



Kajol is one of few artisans in Khulna who makes Jamdani sari. He has been at his craft for almost 22 years now. He makes the saris with meticulous details and each one takes him around 15-20 days to make. Depending on the design, the price ranges between Tk 7,000 and Tk 30,000. This photo was taken in Khulna's Fultala area recently.

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Poetry festival begins at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two day Jatiya Kabita Utshab with the theme “Banglar Sadhinata, Amar Kobita” began yesterday on the premises of Dhaka University’s Central Library. The festival is organised by Jatiya Kabita Parishad. The festival comprised poetry recitations and seminars. This year’s edition has been dedicated to poet Kazi Rosy and poet Habibullah Siraji. A large number of local and foreign poets and recitation artists are taking part in the festival.

Will revamp space under Hanif flyover: Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said they will take steps to beautify and revamp the space under Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover, as per the demand of city dwellers. He said this after visiting the sites under the flyover, stretching from Nimtoli to Fulbaria. “We have already appointed a consulting firm.” Regarding the cafe built at Bahadur Shah Park, Taposh said misleading information is being given about this. “The park was occupied. There were drug abusers, vagrants. We have taken initiatives to get rid of these. Visitors can enjoy the scenic surroundings, and a temporary food stall has been installed.”

Talks ongoing

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companies proposed in this regard. “If possible, the feasibility of hydrogen power generation at Matarbari, Maheshkhali or Banshkhali will be verified,” she said in her scripted answer. In his question, Anwar Hossain wanted to know whether the government has plans to set up a hydroelectric power station to generate electricity from seawater at a convenient location in the Bay of Bengal near Cox’s Bazar. In response, the Prime Minister said in some countries, electricity is generated by using sea tides, which is costly and has not been commercially

successful. There are currently no plans to set up such a power plant. Mentioning that the production of hydrogen electricity is very costly, she said such a plan can be taken if the costs come down in the future. While responding to another query by AL lawmaker Mahfuzur Rahman, Hasina said 1,558 bridges and 7,498 culverts have been constructed or reconstructed during the tenure of the incumbent government. “The work to upgrade 908.49 km of roads to four lanes or more is also in progress. Of this, 235.03 km of roads have already been made into four lanes or more,” she added.

Govt must Implement HC

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Save The Environment Movement Chairman Abu Naser Khan highlighted the importance of implementing the HC directives, while Professor Adil Mohammed Khan, executive director of Institute for Planning and Development (IPD), emphasised immediate action to improve air quality and protect public health. “The government is

constructing buildings by cutting down the trees. In the last ten years, the number of private cars and motorcycles has increased abnormally, which causes pollution,” said Adil. “Despite the efforts by the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) to reduce pollution, the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is not taking any action,” said Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder, joint secretary

of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon. Gaous Pearee, director of WBB Trust, said, “The government should prioritise public health and instruct the city authorities to conduct awareness campaigns.” Public health expert Dr Lenin Chowdhury, Nasaf President Hafizur Rahman Moyna, and Jonoudoyg’s Consultant Azizur Rahman Khan Asad spoke at the event, among others.

Inspiring others to stand

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AN INSPIRATION FOR OTHERS Fatema Begum (34), a widow hailing from Brahmanbaria district, got the idea of rearing quail from Doly through social media. After watching relevant posts, she contacted Doly over messenger app and learnt all about starting a farm of her own. Now she is financially solvent by rearing quails. She now has about 500

birds, 400 of which lay eggs regularly. “It’s a profitable sector. The demand for quail eggs and meat is high,” she added. Suma Akter, hailing from Keraniganj, also saw success by following Doly’s footsteps. “I came to know about Doly from a relative and collected 30 quails from her about three years back,” she said. Doly said, “If anyone

comes to me, I encourage quail rearing and give them necessary training on the matter. About 200 youths and widows in the last 10 years started rearing quails and became solvent.” Dr Habibur Rahman, deputy director of the Department of Livestock Services, said, “Doly is a role model on quail farming in Bangladesh. We awarded her several times for her contribution in the sector.”

Don’t eat food from strangers

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at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital, according to detectives. This newspaper managed to talk with Mizanur while he was being taken to court after his arrest. Hailing from Faridpur, Mizanur studied at a madrasa in Khulna. He dropped out, came to Dhaka and started selling Islamic books and candy at the capital’s Moghbazar in 2000, with his uncle Mukul Molla. Three years later, he started selling different Ayurvedic medicines on

buses and trains and started stealing valuables from people using sedatives. Mizanur said he speaks Arabic fluently, which made it easy for him to charm commuters. It all started when he met a person named Dulal while selling books. The person praised Mizan’s marketing skills, gave him medicines and said he will pay Tk 500 for each sale. At that time, Mizan didn’t know he was getting involved with a criminal gang. But after the first operation, he soon realised what Dulal actually meant by medicines, and gradually found himself to be a member.

