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FROM PAGE 3 meeting on January 29, DU authorities decided to enhance the polls participation requirement up to MPhil students, aged below 30, who had entered the university through admission tests for four-year bachelor's degrees.

The authorities did not take any initiative to hold voting at outside the halls and didn't curtail the "excessive power" of the Ducus president, a position held by the vice-chancellor under the union charter, students bodies allied.

Under the existing charter, the VC can dissolve the elected body or sack any of its member arbitrarily. This cannot even be challenged in any court.

Later, Different left leaning student bodies and BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal criticised the syndicate's decision. However, only ruling party's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) hailed the syndicate.

Since the last Ducus was formally dissolved in 1998, several attempts had been made to arrange the election, but discontent among student leaders created bars to holding the polls. The last elections to Ducus and hall unions were held in 1990.



Additional class teachers of different secondary schools chant slogans demanding their jobs be made permanent, as per government assurances. The teachers, who were recruited contractually under a project for three years in 2015, have been working in the schools without salary since their contracts ended in 2017. Yesterday, they staged a token hunger strike in front of the Jatiya Press Club from 9am to 6pm to press home their demands.

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Square Pharma's conference on Feb 9

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Some 450 representatives from the government, pharmaceutical industry, scientists, academicians and businessmen will gather on Saturday to discuss the possibilities that drug manufacturers can explore and challenges they may face in expanding their businesses further.

This will be the fourth time when the country's top drug manufacturer, Square Pharmaceuticals, will organise the event titled "Samson H Chowdhury Memorial Conference". The conference is being held every two years since 2013, to commemorate the late chairman of Square Group.

The organisers at a press conference at Square Hospital yesterday announced the day-long programme on February 9.

Three scientists will be given "Samson H Chowdhury Award for Young Scientist" at the event, for their contribution to the pharmaceutical sector.

8th Bangla Olympiad on Feb 23

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International Hope School Bangladesh will organise the 8th Bangla Olympiad, an inter-school cultural competition, on February 23 with a view to promoting practice of Bangla among students of English medium schools.

The school has been organising the Olympiad since 2011, commemorating February 21 -- International Mother Language Day.

Free registration for schools will continue till February 13 at banglaolympiad.org, said organisers at a press conference held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the capital on Monday.

The Olympiad will be held at the School's Uttara campus in Dhaka from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The awards of the competition will be handed out on March 2.

Mother returns

FROM PAGE 5 her co-workers," said Akhterul, adding, "During the time of delivery, she called in her father from Bhola on February 1."

"The baby was born with congenital health conditions. Sharmin's father brought her to CMCH as she was too ill to come to the hospital by herself," said Akhterul, adding, "Her father left the baby in the care of a woman he was acquainted with, and gave her some money to take care of the baby as he was leaving for Bhola to bring Sharmin's mother. But the woman fled the hospital."

"We sent Sharmin to gynaecology department for examination and found proof of delivery," he said, adding, "We also asked police to verify the matter." "Primarily we are convinced that Sharmin is the mother of the baby," he said.

4 killed

FROM PAGE 5 The 15 injured were taken to Gopalganj General Hospital, the OC said, adding that the bus was seized but the driver fled.

In Joypurhat, a farmer was killed after a truck hit a rickshaw carrying him at Mataish village on Hakimpur-Joypurhat road in Panchbibi upazila. The deceased was Amzad Hossain, 44, said Bazlar Rahman, OC of Panchbibi Police Station. No further details were known immediately.

Millionaires in mayoral race

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He also has a home loan of Tk 1.1 crore with IFIC Bank's Gulshan branch. However, Atiqul has no car registered in his name.

On the other hand, Bobby, who has an MBA degree, is a businessman and a teacher at North South University.

He has a car but no house to his name. He earns Tk 3,27,000 from teaching annually.

His movable assets include Tk 54 lakh cash, bank deposit of Tk 13 lakh and gold worth Tk 10,000. He has also lent about Tk 50 lakh. His wife has Tk 45,000 in cash and around 1.2kg gold, worth about Tk 40 lakh.

On the other hand, independent candidate Rahim could not attain the secondary school certificate degree. The

64-year old is chairman of North South Properties Limited.

There are eight cases against him pending before courts. He was discharged from three cases.

His annual earnings from business stand at over Tk 3.82 lakh.

His movable assets include Tk 303,300 in cash and bank deposit of Tk 65 lakh. Rahim owns bonds and shares of Tk 3.15 crore.

The businessman has a flat worth Tk 50 lakh.

The EC also declared nomination of two other candidates -- National People's Party's (NPP) Anisur Rahman and Progressive Democratic Party or PDP's Shahin Khan -- valid.

Shahin, a businessman, has mentioned himself as self-educated and has

shown no annual income in his affidavit.

He has cash worth Tk 2.50 lakh, bank deposits of Tk 3 lakh, a car and gold weighing around 35 grammes.

