

Jahanara
Huq's 3rd
death anniv
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the
third death
anniversary
of freedom
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Jahanara
Huq,
mother of Law Minister
Anisul Huq.

She breathed her last on April 18, 2020. She was 86.

Anisul Huq has arranged prayer programmes for his mother's departed soul at his village home under Brahmanbaria's Kasba upazila. Food will also be distributed among orphans there.

Besides, Awami League and its front organisations have organised programmes, including doa and iftar mahfils at Kasba and Akhaura in Brahmanbaria, to mark the day, a law ministry press release said.



Two workers die inside septic tank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two workers died inside a septic tank in Moulvibazar's Juri upazila yesterday.

The incident occurred around 1:00pm when they were working inside the tank of an under-construction building in West Juri union of the upazila.

They were identified as Md Shaheen Mia, 22, and Kamrul Islam, 25.

Anfar Ali, chairman of West Juri union parishad, said some workers were working in the under-construction building when a worker got inside the septic tank and came in contact with toxic gas accumulated there. When another worker got inside the tank to rescue him, he too, was affected.

Upon receiving information, a team from Kulaura fire service rescued and took them to the hospital where the on-duty doctor declared them dead.

Md Sulayman Ahmed, warehouse inspector of Kulaura fire service, said the workers entered the septic tank without adequate protective gear.

Mohammad Mosharrif Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Juri Police Station, said the bodies have been sent to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Must ensure gender

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from Fojo Media Institute.

She revealed that men appeared in news stories 1.5 percent more often than women, while transgender people were barely represented. The report also found that about 10 percent of media used gender-insensitive words or phrases when reporting. Additionally, newspapers published the names or identities of victimised children in many cases.

The participants recommended formulating anti-discrimination laws and an overarching gender equality law that covers both public and personal spheres.

Alexandra Berg von Linde, ambassador of Sweden to Bangladesh, stated that there is a misrepresentation and under-representation of women in media houses, and emphasised the need for an individual and collective role to establish gender equality in media.

Prof Gitara Nasreen of Dhaka University's mass communication and journalism department pointed out that significant structural issues within the media industry hinder women's ability to work and thrive in the field.

She stressed the need for media outlets to establish a code of conduct and arrange more training sessions for their employees to address these issues. Journalism should be objective and portray the reality of society and its people, rather than being based on a powerful male perspective, she added.

Nobonita Chowdhury, director of the Gender, Justice, and Diversity and Preventing Violence Against Women Initiative at Brac, highlighted the importance of including women in policy-making positions in the media industry and increasing the coverage of women from various perspectives to challenge societal norms.

Maria Stridsman, head of development cooperation of Sweden embassy, stressed the need for gender-specific stories that include women of all aspects.

During an open discussion, Dip Azad, secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of journalists, demanded the amendment of sections 25, 31, and 35 of the Digital Security Act.

Other participants, including Sheeba Hafiza, an equality and rights activist, and Shima Moslem, joint general secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, called for self-regulatory policies and gender-sensitivity training by organisations, such as NGOs and media houses, to promote gender equality.

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