The passengers go to sleep within 20 minutes to half an hour after consuming the medicines. Sometimes, the gang puts powerful sedatives on tissue paper and puts that in front of the passenger’s nose to make them unconscious, said Mizanur. DB DC Mashiur Rahman said a little awareness is needed to protect oneself. “The bus driver and helper should be aware, and people should not eat anything from strangers.” The official added that they will talk with bus-company owners to not let any hawkers get on board.

SC chamber judge

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as the chamber judge of the Appellate Division,” Justice M Enayetur Rahim said during passing the orders. Court sources said this is for the first time a chamber judge of the Appellate

Division delivered orders in Bangla. Earlier in the day, three High Court benches led by Justice Naima Haider; Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman delivered judgements and

orders in Bangla. Meanwhile, Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique inaugurated a Bangla edition of the Supreme Court website, confirmed SC Spokesman Mohammad Saifur Rahman to The Daily Star.

Runway to be closed

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authority has taken plans for flight management in coordination with the related government and private institutions, including the airport traffic

department, to make the journey of passengers smooth and uninterrupted. The authorities have also formed monitoring teams to implement the plans.

Democracy has won

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Malibagh area yesterday to press home the party’s 10-point demand, which includes holding the national election under a non-partisan government, AL held its rally too. More than 5,000 activists took part in the rally. Addressing the rally,

AL presidium member advocate Kamrul Islam alleged that BNP repeatedly deceived the people, and that is why the people don’t trust them anymore. AL’s Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said BNP’s aim is to seize power by destabilising the country.

Finally, the wait is over

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last two years. We hope to recover from the previous years’ losses this year,” Anyaprokash CEO Mazharul Islam told The Daily Star. “We are also trying hard to keep the price in check amid the increasing costs of papers and publishing materials,” he added. However, the opening day saw the fair as an

under-prepared one. Over 50 stalls were not open on the first day. Many stalls had garbage and setting materials such as wood and plastic scattered all over the premises. The actual number of books was not announced by Bangla Academy’s information centre. Among the many books that have been released on the opening day were

– Sheikh Hasina’s “Sheikh Fazilatun Nesa, Amar Maa” (Charulipi Prokashon), Harishankar Jaldas’s “Karna” (Kathaprokash), Akbar Ali Khan’s “Mujibnagar Sarker o Bortoman Bangladesh”, Anisul Hoque’s “Parijater Jonno Valobasha” (Prothoma), and Mauli Azad’s “Egalor Chokh” (Agami).



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COMPANY MATTER NO. 35 OF 2023
IN THE MATTER OF:
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... **PETITIONER**
– Versus –
Bansuri Tower Company Limited, office at Tigers Den, House 4 (SWH), Bir Uttam Mir Shawkat Sarak, Gulshan-1, Dhaka and another.
... **RESPONDENTS**
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed and moved before the Hon’ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner Banglalink Digital Communication Limited, praying for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of Bansuri Tower Company Limited for the calendar years 2019 to 2022. Upon a preliminary hearing on 29.01.2023, Mr. Justice Khizir Ahmed Choudhury kindly admitted the application. If anyone is interested to oppose the said application, he may appear before the Hon’ble High Court either in person or through an authorized Advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing to make necessary statements. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of usual charges.
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Invitation for Tenders
No: BSMRAAU/Registrar/163/2023/Part File/OTM-14/03A Date: 01 February 2023

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education		
2	Procuring Entity Name	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU)		
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh		
4	Invitation for	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF WORKSHOP TECHNOLOGY LAB FOR BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN AVIATION AND AEROSPACE UNIVERSITY AT LALMONIRHAT CAMPUS		
5	Invitation Ref No	BSMRAAU Open Tender No: OTM-14/2022-2023		
6	Date	01 February 2023		
KEY INFORMATION				
7	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
9	Tender Publication Date	01 February 2023		
		Date	Time	
10	Tender Last Selling Date	02 March 2023	02:00 PM	
11	Tender Closing Date and Time	05 March 2023	10:30 PM	
12	Tender Opening Date and Time	05 March 2023	01:30 PM	
13	Name & Address of the office(s) for selling, receiving and opening tender document	Procurement Section, BSMRAAU, Old Airport Building, Dhaka-1215.		
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14	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	1. The Tenderer must possess a valid trade license, updated VAT and TAX certificate, up to-date bank solvency and other criteria as per tender document. 2. Pre-Bid Meeting: 28 February 2023, 1145 AM at BSMRAAU, Dhaka Campus.		
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