



Bangladesh Basic Graduate Student Nurse's Association organised a human chain in front of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with a four-point demand, including a raise in remuneration for interns. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Financial inclusion

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to provide services like money transfer, mobile banking, delivering of government pension or safety-net services like stipend for students.
Queen Máxima was elated to hear the stories of progress in financial inclusion.
"Financial inclusion has increased from 31 percent in 2014 to 50 percent in 2017 and so this is actually very exciting," she told reporters. This has primarily happened through mobile financial services, so basic technology has played a very important role, she added.
Citing example of an old man, she said he used to get pension from the government but had to walk miles. Also, a woman had to spend 13 percent of the government stipend for transport and other necessary reasons before the digital payment system was introduced. Now both can avail the services in the neighbourhood.
While the queen lauded increase in financial inclusion, she said there is a huge gender gap. Sixty-five percent of Bangladeshi men have accounts, while the number is 36 percent for women. Gender gap in financial access grew a staggering 20 percent from 2014 to 2017, she said.
"This is because not all the ladies have mobile phones," Máxima said, adding that digital inclusion of both men and women, therefore, is extremely important.
Financial and digital inclusion of all is vital for livelihood, income as well as for investments -- that contribute to the reduction in poverty and inequalities, she said.
The Dutch queen also held meetings with the representatives of Grameen Phone, bKash, Brac Bank, Bank Asia, Surecash, D Money, Shop Up, IFDC, Bangladesh Bank and development partners like DFID, IFC, Swiss Embassy, World Bank, UNCDF, Nathan Associates, USAID, IMF, GIZ, Swisscontact and Helvetas at the UN office in the city yesterday.
She also met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the parliament.

Mobile top-up vendor stabbed to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A mobile top-up vendor was stabbed to death yesterday allegedly by another shop owner following a feud over using WiFi internet in Chattogram's Amin Colony.
The deceased is Abul Kalam, 25, son of Abdur Rahman, said police.
Inspector (investigation) Priton Sarkar of Bayezid Bostami Police Station said the incident took place around 9:30am.
On Tuesday, an altercation ensued between Abul Kalam and his adjacent shop owner Mamun over using WiFi internet, said the inspector quoting locals.
Following the incident, Mamun, his brother, and a friend went to Abul's shop yesterday and started beating him. At one point Abul was stabbed with a knife, said inspector Priton.
He was declared dead after being taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.
Mamun has been absconding since the incident, but police arrested his friend Mosharraf Hossain, 36. The body was sent to CMC morgue for autopsy, Priton added.

Dhaka's celebration

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has huge potential in tourism, and encouraged Bangladesh to discuss ways of cooperation among the member states.
"This celebration will be a wonderful platform to create a closer interaction and cooperation among OIC member states and related stakeholders involved in tourism industries," said Bangladesh Tourism Board CEO Dr Bhubon Chandra Biswas.
He said the celebration will highlight Dhaka as an unparalleled city of history, heritage and culture among OIC member countries. "It will also tighten the bond and extend areas of cooperation in relation to development of tourism among the member states," he said.
After the declaration of Dhaka as "City of Tourism", Bangladesh sent project proposals to OIC headquarters through the foreign ministry, seeking support for conservation and development of Islamic heritage in Bangladesh, as well as capacity-building of Islamic University of Technology (IUT) in Gazipur for creating skilled human resources for the travel and hospitality sector.
"Our proposals will be discussed at the 11th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers to be held in 2020 at Azerbaijan," the BTB chief said.
Dhaka achieved the honour, ahead of four other cities of OIC countries, and its closest contestant Gabala of Azerbaijan was made the "City of Tourism" for 2020.

