



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS  
The recently renovated Dhaka Gate has finally been restored to its full glory, following years of neglect. The Tk 80 lakh restoration project also saw new pillars and lights added to the structure, originally built in the 17th century.

# Restoring Dhaka's lost past with 'Dhaka Gate'

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In the heart of present day Dhaka, amidst the bustling streets and vibrant energy, stands a silent sentinel, a relic of a bygone era -- the Dhaka Gate.

Built during the Mughal reign, this historical monument located near the Doyal Chatrar area of Dhaka University served as the city's sole entrance from the 17th to early 19th century.

Until recently, the Dhaka Gate lay forgotten and neglected, surrounded by shrubbery, covered in posters, and tucked away in a shadowy corner of the university campus. Years of neglect and a lack of proper maintenance had brought it to the brink of ruin.

However, the Dhaka South City Corporation in July stepped in to save this historic monument, allocating a budget of around Tk 80 lakh for its restoration.

When visiting the site during renovation work, Prof Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, who is leading this project, proudly showed this correspondent

the progress they had made.

"We've tried to restore the gate to its original glory. Besides the old look, we've added pinnacles to the pillars on both sides of the gate. We have also installed lights on them, so that it looks better at night. We're still experimenting with the lighting setup," said Prof Sayeed, also a heritage specialist.



The gate, which was built on the orders of the then governor of Bengal Mir Jumla, was also reunited with another historic artefact of its creator. "Bibi Mariam", a cannon commissioned to protect Dhaka's riverside from the onslaught of bandits, had been kept for a long time in Osmani Udyan. It has now

been put on display right beside the newly renovated gate.

After completion of the renovation, the Dhaka Gate was inaugurated by DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday. Noted historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon was also present at the event.

Dhaka Gate was originally known as the gate of Mir Jumla, the Mughal governor of Bengal who played a crucial role in protecting Dhaka and its inhabitants from pirate raids.

It stands as one of the oldest examples of Mughal architecture in the capital, and it holds a significant place in the city's past. Over the centuries, Dhaka Gate endured severe damage, and was rebuilt in 1825 by Charles Dawes, the then magistrate of the city.

Following Dhaka's reinstatement as the capital of Bengal in 1660, the city experienced rapid expansion, stretching westward to Jafrabad, eastward to Postogola, and northward to Tongi Bridge. Mir Jumla II, appointed as the subahdar of Bengal by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, oversaw the construction of the gate.

# Invest 4pc of GDP in education

## Speakers tell Campe event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) yesterday urged the government to invest at least 4 percent of GDP in education to recover losses from the pandemic.

The organisation also called for transparency and accountability in education by resisting commercialisation -- including the sale of textbooks, guidebooks, and coaching services.

Campe presented their demands at a views-exchange meeting titled "Learning for Lasting Peace" held on the occasion of International Education Day at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

Shamsun Nahar Koly of Campe presented the recommendations at the programme.

Kazi Khaliquzzaman, chairperson of Education Watch, said, "We need to stop experimenting with the education system. We have seen many changes in recent years, which created chaos in this sector."

Simeen Hussain Rimi, state minister of Women and Children Affairs, stressed the importance of training

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# KHALEDA GRAFT CASE Hearing on charge framing adjourned

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned until February 15 the hearing on charge framing in the Gato graft case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 14 others.



Judge Muhammad Ali Hussain of Special Judge's Court-3 of Dhaka passed the order, Khaleda's lawyer Syed Zaynal Abedin Meshbah told The Daily Star.

Before the order was passed, Meshbah told the court that senior lawyer Masud Ahmed Talukder, who will argue in support of discharging Khaleda from charges of the case, went abroad and could not take part in the hearing. So, it should be adjourned.

# Four to die for killing driver

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A Munshiganj court yesterday sentenced four persons to death and three others to two years' imprisonment for killing an auto-rickshaw driver in Munshiganj's Lauhajong in 2020.

Judge Khaleda Yasmin Urmii of the Additional District and Sessions Judge (Second) Court delivered the verdict. The death row convicts are Rubel Islam Nayan, Mohammad Razel, Akram Molla and Hasan Sheikh.

The others are Amir Hossain, Kaji Sheikh and Abul Kalam. Of them, Kalam is on the run.

According to the case, on September 29, 2020, Ashrafur Islam left home around 6:00pm with his auto-rickshaw.

Two hours later, his father Rafiqul Islam came to know that his son was found dead with his throat slit at Goalmandira, Louhajong.

He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Rafiqul filed a murder case against nine people with Louhajong Police Station.

# Khasru gets bail in one case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday secured bail in one more case filed with Paltan Model Police Station over political violence centring the BNP rally in Dhaka on October 28 last year.



He has now secured bail in nine cases, according to his lawyers.

However, the magistrate rejected his bail petition in another case filed with Ramna Model Police Station over the attack on the chief justice's residence on October 28.

Khasru therefore cannot walk out of jail, said his lawyer Md Asaduzzaman.

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বরিশাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের জন্য ডায়নামিক ওয়েবসাইট তৈরি কাজের দরপত্র পুনরায় আহবান করা হচ্ছে। বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ থেকে দরপত্র মূল্য বাবদ নগদ ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) সোনালী ব্যাংক, বরিশাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা, বরিশাল এর হিসাব নং-SND-04 এ জমা পূর্বক নেটওয়ার্কিং এন্ড আইটি অফিস থেকে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। বরিশাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট এ এতদবিষয়ে সকল তথ্যাদি পাওয়া যাবে। ১২/০২/২০২৪ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ টার মধ্যে পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, নেটওয়ার্কিং এন্ড আইটি অফিস, বরিশাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের টেন্ডার বক্সে দরপত্র জমা প্রদান করা যাবে এবং দুপুর ১২:৩০ টায় দরপত্র উন্মুক্ত করা হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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