

'Buriganga River Fair' on Nov 27

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To raise awareness over pollution at the river, the "Buriganga River Fair" will be hosted on November 27 at the Basila Government Primary School field.

The fair will be jointly organised by Waterkeepers Bangladesh Consortium and Buriganga River Morcha, speakers announced at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity's Sagar-Runi Auditorium yesterday.

Waterkeepers Bangladesh coordinator Sharif Jamil said the day-long fair will host discussions, cultural performances, a debate competition, boat race, and more.

DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam will serve as the chief guest, while Bela chief executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan will deliver special speech at the session moderated by eminent activist Sultana Kamal.



TREASURE FROM THE TRENCHES... A crowd gathers around an electronic device shop set up on the footpath and surrounding empty spaces near Janata Tower at the capital's Karwan Bazar. The sellers collect second-hand mobile phones, chargers and a range of other electronic devices from scrap shops all over the city. These are then sold to their customers, most of whom live on limited incomes and are elated to shop at a bargain. This photo was taken yesterday.

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Democracy

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the fall of the autocratic ruler and restore democracy in the country. Different political and socio-cultural organisations paid tributes to Noor Hossain by placing wreaths at the Noor Hossain Square and recalled his contributions towards the restoration of democracy in the country.

Tk 945cr project to save 4 canals

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courts all over the year to evict illegal occupiers.

After 34 years, DSCC took charge of the canals, box-culverts and drains from Wasa on December 31 last year, according to Taposh.

DSCC started drives against illegal occupants and waster collection work from January 2 this

year, he added.

Through several drives from January 11 to March 23, some 730 decimals or 7.30 acres of land adjacent to the canals of Jirani, Manda and Shyampur were recovered from illegal occupation.

A total of 155 cases were filed and fines worth Tk 4,91,900 were imposed, while portions of 145

permanent and 220 temporary establishments were demolished during the drives.

After recovering the illegally occupied land, as many as 2,727 boundary pillars have been set up.

The mayor said they have already collected 8 lakh tonnes of waste from canals, box-culverts and drains since taking charge of them

from Wasa. After clearing the waste, their capacity of holding water has increased, reducing water-logging significantly.

As part of the long-term plan, Taposh said DSCC has completed a pre-work survey to revive the original Buriganga channel, while a process is underway to appoint a consultancy firm to this end.

MN Larma worked to uphold equal rights: speakers

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The country's people should work together to establish the secular Bangladesh that Manabendra Narayan Larma dreamt of, said speakers at a meeting yesterday.

Throughout his life, Larma worked to uphold equal rights and dignity for all people, irrespective of religion, caste, and gender, they said.

The speakers made the remarks at a commemorative meeting marking the 38th death anniversary of Larma at Bangladesh Medical Association's auditorium in the capital.

Manabendra Narayan Larma, popularly known as MN Larma, was a leader of Jumma people and the founder of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS).

The national committee to observe the 38th death anniversary of MN Larma organised the programme, chaired by rights activist Khushi Kabir.

Politicians, social workers, cultural activists, lawyers, academicians, rights activists, and representatives from indigenous communities spoke on the occasion.

Apart from discussions, the organisers paid tributes to Larma by lighting up candles, rendered protest songs, and recited poems to mark the day.

CID official sent to jail in graft case

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A Chattogram court yesterday sent a sub-inspector of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to prison over a case filed by ACC for the illegal amassing of Tk 1.38 crore.

Chattogram Metropolitan Sessions Judge Ashfaqur Rahman sent SI Nawab Ali to jail after she surrendered before the court seeking bail, said Public Prosecutor Advocate Mahmudul Islam.

The ACC on March 10, 2019 filed a case against Nawab and his wife Gulzar Begum after the couple was unable to show the source of the illegally amassed wealth.

Gulzar was sent to jail on March 9 after she surrendered before the court.

No more seating service buses

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Osman Ali, general secretary of the federation, said they would help the government to implement the exact fare rate.

The government raised bus fare up to 28 percent on Sunday, following the price hike of diesel and kerosene by 23 percent, or Tk 15 per litre, on November 3.

THE ROAD TO DECISION

In April 2017, transport owners attempted to stop "seating service" buses in the capital, amid widespread allegations that the buses were charging extra fares.

Following the attempt, BRTA, in association with transport associations' vigilance teams, conducted mobile courts to stop the practice.

But the move backfired, as a good number of buses were withdrawn from roads for five consecutive days, causing immense sufferings to commuters.

Against this backdrop, BRTA suspended their drive and formed an eight-member committee to make recommendations for ensuring quality public transport service for passengers in Dhaka.

Led by Mahub-e-Rabbani, director (road safety) of BRTA, the committee on October 15 that year gave seven recommendations for "seating service" and 26 for the public transport sector, insiders said.

But, Dhaka Metro Regional Transport Committee (MRTC) did not agree with the recommendations, Enayet said.

"We held a meeting with some bus owners today [yesterday], and they agreed to scrap the seating service."

"We have given them till Saturday to execute the decision," Enayet told The Daily Star last night.

"We are hopeful about successfully implementing the decision," he further said.

But, many passengers, including women commuters, said they need the service, and they would face problems, once the system is scrapped.

Asked about the matter, Enayet said, "Problems will remain whether we keep the system or abolish it."

HOW MANY CNG-RUN BUSES IN THE CAPITAL?

Enayet claimed that only 3.26 percent of the buses run on CNG.

He said that they have collected information from 120 companies, which operate some 6,000 buses in Dhaka and adjacent areas. Of the buses, only 196 are CNG-run buses.

Besides, almost all the long-route buses run on diesel.

