

WANGALA FESTIVAL

Garos celebrate harvest



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The Garo community celebrated Wangala, their largest annual festival, in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal upazila yesterday.

During the festival every year, Garos express their gratitude to Misi Saljong or the God of grains, for blessing the community with a good harvest, said Samuel Joseph, an organiser of the programme.

Through the pre-winter celebration, worshippers ask for divine approval to consume the new crop by offering it to the God first. The main purpose of this festival is to please God, to have a good harvest next year. Garo people pray for their children and families to remain well and for good fortune, said Partho Hajong, president of Sreechuk Youth Garo Organization.

Hundreds of Garo people attended yesterday's daylong programme in Fulcharra tea garden.

They began the festivity by offering prayers in the morning.

Young and old people dressed in traditional colourful clothes like Dakmanda, Daksari or Gando and danced to the music played on long, oval-shaped drums called Dama.

Traditional performances like Katta Doka (talking in singing style), Ajea (Garo folk song), Dani Doka (describing Wangala by singing), Chambil Mesaa (a kind of solo dance also known as Pomelo) were held during the celebrations.

"Garo people are mainly dependent on agro-economy. We do not use any agricultural produce before thanking Misi Saljong," he said.

The cultural programme was arranged by Sreechuk Achik Asong Nakma Association and Sreechuk Youth Garo Organization as part of the festivity.

Bishop Shorot Gomes, head of Sylhet Catholic Diocese, and Sreemangal UNO Ali Rajib Mahmud Mithun attended the event.



Girls continue

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and women and children affairs – said government policy like providing stipends to female students has been paying off.

"To get the stipend, girls need to take part in classes regularly and their guardian can't arrange their marriage. This has changed the situation drastically," she said.

She also said the stipend got the families to act more responsibly and sensibly towards their girls.

She said the increase in the number of women teachers also helped the girls in educational institutions.

Mymensingh Education Board Chairman Prof Gazi Hasan Kamal said girls

are more sincere in their studies than boys.

The SSC results that came out in July showed that, for the seventh year in a row, female students had a higher pass rate compared to their male counterparts, while they did better in achieving GPA-5 for the sixth consecutive year.

This year, 82.39 percent of girls passed the exams, while boys' success rate was 79.34 percent. On the other hand, 88,245 girls achieved GPA-5 – 17,270 higher than number of boys.

In recent times, girls' education in Bangladesh has become a success story. Girls have continued to outnumber boys at primary and secondary levels.

Mobilise loss

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youths," he said.

Amanullah Porag, South Asia mobilisation coordinator of 350.org, pointed out that the issues of youths were not considered when adopting the Nationally Determined Contribution.

"We have failed to place meaningful agendas for youths, not caring to include them in the COP agenda, leaving them largely ignored," he said.

Abul Kalam Azad, special envoy at Climate Vulnerable Forum, said developed countries sometimes forget to understand the adverse impact faced by the most affected countries.

"We have been repeatedly presenting our issues. Now it is time for youths to raise their voices before the world," he said, advocating for the establishment of a youth platform to address their concerns globally.

Iftekhar Mahmud,

special correspondent of Bangla daily Prothom Alo, highlighted that while children were brought to the frontline to showcase vulnerabilities, their issues remained unaddressed during policy implementation.

He called for establishing children-friendly infrastructure and preparing budget analyses considering their concerns. Reefat Bin Sattar, deputy country director (Interim) at Save the Children, called for systematic change to address climate change issues.

Nayoka Martinez-Bäckström, first secretary and deputy head of Development Cooperation and Environment and Climate Change, mentioned that they are working with the government of Bangladesh to address climate change issues and investing in the renewable energy sector for transition to green energy.

Defence submits

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yesterday. On June 6, it framed charges against them. It also recorded statements of four prosecution witnesses.

On September 9, 2021,

Labour Inspector (general) SM Arifuzzaman of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department filed the case with the Third Labour Court of Dhaka.

EC serving agenda of one-sided

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non-partisan role, it added.

"Overwhelmed by the rule of thumb of duly holding the election, the commission has been de facto serving the agenda of a non-inclusive, one-sided election," reads the statement.

TIB urged all relevant parties to step away from power-obsessed politics that hold people hostage.

Stating that approximately 200 vehicles have been set ablaze over the past month, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said, "We question the

democratic value of such actions against public transport. Moreover, a political blame game involves accusing each other of the violence and the overall crisis. The visibly dubious roles of state institutions raise more concerns for democracy's future."

He called for accountability for the violence through fair and unbiased investigations, but expressed concern that political violence trials are being used to crush dissent and opponents.

