

IUB holds int'l English debate tournament



CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised its largest debate tournament titled "IUB Ascension 2019" on December 12-15 at the university's campus in the capital's Bashundhara, said a press release.

The grand finale and award giving ceremony took place on December 15. A total of 120 teams -- including 12 from abroad -- under different schools, colleges and universities participated in the international tournament.

Foreign participants came from the UK, Australia, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia, India and Nepal.

In open and novice categories, IBA-DU clinched the championship trophies. In the high school category, Academia became the champion.

Rohit Midha from Igniting Mind India, Sajid Khandakar from IBA-DU and Inqiyad Patwary from Mastermind won the Best Individual Speaker's award for novice, open and high school categories respectively.

Rashed Chowdhury, former chair of IUB board of trustees and Prof Milan Pagon, vice chancellor (acting), spoke on the occasion and distributed prizes among winners.

Face-off at Dhaka

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Minar area and went back to Madhur Canteen area afterwards.

In another development, Nur filed a complaint with Shahbagh Police Station against 30-35 activists of the Muktiuddho Moncho while Al Mamun, general secretary of the Moncho, filed another with the same police station against Nur.

Talking to The Daily Star, Abul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said, "Both groups filed complaints. As it is a university related matter, we will take further steps after talking to the proctor."

On Tuesday, At least 15 people, including Nur, were injured in a clash between the two organisations after some Moncho members swooped on Parishad activists when the latter gathered at the base of Raju Memorial Sculpture for a rally protesting the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of India.

Democracy in his heart

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Prof Gazi Mahub Murshid discussed Abul Mansur Ahmad's works in comparison with other contemporary writers. "Abdul Mansur is more important than many other writers of his time, and he will remain essential for a long time," Prof Murshid said.

Later, Mahfuz Anam visited "Press Corner", the association of working journalists of the university. He shared views on various issues with them, and urged journalists to write about research work taking place at the university.

Born on September 3, 1898 in Mymensingh, Abul Mansur Ahmad was a trailblazing litterateur, journalist, politician and social reformer. He was the minister for education in the United Front government of East Pakistan in 1956 and the minister for commerce and trade in 1956-1957. After the promulgation of martial law by

Ayub Khan in 1958, he was imprisoned and subsequently released in 1962, before retiring from politics.

Ahmad was known for his strong stand in favour of regional autonomy of East Pakistan. He also made remarkable contributions to industrialisation of the long neglected East Pakistan. He propagated secularism in a manner unparalleled in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

His literary works include "Aina", "Asmani Purdah", "Gulliverer Safar Nama" and "Food Conference". He also penned insightful works on social and political history of Bengal. He penned two autobiographical writings -- "Atma Katha" and "Amar Dekha Rajniti Panchash Bachar".

He received the Bangla Academy Literary Award in 1960, and the Swadhinata Padak in 1979.

Road accidents

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she was crossing a road. She later died at Goalanda Upazila Health Complex, Abdul Al Tayabir, OC of Goalanda Police Station, told our Faridpur correspondent.

Police are on the hunt for the driver, said the OC.

In Dinajpur, two separate accidents killed two people yesterday morning, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

In Khansama, garment worker Runa Aktar (18) died in an accident at Chowrangi Bazar around 6am. On her way to Uttara EPZ in

Syedpur of Nilphamari, Runa was critically injured after her three-wheeler collided head-on with another three-wheeler. She was taken to Nilphamari Sadar Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

In Nawabganj, Nur Nabi (25) died after falling from a running tractor at Domile.

In Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat, Abu Taher (44) lost his right leg after a truck hit him from behind. He is undergoing treatment at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogura, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

FR TOWER CASE

Former Rajuk chief engineer granted bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to former chief engineer of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) Saidur Rahman in a case filed by Anti-Corruption Commission over forgery in the design of Banani's FR Tower, which caught fire in March, leaving 25 people dead and 73 injured.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam granted the bail following a petition filed by Saidur seeking bail in the case.

The HC granted the bail as Saidur's lawyer Advocate Qamrul Islam informed the court that his client is sick, Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star.

He said the government will move an appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, seeking stay on the HC verdict.

Maj Gen Zainul Abedin's

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was commissioned in the Bangladesh Army in 1980.

He had been serving as the prime minister's military secretary since November 28, 2011.