Act now to accelerate

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was dreaming of coming to Bangladesh since she was in high school and the country got its independence.
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the event. Marshall Islands President Dr Hilda Heine, chair of the commission and former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, and Environment, Forests and Climate Change Minister Md Shahab Uddin also spoke at the event.
Georgieva said she has admired the remarkable success of Bangladesh since 1972, noting that per capita income has gone up from \$100 to \$1,500, and the country is well on track to bringing poverty down to under three percent by 2030.
"It's a country with high population density. It has managed to bring down population growth by mostly empowering women, bringing girls [to] school and creating jobs," she said.
Georgieva also said she is very impressed by what Bangladesh has demonstrated to the rest of the world. Despite its own problems, it can show compassion to those who are fleeing for their lives (Rohingyas).
Justifying the convening of the meeting in Dhaka, Georgieva said it is the epicentre of what climate risks entail and how actions taken can protect people.
Bangladesh was ranked the number one economy at risk of climate change by the Climate Change Vulnerability Index in 2014.
But Georgieva said they have seen incredible ingenuity in Bangladesh in dealing with climate change.
She said that she used to tell a story about how Bangladeshi communities came up with a smart adaptation measure by switching to breeding duck instead of chicken because when areas are flooded chickens die while ducks swim.
She said there will be at least four dollars of benefits for preventing higher damage against every dollar invested.

Monitor

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Haque, director of the Asian Centre for Development.
Estiaque Bari and Dr Rumi Shammin were the two others members of the research team.
Between July last year and May 2019, the research team interviewed 390 stakeholders -- including beneficiaries, local people, officials of 17 Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund projects and 14 Annual Development Projects located in Bhola, Barguna, Satkhira and Cox's Bazar.
They asked the interviewees a total of 41 questions to understand the similarities and differences between projects funded by climate change trust fund and ADP.
Dr AK Enamul Haque, in his presentation, observed that projects financed through the ADP are relatively more effective than those financed through the climate change trust fund.
He also said the government should introduce DAC (development assistance criteria) evaluation and monitoring for climate projects, as it will make them more effective.
Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of the graft watchdog body, said developed countries are yet to disburse most of the fund they pledged for climate vulnerable countries.
According to estimation by the government, Bangladesh needs USD 2.2 billion annually to battle the impacts of climate change, but so far the country has received only USD 113 million, Dr Iftekharuzzaman added.
It is unlikely that the flow of funds will increase in near future; so, it is necessary to implement climate related projects with the highest care, the TIB executive director also said.
Dr Sumaiya Khayer, deputy executive director of TIB, and M Zakir Hossain Khan, climate change programme manager, were also present at the programme.

Press is the fourth

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fulfilment; it enriches the society and the country's literature, he said, while providing his reaction about the book.
He urged journalists to remain fair while preparing news and acquire professional excellence as much as they can, because the press is the fourth pillar of the state.
Former DU VC Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, DU Honorary Professor Shakhawat Ali Khan, and the book's publisher Gafur Hossain also spoke at the programme.

Two teachers indicted

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On December 5 last year, detectives arrested Arity's class teacher Hasna Hena, 51, hours after she was suspended.
She later secured bail on December 9.
The same day, Nazneen and Zinat were also suspended, following an education ministry order. They later got bail after surrendering before a Dhaka court.

Apex court verdict

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interfering into the ICT's verdict on the case against Azharul.
On December 30, 2014, ICT-1 sentenced Azharul, assistant secretary general of Jamaat, to death for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. Azharul later filed an appeal with the SC challenging the verdict where he claimed innocence and prayed to the Appellate Division to acquit him of the charges.
Meanwhile yesterday, the SC started hearing on the appeal filed by Jatiya Party leader Syed Mohammad Qaisar challenging the death penalty awarded to him by a war crimes tribunal.
Advocate Khandker Mahbub Hossain and Advocate SM Shahjahan appeared for Qaisar.
The ICT-2 on December 23, 2014 awarded death penalty to Qaisar, former state minister during the HM Ershad-led regime, over similar charges. He filed the appeal with the SC challenging the ICT-2 verdict on him.

Ex-Sonagazi OC

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According to the probe report submitted on May 27, the former OC himself recorded the video and later passed the footage to someone else. The footage showed Moazzem asking Nusrat "insulting" questions, the report said.
The OC was sent to jail on June 17 after he was produced before the court. Meanwhile, the High Court on Tuesday rejected Moazzem's bail petition.
Nusrat, a student of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa in Feni, was set ablaze on April 6 allegedly for refusing to withdraw a case filed against the madrasa Principal Siraj Ud Doula for sexually harassing her on March 27. She died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 10. On the same day, the OC was withdrawn as Nusrat's family alleged that he was not cooperating with them. Moazzem was eventually suspended on May 8 over negligence of duty and attached to the office of DIG Rangpur range.



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