NPP's Anisur is a graduate. He mentioned politics and social work as his profession. His annual income from business is Tk 2.4 lakh. His wife owns a flat and 233 grammes gold.

The EC rejected nomination of Jatiya Party candidate and rock musician Shafin Ahmed, on grounds loan default.

According to the polls schedule, the last date for filing nomination papers for both of the DNCC by-polls and election to the new wards was January 30.

The returning officers scrutinised the nomination papers on February 2. The last date for withdrawing candidacy is February 9.

Stop dumping

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members have been facing breathing problems since the tanneries were shifted to the area.

"We have to cover our noses while passing through the area," he said.

Belur Rahman of Jahouchar area alleged that the tanneries were discharging liquid waste in Dhaleswar River.

"We do not understand why Dhaka City Corporation is dumping waste in Savar," said Shamsul Haque, general secretary of NoPUP in Savar. He urged the authorities to take steps to stop the pollution.

Shamsul Huda, Executive Director of ALRD, presided over the programme.

Suhrawardy bustling

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Asiful Huda of Monon Prakash said some publication houses have installed the number plates themselves to help visitors.

Acknowledging the issue, Jalal Ahmed, member secretary of the fair organising committee, said number plates will be installed tonight to ease the problem.

Despite the hindrance, a festive atmosphere prevailed at Suhrawardy Udyan as most prominent publication houses were swarmed by bookworms, looking for their favourites and new adventures.

Atikul, an attendant at Anya Prakash, said, "Humayun Ahmed still reigns supreme... We are selling over 100 of his books this year."

Anisur Rahman, manager of Somoy Prokashoni, said "Dusto Meyer Dal" and "Ma" by Anisul Hoque were in high demand at the stall.

This correspondent met Jannatul Mawa, a regular visitor at the fair, browsing through titles and making a list of what to buy.

Asked if she had visited the Bangla Academy premises, the DU English department student smiled and said she did on the first day. "Most of us love to read fiction and poetry, that's why we visit the Suhrawardy Udyan venue," she said. "But, I will also buy some books from the academy premises next week."

Yesterday, a total of 152 books hit the stalls, of which 30 were of poetry.

Quader faces the music at parliament

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safety in the country, are owners of those illegal vehicles in many cases. That's why law couldn't be implemented properly.

He wanted to know from the minister what the government is doing in this regard.

"People are panicked due to frequent road accidents. It seems there is no one to look after the matter," Chunnusaid.

Citing a report of World Health

Organization, he said there is no road sign in 62 percent roads in the country.

He also said the prime minister's five-point directive to ensure road safety is yet to be implemented.

4 STANDING COMMITTEES FORMED The Jatiya Sangsad last night constituted four more parliamentary standing committees -- on ministries of education, environment, Liberation War affairs and shipping.

Chief Whip Noor-E-Alam Chowdhury placed separate proposals

over the formations, which were passed by voice vote.

Awami League MP's Md Afsarul Amin (Chattogram-10) was made chairman of the committee on education ministry; Saber Hossain Chowdhury (Dhaka-9) will head the committee on environment, forest and climate change; Shajahan Khan (Madaripur-2) was made chairman of the committee on Liberation War affairs; Maj (ret) Rafiqul Islam will lead the committee on shipping.



A labourer takes her heels off the ground as she musters all her strength to wield a sledgehammer, tearing down the footpath on the Madani Avenue in the capital. Dhaka North City Corporation is digging a drain in the capital's diplomatic enclave, heaping debris on the side of the road that is obstructing pedestrians' path and causing air pollution.

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2 journo's jailed

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of Rab-8 in Madaripur, said, "On information, a Rab-8 team went to the schools and arrested them while coaching classes were being conducted." Kalkini UNO Aminul Islam led the mobile court.

Meanwhile in Chattogram, an examinee was expelled for taking photos of the question paper with a cellphone. Three teachers of the centre were also relieved for negligence, reports our Chattogram correspondent.

The incident took place at Katirhat High School exam centre in Hathazari upazila. The magistrates were conducting inspection there during English (first paper) examination.

"His [the examinee] demeanour looked suspicious. So we searched him and found a cellphone with photo of the question paper in his pocket," said UNO Ruhul Amin.

"He confessed that he was planning to send the photo to his friends so that they could send him the answers," he added.

Six more cellphones were seized from other students, said the official, adding that 30 minutes were deducted from their exam time as punishment.

Advertisement for Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) regarding tendering for road works. It includes a list of 20 items with details on quantities, locations, and submission dates. A table at the bottom provides contact information and a deadline of February 11, 2019.

Real estate advertisement for SUVASTU Properties, listing properties in Gulshan, Baridhara, Commercial, and Dhanmondi areas. Contact numbers are provided.

Advertisement for Pubali Bank Limited, inviting tenders for air coolers. It includes details about the bank, the tendering process, and contact information for the General Manager, Abu Habib Khairul Kabir.