OIC PAYS CONDOLENCES

Envoys of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) paid deep condolences, saying Zainul was a great human being and played a significant role to bridge the gap between Bangladesh and envoys of Muslim countries based in Dhaka.

He will be profoundly remembered for his honesty, sincerity and patriotism. It will be very difficult to fill the void that has been created after his sad demise, said an OIC statement.

Hold brokers accountable

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justice, said MJF Programme Manager Sarawat Binte Islam.

Lawyer Uttam Kumar Das said "lack of coherence" between the law for migrant workers and the one to combat human trafficking is apparent at present. This should be fixed, he said.

Mili Akter, a Saudi Arabia-returnee worker, said she went to the Gulf country as domestic worker through a broker in 2016 to change her fortune. She alleged her employers tortured her for trivial matters, and she fled the employer's house to save her life.

Addressing the event as chief guest, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation Chairman Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad said authorities must ensure safe and dignified migration of female workers. Workers have to be skilled enough as well.

Lawmaker and Karmojibi Nari Founder President Shirin Akhter said, "While recruiting foreign workers, the receiving state, its government and employer must do it in line with international labour laws."

Karmojibi Nari Executive Director Rokeya Rafique also spoke at the event.

Sangram editor

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that termed executed war criminal Abdul Quader Molla a "martyr".

Quader Molla, former assistant secretary general of Jamaat-e-Islami and known infamously as "The butcher of Mirpur" during the Liberation War, was hanged in 2013 after being convicted in a case for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War by the Supreme Court on September 17 that year.

Molla led at least two mass killings in Keraniganj near Dhaka and Mirpur, taking the lives of around 400 unarmed Bangalees.

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BGB's role

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442km out of the country's 539km unprotected border with India and Myanmar have already been brought under surveillance through the creation of new battalions.

She said the government has taken plan to install smart digital surveillance and tactical response system in 328km border on priority basis.

The premier recalled with respect the BGB members who lost their lives in the 2009 mutiny.

"Though it was renamed, the role of BGB is immense in protecting the independence and sovereignty of Bangladesh, particularly our borders," she said.

On her arrival at BGB headquarters, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and BGB Director General Maj Gen Md Shafeenul Islam welcomed her.

The PM also handed the BGB Medal, President Border Guard Medal and BGB Medal-Service to a number of officers.

International seminar on cultural heritage held at NSU



CITY DESK

The inaugural session of a seminar on "Protection and inheritance of intangible cultural heritage in China and Bangladesh" was held on the capital's North South University (NSU) campus on Tuesday.

The two-day international seminar was jointly organised by NSU and Yunnan University, China, said a press release.

Among the attendees were Prof He Ming, director, Yunnan University, China; Prof Abdur Rob Khan, dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NSU; Prof Sk Tawfique M Haque, chair, Department of Political Science and Sociology, NSU; and Dr Mahmudur Rahman Bhuiyan, director, Confucius Institute, NSU. Professor Atiqul Islam, vice-chancellor, NSU, chaired the session.

In his speech, Prof Ming said Bangladesh and China have a long history. People of the two countries have created a bridge in intangible cultural heritage and made outstanding contributions to the construction of the human spiritual world, he added.

Better China-Bangladesh

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Development Research Centre (YDRC) and BIPSS, alternately in Kunming and Dhaka.

The forum consisted of an eleven-member Chinese delegation led by Bian Mingshe, deputy director-general of YDRC. The Bangladeshi delegation included academics and businesspersons.

The annual trade volume between the countries is around US \$15 billion, with Bangladesh having heavy trade deficit. Bangladesh government officials say China may invest around \$50 billion in the next 15 years here.

Muniruzzaman said due to the China-US trade war and loss of competitiveness for rising labour cost in China, the country is relocating many businesses. However,

lack of road and rail connectivity is a major hurdle for relocation to Bangladesh.

It is, therefore, important that the Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor that connects Kunming, Yunnan of China; northeast India and Bangladesh is implemented on a fast-track basis, Muniruzzaman said.

If India is not willing to join BCIM, the corridor can start from Kunming and then enter Bangladesh through Myanmar, he added.

"This corridor is a great gateway for Bangladesh to China and southeast Asia," Muniruzzaman said.

The forum also discussed various ways of improving China-Bangladesh relations through tourism, education, and youth exchange programmes, he said.

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