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Plan to phase out fossil fuel-burning power plants

CPD urges govt, recommends abolishing the quick enhancement of electricity act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Centre for Policy Dialogue yesterday recommended abolishing the Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provision) Act 2010 and making proper plans to phase out fossil fuel based power plants.

CPD Research Director Khondaker Golam Moazzem said since last year, a persistent energy crisis has been hampering power generation and affecting other sectors.

"The uncertainty seems to persist this year as well due to the underlying importance given to the imported fuel in the integrated energy and power SEE PAGE 2 COL 4



energy regulator

🕤 Use non-agricultural Khas land for renewable energy projects



USHERING IN SPRING ... Adorned with flowers and colours, dancers perform at the Bashanta Utshab to welcome the first day of spring at the Dhaka University's Charukola yesterday morning. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Fakhrul and Khasru set to walk out of jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

B N P Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir



and standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury were yesterday granted bail in a case filed over the vandalism of the chief justice's residence, paving the way for their release. Judge (in-charge) Faisal Atiq Bin Kader

of Dhaka's Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the orders after their SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



99,771

93,503

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Private universities are 2018 seeing enrolments for 2019 their undergraduate and postgraduate courses picking 2020 up after a drop during the pandemic. 2021 In 2022, which is the latest available data from 2022

University Grants the Commission, 38.2 percent of

the 240,406 seats available in the 110 private teachers and universities were vacant, the lowest in five years. Enrolments too were the highest since 2018.

Between 2018 and 2021, 60.8 percent of the seats available in private universities were Bangladesh Insurance Association. vacant on average.

"There is a connection between the quality of education and enrolment," 1,24,026 1,60,242 said Sheikh Kabir Hossain, 1,20,276 1,57,870 president of the Association of Private Universities of 1,77,584 Bangladesh (APUB), a guild of owners of private universities. 1,81,644 Some universities earned a 1,48,456 91,950

reputation by maintaining a certain standard of education appointing by qualified

ensuring better education facilities. "Those have no problem attracting students," said Hossain, also the president of the

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JS RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN AL finalises its 48 nominees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League yesterday unveiled the list of 48 nominees for seats reserved for women in the House.

Thirty-three new faces have made the cut. Among the 14 other nominees, seven were lawmakers in the reserved seats in the last parliament while the rest were MPs in previous parliaments.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader announced the names of the nominees at a press briefing at the Gono Bhaban after the party's Parliamentary Nomination Board held a meeting.

He said the AL will submit the list of nominees to the returning officer on February 18.

Kanon Ara Begum, presidium member of Gonotontri Party, a partner of the AL-led 14-party alliance, has been picked. Kanon, from Noakhali, is among the fresh SEE PAGE 12 COL 1

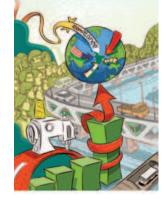


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