



Strengthening cultural consciousness

Gram Theatre celebrates anniv through boat journey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bangladesh Gram Theatre celebrated its 40-year anniversary in Rajshahi on Saturday through a cultural boat journey called "Bangla Natyaer Naujatra".

river in Charchat upazila.

Around 150 cultural activists, professionals took part in the journey in some 15 boats, decorated with coloured flags.

The boats were named after personalities including Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Hasan Raja, Lalon, Rajanikanta Sen, Akshay Kumar Maitra and AHM Qamruzzaman.

One hour later, the convoy reached Ila Mitra Mancha alongside the Boral

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Giving back to community

Hajong youth starts library in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

When Nayem Hajong first came to Dhaka, he had to struggle to make ends meet.

The 25-year-old master's student of Department of Geography and Environment at Dhaka College had to tutor students to provide for his own education and sent back money to his family in Netrakona.

But he didn't only stop there. With a sense of community responsibility, he started saving money with an urge to give back to the community that raised him.

He wanted to be there for the Hajong youths, so that they don't face the challenges he had to face to get quality education.

With an aim to draw these youths from the low-income community into reading, Nayeem has established a library with the money he saved in Netrakona's Susang Durgapur at Lalita Bipin Hajong Dormitory.

The library started its journey on



September 2 with 80 books on tradition and history of Hajong people, literature and academic materials.

"The initiative is mainly for Hajong students who have to compete with others for securing a better future," said Nayem.

He named this dream project of his -- Mahyah (mother) Library -- after his mother late Surati Hajong.

Nayem's father Rupindra Hajong inaugurated the library.

the dormitory Abanikanta Hajong, Communist Party of Bangladesh central member Dr Dibalok Singh, Comrade Moni Singh Smriti Jadughar's custodian Md Ujjol Mia; and Rajeswar Hajong, a student, spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said this library would encourage the Hajong community to go forward.

Education is a must for every society and this library could be a catalyst of a better future for thousands of backward Hajong people in Netrakona, they added.

Two killed as bus hits motorcycle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two people were killed after a bus hit a motorcycle in Bogura yesterday.

The accident happened on Dhaka Rangpur highway in Rahbal area of Shibganj around 2:00pm.

One of the deceased is Shakil Ahmed (23), an army personnel. His identity as an army man was confirmed through his ID card, said SI Md Solaiman Gani, duty officer of Gobindaganj Highway Police Station.

Another victim, a woman aged around 18, could not be identified immediately, he said.

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Medicines for poor patients dumped in ditch

Probe committee formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A probe body was formed yesterday to investigate the allegations of recovering government medicines from a ditch in Bhanpur upazila of Tangail on September 2.

The health department formed the three-member committee led by Dr Khandakar Abu Sayeed, a medical officer of Bhanpur upazila Health Complex, said Dr Mohammad Abdus Sobhan, a upazila health official. They were directed to submit the report as early as possible, he said.

On Friday, locals saw huge volumes of medicines floating in a ditch beside

the Gabsara Community Clinic and informed local public representatives.

They alleged that the medicines were supposed to be distributed among the

Shah Alam Akanda Shapla, chairman of Gabsara union parishad, said, "We want to know why they dumped the medicines into the ditch." This correspondent couldn't reach Nurul Islam, health assistant of the clinic, as his phone was switched off.

Gabsara is a remote char on the Jamuna. Locals said they were deprived of proper health care despite the government establishing a community health clinic for them.



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