

RU to hold in-person exams

Dormitories to remain closed
OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

The Rajshahi University authorities have decided to hold in-person final exams of 2019 and 2020, pending due to the pandemic.

The exams for 2019 will be held from June 20, while those for 2020 start from July 4, confirmed RU acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Anand Kumar Saha.

The exams will be held maintaining health guidelines, the vice chancellor added.

The decision was taken at a virtual meeting held yesterday, with Saha in chair. Faculty Deans, department chairs, and directors of different institutes were present at the meeting.

Department authorities can reschedule the exam routine as per priorities, subject to approval from academic committee meetings, the VC said.

The academic committee of departments concerned can decide to shorten the syllabuses if required, he added.

However, the departments can only hold one academic session's examinations at a time, the VC said.

The meeting also decided to keep RU's residential halls closed.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Digging for water works in this narrow alley at Old Dhaka's Aga Sadek Road has not only cramped the street, it's basically left it completely obstructed, with almost no room left even for the shops to operate well. That this comes at the onset of monsoon only adds to the woes of the area's residents. This photo was taken yesterday.

Three suspected militants arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police's Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU) claimed to have arrested a member of Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) from Ashulia's Shimultola Bazar area on Wednesday.

An ATU team conducted a drive around 10:45pm and arrested the minor, according to a statement by ATU assistant superintendent Wahida Parveen.

ATU claimed that he used to upload ABT chief Mufti Jasimuddin Rahmani's lectures and books on social media and an encrypted application.

Legal action is underway against the arrestee under anti-terrorism act, the statement reads.

Earlier on Tuesday night, Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit claimed to have arrested two members of militant outfit Ansar al-Islam, previously known as ABT.

The arrestees were identified as Md Faizur Rahman alias Fayed alias Ahmad Adnan (23) and Md Chan Mia (26).

On information, a team of CTTC investigation wing conducted a drive in the capital's Khilgaon area and arrested the duo, SK Imran Hossain, additional deputy commissioner of CTTC told 'The Daily Star'.

The team also seized four cell phones from their possession. Imran said the arrestees were active members of Ansar Al Islam.

31st death anniv of Abdul Rashid today

CITY DESK

Today is the 31st death anniversary of Abdul Rashid, a freedom fighter, said a press release.



Abdul Rashid was the founder editor and publisher of the Daily Parbotto Barta, a vernacular daily of Chattogram Hill Tracts.

He was also a senate member of Chattogram University. Miscreants killed him while he was working at the daily's office in Rangamati on June 4, 1989.

Abdul Rashid was buried in Rangamati Banarupa graveyard.

His son Mostafa Rashid Rony and daughter Sara Rashid urged their relatives, friends and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

QAMA Rahim passes away

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QAMA Rahim, a freedom fighter, breathed his last on May 31 at his residence in Uttara, Dhaka. He was 79, said a press release.



He was former ambassador and high commissioner in Pakistan and Australia, and secretary general of the Saarc.

Rahim, who hailed from Naogaon, left behind his wife and two sons living in the USA.

After a namaz-e-janaza, he was buried at Uttara Graveyard.

Tax rebate

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of the transgender community, said this undoubtedly is a very good initiative, but it should not just remain on paper.

"Also, monitoring is needed to ensure that organisations don't just employ one or two transgender employees to receive tax cut and social appreciation," she added. "This will not help the community as a whole."

Meanwhile, the government also proposed a five percent tax rebate for employers who will recruit 10 percent of their total workforce from persons with disabilities.

However, the announcement could not bring any hope for the group. Shirin Akhter, chairperson of Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF), said a similar rebate was proposed in the earlier budget, but it could not bring any change to the life and employment situation of persons with disabilities.

"There must be proper monitoring to ensure that the decision will actually help us," said Shirin.

"In addition, this year's budget hasn't brought any change in allowances for persons with disabilities. Can you imagine how will they survive with Tk 750 per month, and even for that, they need to wait for three to six months," she added. "In fact, many need to bribe employees of social welfare department to receive the allowance," she claimed.

Chief justice

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Meanwhile yesterday, HC bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Mohiuddin Shamim asked lawyers to be careful while placing arguments on rape cases virtually.

The bench said lawyers should remain isolated from other family members while virtually conducting rape cases staying at home as unexpected and abusive words are used in such cases.

The court made the remark while hearing bail petitions filed by accused of some rape and violation cases.

Deputy Attorney General Dr Md Bashir Ullah told the court all should be careful while hearing such cases.

If children and female family members hear descriptions of rape incidents while placing virtual arguments by lawyers, it will create an untoward situation, he said.

Yesterday, HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah observed that the trend of recording incidents of rape and torture on women on video and uploading them on social media has become like a pandemic.

There is a law -- the Pornography Control Act, 2012 -- to prevent such acts, but, how many offenders have been punished under this law, the bench questioned.

The HC bench made the question while hearing on a suo moto (voluntary) rule issued in connection with an incident of a gang rape and torture of a woman in Noakhali's Begumganj.

The video footage of the crime, which took place in Eklashpur union on September 2 last year, went viral on social media in the first week of October last year.

