



Ismail Hossain (L) and Shirin Akter continued their dominance in the 100m sprint by winning gold medals in the men's and women's events respectively in the Bangabandhu 9th Bangladesh Games at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Uncertainty overshadows achievements

SPORTS REPORTER

There were records set in various disciplines while sprint king and queen consolidated their thrones on the third day of the Bangabandhu 9th Bangladesh Games yesterday, but all the joy and thrill were overshadowed by the impending restrictions on proceedings following a government declaration of nationwide lockdown.

High-placed officials of the government yesterday declared that a nationwide seven-day lockdown will come into effect from Monday, with a possibility of extension. The details of the lockdown, which are expected to be released through a circular today, will see movement of people across the country restricted to a great extent, putting serious question marks over the fate of the Games, which got underway on Thursday amid enthusiasm as well

as anxiety.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) is awaiting the government circular before coming to a decision.

"Once we get the circular, we will have a clear understanding as per the extent of lockdown," Bashir Ahmed Mamun, the chairman of steering committee of the Games, said in a video message to media.

"Most of the body-contact events will be finished by April 4. We will decide on the remaining events after consultation among ourselves and with directives from the health ministry. For now, the events are on as scheduled till April 4," the message added.

Ismail, Shirin continue dominance
The king and queen of track continued their long dominance in the national circuit as Ismail Hossain and Shirin Akter – both Bangladesh Navy athletes -- comfortably clinched the titles of men's and women's 10m sprint

at the Bangabandhu National Stadium's athletics track.

Ismail clocked 10.50 seconds to grab the gold – his fourth title at the national level – beating teammate Abdur Rouf by 0.10 seconds. The Navy athlete, who won a silver medal in long jump event during the last Bangladesh Games back in 2013, was happy to add another gold to his cabinet.

"I'm satisfied with my performance during this pandemic. There was less preparation so the timing was not good, but I'm happy to win the gold," Ismail said, whose timing in the last national event was 10.20 seconds.

Shirin, who finished second in the same event in 2013, was happy to extend her dominance with a 12th gold medal. "I have won a consecutive 12 gold medals in this event in the country, which is a record. Furthermore, this is my first gold in the Bangladesh Games hence it is special."

Meanwhile, Masud Khan of

Navy declared his retirement after retaining his gold medal in men's 110m hurdles. Tamanna Akter of the same team won the women's hurdles event in 14.50 seconds.

Three records in pool

There were three new national records set at the Syed Nazrul Islam National Swimming Complex in the first day of swimming events.

Jewel set a new record in 200m backstroke, clocking 16.12 seconds to beat his previous record by 0.01 seconds. "The gold was more important to me than the record. I'm happy to have started on a positive note," said the national champion.

Meanwhile, Nahid broke his own 100m butterfly record in men's event by 0.11 seconds with a 56.71 second dash while Sonia bettered the women's 100m butterfly record by 1.83 seconds with a timing of 1 minute 7.12 seconds.

There were five new records, too, in cycling events on the day.

Can 21 years of limbo lay a better blueprint for women?

MAZHAR UDDIN



Major headlines were made on Thursday when the International Cricket Council (ICC) decided that the Bangladesh women's team were to be awarded Test status.

The members of the women's team, who are preparing for their first series since the Covid-19 outbreak last year against South Africa Emerging team, were obviously overjoyed by the news. But it is a matter of fact that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will have to start from scratch when it comes to forming a cricketing structure for women, especially as female cricketers are yet to experience longer versions of the game, even in the domestic circuit.

According to the chairman of the BCB Women's Wing and board director Shaful Alam Nadel, the first task is to form a good

Tests have not been the focus in the worldwide context of women's cricket. England and Australia have played three Tests in the last five years while India and South Africa played their last Test in 2014. West Indies, Pakistan, and New Zealand have not played a Test match since 2004 while Sri Lanka played their only Test back in 1998, Ireland in 2000 and the Netherlands in 2007.

emphasise Test cricket. There are even a few teams who didn't play more than one Test. So, if we can target the number six spot in the rankings and work accordingly, I think it is possible to get there," said Fahim.

Apart from developing the structure, Fahim believes it is important to strengthen the women's wing and make it an independent body separate from the



cricketing structure.

"We were planning to start longer-version cricket for female cricketers through two-day competitions. But due to Covid-19 and our plans to host the ICC Under-19 World Cup, we were focusing more on T20 cricket. Although we are still waiting for an official email from the ICC about Test status, we obviously have to focus on our structure as a Test-playing nation," Nadel told The Daily Star yesterday.

The Bangladesh men's team is still struggling to form a settled domestic structure that emphasises the longest format and are yet to become a good Test unit despite entering the elite club 21 years ago.

However, according to veteran coach and former BCB women's wing development manager Nazmul Abedin Fahim, the Bangladesh women's team getting Test status has actually come as a blessing in disguise that will allow women's cricket to start from scratch.

"It's a good thing to start from scratch as there are very few women's teams, apart from England and Australia, who

men's team.

