

Readers hungry for new books



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Although the Amar Ekushey Grantha Mela is yet to go in full bloom, bookworms are already scouting the stalls looking for new reading material.

"The year has just started, and I would like to buy new books of my favourite writers and read them for the whole year," said Prethila, a student from East West University, while browsing books.

Some fair attendees are beginning their hunt by collecting catalogues of new books from different publication houses. Looking at all the lists would help them make their decision on what to buy this year.

"I collect catalogues every year to have the list of new books. It always helps. I mark the books that I want, and later buy those accordingly. However, some of the publications are yet to bring their new catalogue as the fair has just started," said Mehzabin Ratri, who works at a marketing agency.

While some readers are looking for their favourite writers' new books, others are keen to try fresh books from new authors.

"I like to collect new books of Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal sir and if possible, I will have the books autographed by him," said third-year student from Dhaka University Adnan Hossain, who bought a science fiction titled

"Niyam" by the noted author.

On the way in to the fair, Sakil Jaman, who came with her spouse, said, "Last year I did not buy books from new authors. But this year I will. Hopefully, exploring through works of the new authors will be a good experience."

The number of new books has been increasing at the fair over the years. In 2014, the number was 2,959, which rose to 4,591 last year.

"There are different kinds of readers, and they like different books. Keeping that in mind, we have published books from different genres," said Monirul Hoque, publisher of Ananya Publications.

Anupam Prokashoni has also brought books focusing on a variety of topics, including Liberation War, essays and science. "Bangalee Rastrosadhana" by Shamsuzzaman Khan, "Purono Bangla Goddo" by Dr Anisuzzaman and "Srestha Bangalee Bhashon" by Dr Anwara Begum are among the books from the publication.

New books by publishing house Somoy include "Bhindeshider Muktiuddho" by Muntasir Mamun, "Hriday Chhoya" by Anisul Hoque and "Bangladesher Rajnoitik Sangkat" by Masuda Bhatti.

JOB REGULARISATION Secondary school teachers call hunger strike again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Additional Class Teachers, a section of secondary school teachers who were recruited contractually under a project at government schools, yesterday again threatened to go for an indefinite hunger strike if the government does not make their jobs permanent immediately.

They made the call at a daylong sit-in, held under the banner of Bangladesh Additional Class Teacher (ACT) Association in front of Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka. Several hundred ACTs from various schools across the country took part in the programme carrying banners and posters.

"We want a permanent solution to regularise our jobs by any means, as the government gave us assurance to do so several times before," Koushik Chandra Barman, president of the association, said at the demonstration.

"If our demand is not met, we will go for an indefinite hunger strike from tomorrow [today]. We will remain rigid to our decision even if the administration tries to stop us," he added.

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Follow Bangabandhu's instructions

Dr Kamal tells govt

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Oikyafront Convener Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged the government to follow the instructions Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman outlined in the constitution to ensure a functional democracy in the country.

"We the opposition parties usually come down hard on the government. But I won't do this today. I want to tell them to follow the constitution. No one can disobey the constitution signed by Bangabandhu. It's clearly mentioned in the constitution that people are the country's owners," he said.

Dr Kamal, the president of Gono Forum, said the instructions and dreams of Bangabandhu were written in the constitution. "It's now our responsibility to materialise those. All, including those who are in the highest position of the government, must obey what Bangabandhu outlined in the constitution."

Dr Kamal was addressing a discussion at the party's Arambagh central office, marking the 11th death anniversary of party's former general secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik.

He urged people to play a careful role during the next two years as the country is going to celebrate the golden jubilee of its independence in 2021.

"Certainty there'll be some problems when there's any fault in an election or it's controversial. As the country's citizens, you'll have to discharge your duties carefully and cautiously so that the government, which will rule the country, take their charge constitutionally and discharge its duties constitutionally."

He said the constitution signed by Bangabandhu stipulates that there must be effective democracy in the country, not one in name only. "Effective democracy is where citizens can feel that they're able to play their role as the owners of the country."

