

Beating opposition for promotion Now is the time

FROM PAGE 3 of the national election. On Saturday, Riazul Islam, president of DU's Sir AF Rahman Hall unit of BCL, checked the mobile phones of five people suspecting them as JCD men at the Nilkhet intersection and beat them before handing them over to police.

immediate past general secretary of the DU unit Saddam Hussain. He is also an aspirant for the top positions in central BCL. Another post seeker Tanbir Hasan Shaikat organised a photo exhibition, titled "The Politics of Killing People in arson terrorism by BNP-Jamaat" opposite to a human chain of pro-BNP teachers which was held at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla.

to resist BNP," said Shaikat. However, no JCD activists tried to enter the DU campus area on the rally day. "If we fail to flaunt our activities in such situations, it will create a negative image," said a vice-president of the BCL central unit and a post-seeker. Contacted, DU Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said, "The continuation of a congenial atmosphere is all that we want. We are always welcoming towards students of the university"

FROM PAGE 5 in their proposed books on health education at secondary level from 2024. Faculties and medical students, writers and journalists said they will advocate on the threat. Prof Tahmina Shirin, director of the IEDCR, presided over the event.

Little progress

FROM PAGE 3 Steering Committee in the ministry -- that too after about 10 months since the technical committee approved the document. According to DGHS officials, the delay for implementation was because the approved plan did not have the budgetary proposal for executing the tasks. The 2022-2026 plan now has a proposal for allocating around Tk 900 crore, according to DGHS officials.

NOT ENOUGH DOCTORS The proposed drug act has a provision of fining Tk 20,000 for selling antibiotics and antimicrobials without receiving a prescription from a Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) registered doctor. However, due to a massive shortage of doctors, the majority of the population go to quacks or the nearest drug store for healthcare advice, experts said.

There are around 1,04,644 registered doctors, according to the recently published Human Resources for Health dataset of 2022. Of them, around 25,000 work at public hospitals. A 2011 study in Cox's Bazar found that 67 percent of patients in Chakaria upazila went to quacks for their first line of care. The survey calculated that 250 registered doctors are needed to serve Chakaria. Currently, there are 13 doctors at Chakaria Upazila Health Complex.

Media freedom at stake FROM PAGE 5 "This is an act that we believe is [used] to create an atmosphere of fear." Faisal said under the law, police can seize any device from any establishment. They don't need an arrest warrant to nab individuals, which goes against a country that has a rule of law.

Thenow-revokedSection 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act 2006 received much criticism and now the DSA has emerged as a big threat to journalists, said Prof Kaberi Gayen of Dhaka University's mass communication and journalism department. In his speech, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud said the present government has ensured media freedom and extended all the support for its exponential growth in the country.

There are 38 private television channels in the country at present whereas there were only 10 until the beginning of 2009. There are more than 1,250 daily newspapers which were 450 at that time, he said. "The government believes media freedom is essential for the protection of human rights and it has designed 'media policy' keeping that in mind."

FROM PAGE 3 On December 9, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Jashim sent Fakhru and Abbas to jail in the case, rejecting their bail petitions. The case was filed with Paltan Model Police Station on December 8,

7 Bangladeshis receive Balipara

FROM PAGE 3 sector-driven afforestation project with Bonayan Bangladesh. Delwar Jahan, co-founder of Prakritik Krishi Bipan Kendra received the Food for the Future Award. Meanwhile, Hawladar Azad Kabir, ranger & officer-in-charge of Karamjal Crocodile Breeding Center received the Forest Guards and Rangers Award.

IN HOSPITALS Faiz said not having designated microbiology laboratories is a big weakness of public hospitals. "At least all medical college hospitals [117] should have a well-equipped microbiology laboratory with the capacity to meet patients' diagnosis needs," Faiz said. Hospitals, moreover, lack antibiotic waste-management and good pharmacy practices, according to health officials.

Besides, there are no graduate pharmacists for counselling patients and auditing prescriptions. The issue of medicine quality has not received proper attention during discussions on AMR, said experts. "If the quality of medicines is not ensured and medicine wastes are not managed properly, only stopping irrational use will not be fruitful in containing AMR," said Mehedi Hasan, technical officer at the US Pharmacopoeial Convention, Bangladesh. Over the last three years, Fleming Fund Country Grant has supported the refurbishing of 12 microbiology labs in different hospitals and livestock research centres.

"Everything should be integrated into the system. Otherwise, nothing will make a difference," Prof Nitish Debnath, team lead of the Fleming Fund programme in Bangladesh, told The Daily Star. Prof Ahmedul Kabir, additional director general (administration) at DGHS and co-chair of the national technical committee, said, "Fragmentation will not solve the problem. This is an entire system we need to work on collectively."

report for the UK treasury; and Dr Kamaljit Singh Bawa, president and founder of the environmental think tank Ashoka Trust Research in Environment and Ecology. Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan was also awarded. Ranjit Barthakur, founder of Balipara Foundation, said, "There has to be a shift in mindset and attitudes. Everything has to be biodiverse."

Lord Nicholas Stern, chairman of Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment of the London School of Economics (LSE), said, "The Eastern Himalayas is the centre-stage influencing more than a billion people in the region."

Ambassador Shyam Saran, former foreign secretary and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Nuclear Affairs and Climate Change of India, said, "Today, we are at a point where climate change, biodiversity, and finance cannot be put in a single box; they have become more and more interconnected."

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