"Even the men's have a shortage of grounds and other facilities but if the women's cricketers can have exclusive grounds, facilities and selection policy, the board could give them the financial security by getting them under a salary structure. It will certainly boost the morale of the players. Even the guardians of the girls will be encouraged to allow them to play cricket. The women's team can have their own sponsors if they start to play well," he said.

"If we can also form four zonal teams and emphasise on age-level cricket, I am sure there will be many players coming into the system. Then we can think of having an A team and strengthening our pipeline. We could gradually increase from two-day cricket to three-day cricket because players have hardly batted for more than three hours while bowlers have not bowled more than ten overs in a game in the past."

According to the prominent cricketing brain, who has mentored the likes of Shakib Al Hasan, if women's cricket gets emphasis from the board, it will also have a good effect socially on Bangladesh overall.

IPL faces coronavirus threat

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Delhi Capitals spinner Axar Patel has tested positive for Covid-19

ahead of the start of their Indian Premier League (IPL) campaign next week, the team said on Saturday. Meanwhile, a week before the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai is to host the first match, eight groundsmen who work at the facility have tested positive for Covid-19.

According to reports, there are 19 groundsmen who work at the stadium and the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) last week had made their employees undergo the Covid-19 test. While three people tested positive for



England and Kolkata Knight Riders captain Eoin Morgan, who was ruled out of the final two ODIs against India in the recently concluded series due to a hand injury, appeared in relaxed mood at training in Chennai yesterday.

PHOTO: TWITTER

Covid-19 on March 26, in another round of tests, five more people were found to be positive for the virus on April 1. A Chennai Super Kings member has also tested positive for the novel Coronavirus on Saturday in Mumbai.

The upcoming edition of the Indian Premier League will start from April 9, with defending champions Mumbai Indians taking on Virat Kohli's Royla Challengers Bangalore in the season opener at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Delhi in a statement said the 27-year-old Axar had checked into the team hotel in Mumbai on Sunday with a negative report. "His report from the second COVID test, came positive," the 2020 IPL finalists said in a statement.

Salahuddin not pleased with Jamie Day

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Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin has publicly expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of

the national team and its head coach Jamie Day in the recently-concluded Three Nations Cup in Nepal, where Bangladesh finished as runners-up.

The BFF boss, following a meeting with Day and his deputy Stuart Watkiss, told media that he hoped the team would emerge as champions, adding that the BFF has asked for a written report on the performance of the team from the coaching staff.

"I am not entirely satisfied with his explanation, but he has his own arguments. He said the team conceded two goals in the final but did not concede any in the previous four or five matches. He will submit a written report within a few days," Salahuddin told media.

Bangladesh started the tournament with a 1-0 win over Kyrgyzstan U-23 and were then held to a goalless draw by Nepal in the last round-robin match before a 2-1 defeat against the hosts in the final.

As much as the performance, it was the coach's experimentation with the team which apparently irked the BFF higher-ups. Salahuddin, during the tournament, had repeatedly told media that he wanted his best team to play to win the title. Day, on the other hand, was intent on testing out youngsters with the squad till the last game.

"The coach claimed he played his best eleven in the final and the ones who did not get in were due to fitness. I said you couldn't bring the result, which he conceded. We argued over the points," Salahuddin said.

Day was given a two-year extension to his contract in August last year following a fairly satisfactory first two years in charge, during which time he saw Bangladesh through to the last 16 of the Asian Games before navigating the senior team through a difficult World Cup Qualifying playoff.

However, the team's failure to reach

the final in Bangabandhu Gold Cup, SAFF Championship and SA Games since then and the second-place finish in the Three Nations Cup has put his job on the line.

In reply to a question about whether the BFF was contemplating any change in that position, Salahuddin said: "If they don't perform, anything can happen. However, considering everything it (change) is not possible now. But I can't say what will happen after the World Cup Qualifiers (in June). Anything can happen. It all depends on result," Salahuddin said.

Football to be suspended?

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All football competitions in the country might remain suspended in light of the imposition of a weeklong lockdown in the country, according to Bangladesh Football Federation officials.

The federation's vice-president Kazi Nabil Ahmed said the second phase of the Bangladesh Premier League, which was supposed to resume on April 8, would be suspended.

"Since the nationwide lockdown by decree of the government will be in place from Monday, the (Bangladesh Premier) league will not start this week," Nabil told media at the BFF House yesterday.

According to BFF officials, the

other ongoing football events might be suspended once a gazette on lockdown is released by the government.

That would mean the ongoing Women's Football League and Third Division Football League could be suspended while the Bangladesh Championship League, which was scheduled to resume from April 12, might not resume in time.