Dr Kamal said both the government and the country's citizens have some responsibilities as per the constitution. "The government's responsibility is to rule the country following constitution while the citizens will elect their representatives through a fair election. It means a fair election is crucial to elect people's representatives."

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Purnatmananda new principal of Ramakrishna Mission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Swami Purnatmananda Maharaj has taken charge as new principal of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Dhaka.

At the directives of board of trustees and executive committee of Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Purnatmananda did so yesterday.

In 1974, Purnatmananda obtained master's degree in English from Calcutta University and joined the Ramkrishna Mission's Institute of Culture centre in Kolkata as a "Brahmachari".

He served as the chief of Publication and Research Department of the centre for 14 years.

From 2012 to January, 2019, he served as the secretary of Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Cultural Centre in Kolkata.

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Head of Cox's Bazar Sub-Office
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Bangladesh, 4th February 2019



STRANGE AND RISKY

A man puts his foot on a goods-laden rickshaw-van from a speeding baby taxi on the capital's Postogola Bridge. This stunt is effectively pushing the rickshaw-van that is seemingly too heavy for the van puller. Although such a situation continues on a regular basis, the authorities concerned are indifferent. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

IUB number one university in country

Says Webometrics ranking

CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) has been ranked number one in the country by the Webometrics Ranking Web of Universities (RWU), says a press release.

RWU is produced by the Cybermetrics Lab, a unit of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). They use four criteria for ranking, namely presence, visibility, transparency (openness), and excellence (scholar).

RWU included 147 Bangladeshi public and private universities and medical colleges. IUB, ranked 1st in Bangladesh, was also ranked 859th among 11,852 Asian universities.

Dr. AR Mallick's death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today marks the 22nd death anniversary of Dr. AR Mallick, an eminent educationist and the first technocrat Finance Minister of the country.

On the occasion, a discussion and milad mahfil were held at RKB Mallick School and College premises at his village home in Rajapur, Dhamrai.

Dr. Mallick was professor of South Asian Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, USA, in the early 1960s, and the founding vice-chancellor of Chittagong University.

He was president of the Liberation Council of Intelligentsia, the first education secretary, the first High Commissioner to India, and was elected chairman of Asian Development Bank.

His publications include "British Policy and the Muslims in Bengal" and "Amar Jibon Kotha O Bangladesher Mukti Sangram". Bangla Academy published "Dr. AR Mallick Sharak Grontho" comprising articles by renowned personalities from home and abroad. Dr. AR Mallick Lecture Hall was inaugurated at Dhaka University in 2015.



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Educational Qualification: Honours, Masters in related subject.

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Educational Qualification: Minimum BA/B.Com/B.Sc, Diploma in Physical Education.
Prerequisites: Physical Education.

- Applicants must be fluent in spoken English and should be below 35 years of age.
- Enthusiastic, physically fit, patient and an excellent communicator.
- Should be capable to positively influence students both physically and mentally.
- Knowledge in sports and preferably some experience as a gym instructor.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
Please apply at the address given below with 2 (two) recent passport size photographs and a C.V. by February 10, 2019.

Chittagong Grammar School Human Resources 448/B, Joy Nagar Chatteswari Road Chittagong Bangladesh D-46	Or	Chittagong Grammar School Human Resources 39, K.B Fazlul Kader Road Panchlailish Chittagong Bangladesh
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Job Opportunity - Investment Analyst

Application Deadline: February 13, 2019

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Qualified female candidates and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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ADMISSION TO PLAYGROUP & NURSERY

Forms for Admission to Playgroup and Nursery for academic session 2019-20 is now available in College office and it will continue upto 24 March 2019 on working days between 09.00 am to 04.00 pm.

Age limit:
Playgroup: Below 3.5 years of age (As on 01 July 2019)
Nursery: Below 4.5 years of age (As on 01 July 2019)

Last date of submission: 24 March 2019

Requirements: Two copies of passport size photographs and a copy of birth certificate.

Note: In the interview the presence of father and mother is essential. Interview date will be informed at the time of submission of application to the College office.

For further information, please contact: 01949800800, 55060039-41.

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