On October 5 last year, the HC bench issued a rule asking the government to explain why they should not be directed to take appropriate legal and departmental action against the officials of Begumganj Police Station, including its OC, for their negligence in saving the victim and taking swift action against the perpetrators.

Yesterday, the bench fixed June 10 for further hearing on the rule.

Jashore UP chairperson Nurjahan Nira passes away

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Jashore Sadar Upazila Parishad chairperson and district women's



Awami League president Nurjahan Islam Nira (53) passed away yesterday morning, Anwar Hossain Bipul, vice-chair of Sadar Upazila Parishad, confirmed.

Family and hospital sources said Nurjahan suddenly experienced difficulty in breathing and was taken to Jashore General Hospital around 11:30am. She died around 25 minutes after being admitted to the hospital.

Later, her body was taken to her residence in Kazipara of Jashore town.

After her Janaza following Asr prayers, she will be buried at the local Karbala graveyard today.

7 months

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While the two parties are shifting blame on each other, many patients and civil society members alleged that some hospital staffers do not want the machine to be operational all the time, as they have an "unholy alliance" with private diagnostic centres.

"Technical glitches are common for machines, but that cannot be an excuse for a vital test to remain halted for months at a government hospital," said SM Nazer Hossain, central vice president of Consumers Association of Bangladesh. "In private diagnostic centres, technical glitches are addressed within days, but they cannot do it in seven months at a government hospital, which is totally unacceptable."

"Actually, there is an unholy alliance between diagnostic centres and a section of staffers at government hospitals. If a vital test is available at a cheaper cost at government hospitals, people would be uninterested to go to the diagnostic centres," he said. "So, those staffers do not properly maintain the machines at government hospitals."

"There is a lack of monitoring. When we speak against irregularities, we have to face the wrath of the influential syndicate," said Nazer, without mentioning further details about the syndicate.

Contacted, CMCH Director Brig Gen SM Humayun Kabir brushed aside the allegation.

"We got the unit from Central Medical Store Depot [CMSD], which has an agreement with the distribution company for maintaining the machine," he said. "When any technical glitch occurs, we write to CMSD, and they contact the distributor, so it is a long process."

"When we directly contact the distributor, they say due to the agreement, they would come to address the glitch only when CMSD asks them to," he added.

"After much persuasion, engineers from the company came on Monday to fix the issue," said the CMCH director.

SC scraps bail of Abdul Mannan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday scrapped a High Court verdict that granted bail to New Bashundhara Real Estate Limited's Managing Director Abdul Mannan Talukdar and ordered him to surrender to a lower court concerned in two weeks in connection with a money laundering case involving Tk 110 crore.

The apex court also upheld its chamber judge's order, which stayed an HC order that granted bail to Anisur Rahman, chairperson of New Bashundhara Real Estate Limited located in Bagerhat, in the same case.

A full bench of the Appellate Division of the SC, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the orders

following two separate leave to appeal petitions filed by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), challenging the HC verdict and order.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told 'The Daily Star' that the commission filed the case with Bagerhat Sadar Police Station on May 30, 2018 against Anisur, Mannan and few others for laundering Tk 110 crore.

Following their petitions, the HC on different dates last year granted bail to Anisur and Mannan.

The Appellate Division on April 25 ordered Anisur to surrender to lower court. He is in jail now, lawyer Khurshid said.

Lawyers Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal and Ashraf Ali appeared for Anisur and Mannan during virtual hearing of the petitions.

Two killed, four hurt in pickup-CNG collision

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Two fish traders were killed after a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a pick-up van at Titash Upazila on the Gourpur-Homna bound road early yesterday morning.

The deceased are Narayan Das (42) and Lakkhan Chandra Das (45).

Sudhin Chandra Das, officer-in-charge of Titash Police Station, said, "The accident occurred around 4:30am. Both vehicles and the bodies have been recovered, while the injured were rescued."

"Three out of the four injured have been sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital," the official said.

The injured are Gopal Das (65), Nirral Das (40), and Baloram Das (28), and driver Kabir Hossain (26).

According to family sources, the deceased were engaged in fish trading at the local bazar. They were on their way to buy fish from wholesale market Gouripur bazar when the accident occurred. Police failed to capture the pick-up driver as he quickly escaped the scene following the incident.

Punak to stand by crime victims of police families

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The legal cell of the Bangladesh Police Women Welfare Association (Punak) will provide legal assistance to police families in matters of domestic violence, harrasment, and dowry.

President of Punak Zeeshan Mirza made the disclosure while addressing a relief distribution programme on Wednesday.

"Upon receiving a complaint, the legal cell will investigate it and Punak will take steps and provide legal support to the victims," said Zeeshan Mirza, also wife of the Inspector General of Police.

The programme was held at Rajarbagh police lines auditorium where food packs were provided to those hit by Covid-19.

Zeeshan further said that while everyone has worked from their respective ends to contain the pandemic, frontliners deserve special recognition in this regard.

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development of necessary infrastructure related to information technology. If these are implemented, the litigants would soon be able to experience the benefits," he added.

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 surge, the cabinet on May 7 last year approved an ordinance named "Technology Usage Ordinance of the Court, 2020", allowing the courts to hold trials digitally using the information technology where the virtual appearance of lawyers, witnesses and accused of the cases will be treated as their physical appearance.

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