khan said there is a steel mill at the back of the warehouse and the fire might have broken out from there. The lubricants were worth Tk 6 crore, he added.



Firefighters in action to douse a blazing engine oil warehouse in Narayanganj's Fatullah town. It took five hours to bring the fire under control. PHOTO: COLLECTED

7 months on

FROM PAGE 5 and officials were demonstrating for job regularisation and pay hikes, so the mayor was unable to prepare the budget, according to BCC sources. The new mayor is taking time to prepare and place the budget after assessing the situation properly, they added. Expressing concern, Dr Mizanur Rahman, member secretary of Barishal Nagorik Parishad, said the delay could cause hindrance to emergency citizen services and development works. It could also create accountability crisis. This correspondent tried to get in touch with the mayor for his comment. The mayor's office recommended contacting the chief executive officer. CEO Khariul Bashar said he joined the city corporation in October last year and was not sure about the reasons behind the delay. He, however, assured that the budget would be prepared and placed within a month. Barishal municipality was upgraded to a city corporation in 2002.

A vile act

FROM PAGE 5 came to the house again and slaughtered the dogs claiming that they were rabid animals, she said. "We begged them not to carry out the brutality." "They also threatened that we will suffer the same fate if we don't leave," she added. Maajna UP member Surujaman said he has advised the woman to seek help from the administration. Dr Abdul Jalil, upazila animal resources officer, said killing animals is a punishable offence. Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not get in touch with Hashem and Anif.

ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড (বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন এর একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান) ১৩১-১৪২, ঢাকা শিল্প এলাকা গাজীপুর-১৭১০ নিয়ন্ত্রণ টিকা দার তালিকাভুক্তকরণ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড এর টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর ও হিসাব নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, বিএসইসি ভবন, ১০২ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে প্রতিসেট ২০০.০০ (দুইশত) টাকা (অফিসেরযোগ্য) মূল্য পরিশোধ আপেক্ষে ১৮-০২-১৯ তারিখ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়) পর্যন্ত দরপত্র জমা করা যাবে। টেন্ডার খোলার দিন কোন টেন্ডার সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না ১৯-০২-২০১৯ তারিখ সকাল ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং একই দিন দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকায় ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড-এ টেন্ডার বাত্র খোলা হবে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ টেন্ডার খোলার দিন অফিস ছুটি/বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিনে টেন্ডার গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে। সময় ও স্থান অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে। (সো. এম. জিয়াউল হক) বিভাগীয় প্রধান (বাণিজ্য) ০১৮৫৮-০৩৭৮৪৭