The suspension will, however, not be applicable on ongoing Bangabandhu 9th Bangladesh Games -- men's and women's events -- which are currently taking place. The decision regarding the Games events will be taken by the Bangladesh Olympic Association.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়

মেরিন ফিশারিজ একাডেমি, মৎস্য বন্দর, চট্টগ্রাম-৪০০০

টেকসই উন্নয়নের জন্য সাগর, মহাসাগর ও সামুদ্রিক সম্পদের সংরক্ষণ ও টেকসই ব্যবহার (এসডিজি ১৪)

০৪ বছর মেয়াদী বিএসসি (অনার্স) ইন মেরিন ফিশারিজ কোর্সে ক্যাডেট ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মেরিন ফিশারিজ একাডেমির ৪২তম বাতে (২০২০-২১ শিক্ষাবর্ষ) বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান মেরিটাইম ইউনিভার্সিটি, বাংলাদেশ এর অধীনে ০৪ বছর মেয়াদী বিএসসি (অনার্স) ইন মেরিন ফিশারিজ কোর্সে ক্যাডেট ভর্তির জন্য বাংলাদেশের যোগ্য ছাত্রী অবধিষ্টিত মহিলা ও পুরুষ ন্যারিকবসে নিকট হতে আবেদন আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। ভর্তি পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র সংক্রান্ত তথ্য, লিখিত পরীক্ষার তারিখ ও সমগ্র পরবর্তীতে প্রার্থীর মেয়াদসময় এর মাধ্যমে জানানো হবে। ভর্তিছু প্রার্থীর নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসমূহ থাকতে হবেঃ

শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা (মূলসমূহ)ঃ

১। মাধ্যমিক (বিজ্ঞান) বা ও গোল্ডেন (জীববিদ্যা ও রসায়নসহ) অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় সর্বোচ্চ ৩.৫০।

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৩। উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় অবশ্যই জীববিদ্যা ('সি' গ্রেড) থাকতে হবে।

সামান্য যোগ্যতাঃ

১। বয়স ১০ ত্রিশের ২০২১ ইং তারিখে সর্বোচ্চ ২১ বছর।

২। শারীরিক মন (সুস্থতম) ৪ উত্তম শারীরিক পদে ও সুস্থতা।

৩। সর্বনিম্ন উচ্চতা ১৬২.৫ সে.মি (পুরুষ) এবং ১৫৫ সে.মি (মহিলা)।

৪। ওজন ৪ উচ্চতা অনুযায়ী হবে।

৫। দৃষ্টিশক্তি সর্বোচ্চ ৬/১২, কালার ভিশন স্বাভাবিক। (মহিলা প্রার্থীদের জন্য শিথিলযোগ্য)।

৬। সাধারণ ৪ সাধারণ পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ (পুরুষ প্রার্থীদের জন্য প্রযোজ্য)।

আবেদন ফিঃ ৬০০.০০ টাকা (আবেদন ফি ব্যাটসহ দেওয়া হয়েছে এবং অনলাইনে আবেদন সম্পন্ন করার পর তা প্রত্যাহার করা যাবে না)।

অনলাইনে ভর্তির আবেদন প্রক্রিয়াঃ অনলাইনে আবেদন ও বিজ্ঞিতর জনসংখ্যা <http://www.mfacademy.gov.bd> লিংকে ভিজিট করুন।

অনলাইনে আবেদনের তারিখঃ ০৪ এপ্রিল ২০২১ ইং হতে ৩১ মে ২০২১ ইং পর্যন্ত।

ভর্তি পরীক্ষার নিয়মাবলীঃ

ইংরেজি ও সাধারণ জ্ঞান, জীববিদ্যা, পদার্থবিদ্যা এবং রসায়ন এই ০৪ টি বিষয়ের প্রতিটিতে ৫০ নম্বরের মোট ২০০ নম্বরে ২ ঘণ্টা সময়ের লিখিত পরীক্ষা হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নপত্র ৬০% MCQ এবং ৪০% কল্যাণকর। লিখিত পরীক্ষার উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের পরবর্তীতে সাধারণ, বাস্তব, চক্ষু ও বিশেষ বাঃ দর্শন পরীক্ষা এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য আহবান করা হবে।

সম্মান্য কর্মক্ষেত্রঃ

বিএসসি (অনার্স) ইন মেরিন ফিশারিজ কোর্সে সমাপ্তির পর পাশকৃত ক্যাডেটদের সম্ভাব্য কর্মক্ষেত্রসমূহ হতে দেশী-বিদেশী বর্ষা, জাহাজ, মৎস্য ও চিত্রিত্ত প্রক্রিয়াকরণকার্য কারখানা, সরকারি-বেসরকারি বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠান, দেশী-বিদেশী এগ্রিক ও ইত্যাদি।

বিশেষ প্রট্রায়াঃ

১) দিলের বা বাতের যে কোন সময় এমনকি বছরে দিনও আবেদন করা যাবে।

২) যে কোন বিষয়ে অনুশাসনের জন্য ০১৫৫৭৬০৩৬০৭৭নম্বরেইস নম্বরটিতে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে (বছরে দিন ব্যতীত সকাল ৯টা থেকে বিকাল ০৪৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত)

৩) লিখিত পরীক্ষার সমগ্র প্রার্থীর মুঠ কপি সত্যায়িত পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবির পিছনে ভর্তি পরীক্ষার রোল নম্বরটি লিখে এবং ভর্তি পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র সাপে নিয়ে আবেদন করে।

অধ্যক্ষ

মেরিন ফিশারিজ একাডেমি, চট্টগ্রাম