

## Dengue cases

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five in Mymensingh, two each in Rajshahi and Narail, and one each in Narsingdi, Kushtia, Pabna, Bagerhat, Khagrachhari, Bogura, Madaripur and Feni.

A total of 47,814 patients have already been released. Of them, 16,471 are from outside Dhaka. Some 2,729 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment, of whom, 1,201 are from outside Dhaka.

To recover quickly from the disease, IEDCR Director Tahmina Shirin suggested taking sufficient fluids in any form like oral saline, fruit juice and coconut water.

Patients need to be hospitalised when they feel like vomiting, pain in the stomach, have breathing issues, or bleed from any part of the body, she advised.

## Nabanna festivities

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The harvest celebration then ensued through songs, dance and poetry, along with a greeting session.

Besides, a discussion titled “Nabanna Kathan” was organised. Eminent personalities shared their memories of and opinions on the festival.

KM Khalid, state minister for cultural affairs, was the chief guest at the programme.

“Bengal’s traditional Nabanna festival brings endless joy to the farmers. This festival binds the Bangalee nation in bonds of unity, brotherhood and kinship,” he said.

Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University Prof Md Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan,

and Sammilita Sangskritik Jote president Ghulam Quddus also joined the event, presided over by Kazi Madina and moderated by Sangeeta Imam, vice presidents of the celebration board.

Yesterday morning, artistes Mahadeb Ghosh, Abu Bakar Siddique and Nasima Shaheen Fancy, along with others, performed at the event. Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts, Bahinishikha, Satyen Sen Shilpigosti welcomed the audience with their performances in groups.

Therewereperformances highlighting the country’s culture throughout the day. Besides, various pitha stalls on the festival premises were the centre of attraction.

## Prof Habibur Rahman passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Prof Habibur Rahman, a retired teacher of Rajshahi University’s law department and a maritime law expert, passed away on Tuesday night. He was 78.

He breathed his last at his residence in Kajla, adjacent to RU, around 11:00pm, said Prof Hasibul Alam Prodhan, chairman of the law department.

He left behind his two sons and a daughter to mourn his death. He played an important role in Bangladesh’s maritime victory with Myanmar.

His first namaz e-janaza was held in front of the central mosque of the university yesterday morning. He was buried at his village home in Bogura after another janaza.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar expressed condolence at his death.

## Minorities

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since the independence of Bangladesh.

Stephen Schneck, commissioner of USCIRF, who led the four-member US delegation, said, “The United States has a deep interest in the development of religious freedom in Bangladesh.”

Kurt Werthmuller, Patrick Greenwalt and Tom Browns were the other delegation members.

Professor Neem Chandra Bhowmik, Nirmal Rosario, Kajal Debnath and other leaders of the parishad were present.

## Comilla Univ gives scholarships to 237 students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Comilla University awarded scholarships to 237 meritorious and insolvent students at the university’s open stage (Mukto Moncho) premises yesterday noon.

Each of the students, from 19 departments of the university, received Tk 8,500.

In May of this year, 58 students received this scholarship in the first phase for the first time in the university’s history.

Comilla University

Vice Chancellor Dr AFM Abdul Moyeen attended the scholarship awarding ceremony and spoke.

The ceremony was chaired by Dr Md Rashidul Sheikh, director of IQAC.

Nazma Asrafi, assistant deputy commissioner (education and ICT) of Cumilla; Dr Shafiqul Islam, CEO of Cumilla City Corporation; Md Abdul Mannan, superintendent of Cumilla police; and Lt Col Kamrul Islam, regiment commander BNCC Mainamati, also spoke.

## Confce on English language education at ULAB Nov 18-19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) are going to organise its 10th international conference on November 18-19 on the ULAB Dhanmondi campus.

At least 300 English teachers, administrators and assessors from various levels of education from across the country will participate in the conference, themed “Sustainable Approaches to English Language Education in a Changing World”.

Representatives from Japan, India, Malaysia, Nepal and the UK will also be present.

Prof Richard Smith from University of Warwick will be the keynote speaker and will present on “What does sustainable teacher development look like now?”

As many as 90 papers and workshops including a panel discussion and a colloquium will be featured both onsite and online during the two-day event.

## 46th death anniv

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Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) will also organise different programmes, including placing wreaths at the grave of Bhashani, special prayers, and food distribution.

Besides, discussions, blood donations, photo exhibitions and performance of songs will also be held.

A seminar on “Sense and belief of Maulana Bhasani” was organised by the university at its premises

yesterday.

VC Prof Farhad Hossain addressed the seminar as the chief guest and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof RM Solaiman as special guest.

Prof Aktaruzzaman of nutrition and food science at Dhaka University, was the main speaker, while Syed Irfanul Bari, a close aide of Maulana Bhasani, presented the keynote.

Prof Mohammad Touhidur Rahman, registrar of MBSTU, presented the welcome speech.

## ‘Residents’ awareness

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regulations on solid waste management, awareness programmes, dustbin lids for slum dwellers and affordable waste collection services for them.

Nazmul Alam David, executive director of Paribartan-Khulna, said, “It is not possible to get the benefits of waste management without making the citizens aware. Along with that, service providers should also come forward.”

“The biggest responsibility, however, falls on the shoulders of

the city corporation,” he added.

Md Abdul Aziz, chief conservancy officer of KCC, said, “We cannot perform our duty properly due to the lack of human resources. KCC collects around 700 to 800 tonnes of waste every day. However, the city generates approximately 1,200 to 1,250 tonnes of solid waste.”

“The low capacity of waste-carrying vehicles ultimately results in the dumping of garbage into drains. We need more awareness among city dwellers in this regard.”

## We Mourn



We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Mahbub Jamil, the leading corporate icon of Bangladesh. We cherish all his valuable advice to Robi Board between the years 2011 and 2020. The corporate world of Bangladesh will certainly miss his valuable words of wisdom.

Robi family prays for the salvation of the departed soul and hopes that the Almighty grants his family members the strength to withstand this irredeemable loss.



**Mahbub Jamil**  
(1941 - 2022)

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