"Cases are being filed even against deceased

individuals, and if the accused are not located, their family members are detained. Is this justice? Is this the intended role of state institutions?" he added.

"We call upon all stakeholders, including political parties, leaders-activists, election commission, law enforcement agencies, and the administration, to recognise the heightened risk of undemocratic forces gaining stronger ground and embrace the path of peace and reconciliation," he said.

Technical edu board

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Also, like the other education boards across the country, female students outperformed their male counterparts in the technical board examinations as well. The pass rate for female students stands at 95 percent, compared to 89.77 percent for male students.

Also, 4,437 female

students secured GPA-5, compared to 2,540 male students.

MADRASA EDUCATION BOARD

Meanwhile, the overall pass rate for Madrasa board is 90.75 percent, which is the lowest in the last three years. It was 92.56 percent in 2022 and 95.49 percent in 2021.

Like the Technical and other boards, female

students of the Madrasa board have also followed the trend of outperforming boys, as the pass rate for girls is 92.72 percent, while for boys it is 89.09 percent.

Out of 98,139 examinees under the board, 46,272 males and 40,560 females successfully passed the examinations. A total of 7,097 students achieved GPA-5.

It's winter but dengue still here

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is likely to come under control naturally, Saifur said.

To contain the spread next year, the authorities concerned will have to chalk out a plan now and take necessary steps, he said.

"The absence of surveillance and initiating necessary steps outside Dhaka, especially in district towns, are causing higher

infections this year," Saifur added.

Public health expert Mushtaq Hossain said failure in health management is also behind the huge number of deaths from dengue this year.

"The medical college hospitals are still overwhelmed with both critical and normal dengue patients. Many patients are being treated on floors. It becomes difficult for

even highly skilled nurses and doctors to provide quality treatment in this situation," he said.

The number of deaths could be reduced if there were adequate facilities to provide treatment at primary healthcare centres, Mushtaq said.

He suggested equipping the rural primary health care centres with medical facilities for treating dengue patients.



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By Order of the Board

Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman
Company Secretary

26 November 2023, Dhaka



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২০২৪-২০২৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এমফিল ও
পিএইচডি প্রোগ্রামে ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No: 28/e-GP/EED/Raj/Rajshahi College/2023-2024.

Date: 26.11.2023

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910319	Complete the Incomplete works of 10-Storeyed Academic Building with 10 storied Foundation in/c Sanitary, Water Supply & Electrification Works at Rajshahi Govt. College, Boalia, Rajshahi.	OTM (NCT)	26-Dec-2023 12:00	26-Dec-2023 16:00

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WANTED

- Principal for Chattagram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital Medical College.
- Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor/Registrar (Nephrology).
- Assistant Professor (Hepatology)

Candidates are requested to apply to the undersigned with pay order/bank draft of Tk. 500/- (In the name of "Chattagram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital Medical College"), full curriculum vitae, details of BM & DC qualifications, experiences and copies of publication with 2 copies of passport size photo within 20.12.2023. The application form is available at the college office.

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896526 (Re-tender)	e-Tender/ PEDP4 /HBG/NAB/ 2022-2023/W/15.0426	Construction of Vorary GPS, Kharia GPS & Paniumda GPS Head Teacher's room with Attached Toilet under PEDD4	19.12.2023 13:00	19.12.2023 14:00
896538 (Re-tender)	e-Tender/ PEDP4 /HBG/NAB/ 2022-2023/W/15.0845	Construction of Sunapur Jagannathpur pur GPS, Amrakharja GPS & Inathgonj GPS Head Teacher's room with Attached Toilet under PEDD4	19.12.2023 13:00	19.12.2023 14:00
896539 (Re-tender)	e-Tender/ PEDP4/ NOA/ATR/ 2022-2023/W/14.02183	Construction of Boundary wall & Gate Durgapur-33, Durgapur-73, Kuragan & Mandar kandi GPS under Nabiganj, Habiganj under PEDP4	19.12.2023 13:00	19.12.2023 14:00
900550	e-Tender/ NBIDGPS/ HAB/NAB/ 2023-2024/W/1.07024	Construction of additional class room of 52 No. Daulatpur GPS under Nabiganj, Habiganj under NBIDGPS	19.12.2023 13:00	19.12.2023 14:00
900548	e-Tender/ NBIDGPS/ HAB/NAB/ 2023-2024/W/1.07747	Construction of additional class room of Amrakharj GPS under Nabiganj, Habiganj under NBIDGPS	19.12.2023 13:00	19.12.2023 14:00

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