

# Seeking peace and happiness for all

Event marking Kathin Chibar Dan ends

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A programme marking Kathin Chibar Dan, one of the biggest religious festivals of the Buddhist community in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region ended yesterday.

The two-day programme ended at Rajban Bihar in Rangamati town through seeking peace, prosperity and happiness for the people of CHT and beyond.

Robes were "woven through hard work" at the Bain Ghar (sewing room), which Chakma Circle Chief Raja Devasish Roy inaugurated on the first day. They were then donated to monks around 3pm yesterday.

Khagrachhari lawmaker Basonti Chakma, Raja Devasish Roy, Chakma Rani Yan Yan, Rangamati Hill Districts Council Chairperson Brisho Ketu Chakma, and local representatives of different sectors in the district were present on the second day.

Monks said all Buddhists have to avoid greed, hedonistic desires and envy, if they want to follow Buddha's path.

Kathin Chibar Dan is a monthlong religious festival during which people donate different items to monks, including cloth woven in their own looms.

About 2,500 years ago, Bishakha, a disciple of Gautam Buddha, introduced the festival. Since then, the Buddhist community celebrates it every year. It marks the conclusion of a three-month seclusion of monks who meditate for self-edification and atonement for all.



Chakma Circle Chief Raja Devasish Roy and Upashjak Upashika Karjonirbahi Parishad President Goutam Dewan hold the robes on top of their heads beside Rani Yan Yan.

PHOTO: ANVIL CHAKMA

# 'Country no longer safe for the common man'

## Claims Manna at discussion

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Nagarik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna yesterday said the government should resign as "the country has become unsafe for the common people including students".

"Massive corruption in different sectors and Chhatra League torture on university students have made it impossible to live here in peace. You [government] have no right to continue such misrule," he said.

He was speaking at a discussion, demanding a participatory and acceptable election after resignation of the government and dissolving the incumbent parliament.

The programme was organised by Nagarik Oikya in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Citing the ongoing student movement in Jahangirnagar University, Manna said no one dares to file case against the university's vice chancellor, fearing Chhatra League attack.

"Even the prime minister has threatened the demonstrating students, despite several media reports about the VC and Chhatra League's corruption in

development activities on the campus," he alleged.

Manna said that the VC claimed herself to be a close friend of Sheikh Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana.

"Is it fair that corrupt persons, who are close to them, will not face trial?" he questioned.

He further alleged that the dormitory students of different universities are not being able to carry out their academic activities due to the ruling party's student wing.

Blaming Jubo League and AL-backed persons behind corruption and repression on people, he claimed that no leader and activist of BNP or his party is involved in the casino business.

"So, this corrupt government should resign immediately," Manna reiterated.

Manna urged his party leaders and activists to join different protest programmes against the government's misrule.

Among others, Dhaka University law department teacher Asif Nazrul and eminent jurist Dr Shahidul Islam also spoke at the discussion.

# Celebrating 'Vaccine Hero 2019' award

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On September 23, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the "Vaccine Hero 2019" award in recognition of Bangladesh's outstanding success in immunising children. To mark this achievement, Health Service Department of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry arranged a celebration event on Wednesday at the capital's Krishibidh Institute Bangladesh.

Health Minister Zahid Maleque was the chief guest of the programme, with Health Service Division Secretary Md Ashadul Islam in the chair, said a press release.

Unicef Deputy Representative Veera Mendonca and WHO Representative Dr Bardan Jung Rana, in their speech, brought to light various aspects of how Bangladesh succeeded to provide vaccinations.

Through this celebration, speakers conveyed their gratitude to the Vaccine Alliance and partner agencies for their continuous support and contribution in the health sector of Bangladesh.



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# Fazilatunnessa's fourth death anniv today



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Today is the fourth death anniversary of Fazilatunnessa, said a press release.

Marking the day, a doa mahfil will be held.

She was wife of late Lt AM Ataul Haque, a freedom fighter of Bangladesh Navy.

Ataul Haque played an important role in building the naval force after the country's Liberation War in 1971.

Fazilatunnessa, a mother of 10 children, died on November 9, 2015 at the age of 80.

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## Teachers

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The PECE and Ebtedayee exams are scheduled to begin on November 17. Almost 30 lakh students have registered for the exams.

Leaders of Bangladesh Prathomik Shikkhak Oikya Parishad -- a coalition of 14 primary teachers' bodies -- after a general meeting yesterday said they are suspending their boycott programme till December 17.

"We will announce a tougher programme if we are not allowed to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and tell her what our demands are within December 17," Parishad's member secretary Samsuddin Masud told The Daily Star.

Government primary school teachers have been protesting for several years for 10th grade salary for headteachers and 11th grade for assistant teachers.

Currently, trained and untrained headteachers get 11th and 12th grade salaries while assistant teachers get 14th and 15th grade salaries.

There are 3,49,217 teachers in 65,593 government primary schools.

## Stop commercial

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about authorities' restriction, he added.

"There are several other playgrounds across the country being used for commercial purposes. Such activities should be stopped with an iron hand," said Matin.

About the Mohammadpur playground, Bapa Joint Secretary Mihir Biswas said, 'I wonder how many times the authorities have to take initiatives to recover one playground!'

He questioned the government as to why it has failed to protect playgrounds, though there is an HC order in place.

Green Voice coordinator Alamgir Kabir and Nirapad Noupah Bastobayan Andolon coordinator Aminur Rasul spoke at the event, among others.

# In the footsteps

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Noted novelist Selina Hossain was present as chief guest while Dr Usharanjan Bhattacharya of Gauhati University presented the keynote speech.

## TAGORE IN 700 PHOTOS

A photography exhibition featuring 700 images of Tagore was held at Mohammad Ali Gymnasium in the city.

The two-day exhibition -- inaugurated on Thursday morning -- was organised by the formal committee and supported by Sylhet Photographic Society.

Former finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, also president of the committee, said, "Tagore is limitless and it was a pleasure to organise a programme marking such an auspicious occasion."

# Remittance

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October of the fiscal 2019-20.

But in 2018-19, the country got \$1,318.18 million in July; \$1,411.05 million in August; \$1,139.66 million in September and \$1,239.11 million in October.

In July this fiscal, six state-owned commercial banks -- Agrani, Janata, Rupali, Sonali, BASIC and DBBL -- received \$353.15 million while one state-owned specialised bank -- Bangladesh Krishi Bank -- received \$30.24 million.

Of the state-owned banks, Agrani Bank received \$147.12 million; Janata Bank \$75.94 million; Rupali Bank \$20.76 million; Sonali Bank \$109.23 million and BASIC Bank \$0.10 million, according to Bangladesh Bank.

Besides, expatriates have sent \$1,240.41 million through private commercial banks. On the other hand, the expatriates have sent \$15.82 million through foreign commercial banks.

# 3 jailed over madrasa

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locals after Asif's death on Wednesday.

They were produced before a court and the court sent them to jail around 3pm yesterday, added the OC.

Asif was allegedly beaten by his teacher Yusuf as he refused to comply with Yusuf's order on Sunday. The boy returned home but did not tell anyone about the incident.

Asif's parents took him back to the madrasa on Tuesday.

After they left, Yusuf started beating him again, and at one point the boy lost consciousness on Wednesday.

The madrasa authorities took him to Madaripur General Hospital around 5pm, saying the boy took poison.

Asif died around 6:30pm while undergoing treatment.

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