Enayet said many media organisations reported that around 80 to 90 percent buses run on CNG, which is not true.

How to select an election

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important government, semi-government or private position -- will be eligible to be an election commissioner.

FORMATION OF SEARCH COMMITTEE

In the draft of the law, Shujon said the president shall form a search committee consisting of seven members, including a minimum of one woman, in order to fill the vacancy of election commissioner.

The seven members will consist of a retired judge, who shall be the convener of the committee; a member of parliament nominated by the Leader of Parliament; a lawmaker nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; a member of parliament nominated by the third largest political party in terms of number of seats in parliament; the Auditor General and the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh; a representative of civil society, who shall be elected

on the basis of a majority decision by the first five members, in case of unanimity or non-consensus; and a representative of the media, who shall be nominated on the basis of a majority decision of the majority of the first five members, in case of unanimity or non-consensus.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee shall inquire into people for appointment in the EC and publish a preliminary list of at least 15 persons, including a minimum of 5 women, and a maximum of 20 persons.

Each member of the recommended panel shall submit an account of their assets in a prescribed table, which shall be published by the search committee in the form of a public notice.

The committee shall hold public hearings on the preliminary list, interviewing the selected. After this, the committee shall unanimously prepare a panel of seven persons including a minimum of two

women, and also publish a public notice clarifying why the selected were preferred.

The search committee will then send the panel to the president for appointment and the president shall appoint one of them to the post of CEC and not more than four to the post of Election Commissioner.

Addressing the programme, Shujon secretary Badiul Alam Majumder said it's unfortunate that there is still no specific law in the country to appoint the CEC and election commissioners, although there is a provision for enacting the law under Article 118 (1) of the Constitution. He said formation of the EC will not be acceptable to the civil society if it not formed through enactment of the law concerned.

Noted jurist Shahdeen Malik said the last two ECs had utterly failed to perform their functions properly, saying the government is tricking the people when it comes to forming a search committee to

appoint CEC and ECs.

He also said the president has no power to form a search committee as he has to consult with the prime minister regarding all matters except the appointment of the prime minister and the chief justice.

As the five-year tenure of the current Election Commission will expire next February, the government is saying there is not enough time to enact a law in line with the Constitution to appoint ECs.

But Shahdeen Malik said if the government and parliament desire, the law can be passed within a short time.

"The law can even be enacted through promulgating an ordinance by the president," he also said.

Former election commissioner M Sakhawat Hussain said during their tenure, they had handed over a draft law to the law ministry. But no progress has been made to enact a law to form the election commission so far.

Train fare to remain

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losses of the state-run transport agency, they said.

BR incurred Tk 1,644 crore of losses in 2018-19 fiscal, according to BR's Information Book-2019.

Besides, there is pressure from multilateral lenders of different BR projects to raise train fare regularly, the sources added. The relevant section of BR started some preliminary work in this regard.

The latest train fare hike was in February 2016, when BR raised the fare by 7.23 percent. In the last few years, BR took several moves to raise the fare but ultimately did not, sources said.

The railways minister said BR is a state-run agency, and the government is subsidising its operations.

"The matter is not that the railway was making profits anyway, and the rise of fuel prices will force it to incur losses," he said.

"We, however, have asked [authority concerned] to assess how much more losses we will have to incur due to the hike."

Asked whether they have taken any step to hike the fare, the minister replied in the negative.

Shipbreaking yard owners

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upon receiving complaints of VAT evasion. On completion of the investigation, it can be said whether they dodged VAT and if they did, how much," he said.

As per data from YPSA (Young Power in Social Action), which works for the safety of the workers in shipbreaking yards, 11 workers died as of November this year in different yards. Most of the deaths occurred due to the owners' negligence in ensuring workers' safety by providing safety equipment like gas masks and helmets, it said.

The Department of Environment in 2019 and 2020 conducted several drives at shipbreaking yards in Sitakunda upazila for polluting the environment, violating environmental regulations quite often.

The releasing of toxic substances from the yards is held responsible for damaging fish stock along the 40km stretch of Sitakunda



Papers of 4 yards seized during drive on Tuesday

Charges brought over VAT evasion

Authorities claim documents seized following law

Owners say they pay VAT regularly

coast, where thousands of people are exposed to the hazardous materials mostly coming from the yards.

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of goods	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	626661	Procurement of Digital Smart Board for Classroom, Package-No. CEDP/GMMC/2021-2022/SB/G-12	01-12-2021 1:00pm	01-12-2021 2:00pm

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Dengue cases cross

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In August, 2,286 patients were hospitalised in July, 272 in June while 43 were infected in May and the rest are from January to April.

Ninety-six people died of dengue in the country this year. Twelve died in July, 34 in August, 23 in September, 22 in October and five in November so far.

Control prices

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"The meeting thinks the number of the poor people will increase, and public sufferings will deepen further, due to the price hike of fuel oil and LPG, as the incomes of many have declined, while many others lost their jobs during the pandemic," Fakhru said.

He said BNP policymakers decided that BNP and its associate bodies will observe programmes protesting the price hike.

Fakhru said the meeting expressed deep concern over a survey that found that the number of "new poor" in the country stands at around 3.24 crore.

A survey jointly conducted by Power and Participation Research Centre, and Brac Institute of Governance and Development revealed that 79 lakh people joined the previous 2.45 crore new poor population, following Covid-19's second wave.

Unplanned restrictions to contain the coronavirus, not announcing financial incentives for low-income people and the informal sector, depriving mill and factory workers of due wages, and not providing marginalised people with food and other assistance exacerbated the situation, the BNP policymakers observed.

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
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"সুজিবর্ষের অঙ্গীকার দেশী পণ্যের ব্যবহার"

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