Do not erase

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disregarding laws and citizens' rights.

In 2020, the park was named after Bangladesh's first prime minister Tajuddin Ahmad to preserve his contributions to the nation during the Liberation War in 1971.

The signatories questioned Rajuk's authority to rename a park dedicated to a national leader, calling the move "audacious" and "disrespectful to the spirit of the Liberation War".

"We strongly condemn and denounce the initiative. No government agency should have the authority to erase or alter the legacy of such a revered national figure."

They also criticised the decision to hand over management to Gulshan Youth Club, alleging that the club had previously occupied parts of the park illegally and built unauthorised commercial structures.

They noted that in April 2013, Rajuk ordered the eviction of illegal structures from the area. Gulshan Youth Club filed a writ petition, which the High Court dismissed, allowing the eviction to proceed.

The signatories argued that entrusting the park to the same organisation was an attempt to legitimise past illegal occupation. They claimed the club has long occupied about 5.54 acres of parkland and expressed concern that the area could be rented out commercially, limiting public access.

They demanded the immediate restoration of the park's original name.

Signatories included rights activist Sultana Kamal, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir, photographer Shahidul Alam, senior lawyer ZI Khan Panna, Barrister Sara Hossain, Prof Robayet Ferdous, writer Rehnuma Ahmed and Advocate Salma Ali.

Delegation

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Debapriya Bhattacharya, the delegation discussed issues of education, health, private investment, and governance.

The discussion observed that certain groups are not only lagging behind, but have been "kept behind" due to political, social, and economic structures, underscoring the need for effective policy measures to reduce inequality.

The delegation included core group members Rasheda K Choudhury, Dr Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, Shaheen Anam, Dr Iftekharuzzaman, Prof Mustafizur Rahman, and Syed Nasim Manzur.

Coordinator Anisatul Fatema Yusuf, Centre for Policy Dialogue Additional Director (Research) Towfiqul Islam Khan, Network Focal Point Tarannum Zinan, CPD Dialogue Associate Md Rifat Bin Awlad, along with senior officials from the Jatiya Sangsad also attended the meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad.

Govt to ensure

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system for building a just and modern state," he said while inaugurating the three-day nationwide "Land Service Fair 2026".

The PM also said providing services for citizens is not an act of charity but a responsibility of the state.

"I would like to draw the attention of the minister, officials and employees of the Ministry of Land that providing services is not a favour to the people; rather, ensuring public service is our duty. Our goal is to build a land management system where people will no longer have to go from office to office unnecessarily to receive land services, nor will they have to suffer from corruption or harassment," he said.

Tarique Rahman also said the government aims to establish a corruption-free, harassment-free, technology-driven and citizen-friendly land management system that will further accelerate the country's sustainable development.

He inaugurated the fair by pressing a button at the Bhumi Bhaban at Tejgaon. The fair is being held simultaneously in districts and upazilas across the country from May 19 to 21.

State Minister for Land Mir Mohammed Helal Uddin and Land Secretary ASM Saleh Ahmed spoke at the programme, with Land Minister Md Mizanur Rahman Minu in the chair.

ICU at CMCH

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When she developed severe respiratory distress, doctors advised immediate ICU transfer. However, because no beds were available, she had to wait days in the general ward.

With a choked voice, Kalam said, "I am a mere day-labourer. Because of my financial strains, I couldn't afford the ICU at a private hospital. If only I could have admitted her to the ICU sooner, her condition might not have become this critical."

Nearby, Nasima Begum from Sandwip was sobbing outside the paediatric ICU. Inside, her three-and-a-half-year-old niece was fighting for her life. The child had been in the ICU for a week after being admitted with a severe fever. "The doctors just told us her condition is worsening," Nasima said.

Ishrat Jahan from Raozan was seen rushing her three-month-old son, Faizan, out of the ICU to a radiology lab for urgent diagnostic tests. The infant was on a portable oxygen cylinder, barely clinging to his life.

"He has severe breathing difficulties and has been treated here for a week now. The doctors ordered some tests," Ishrat said hastily as she wheeled the child away.

The crisis of paediatric ICU beds in CMCH has left many families stranded without critical care. Rizia Begum, who travelled from Maizdee in Noakhali, shared that her 11-month-old grandson, Tanim, developed severe breathing issues three days ago. Doctors recommended an ICU bed urgently, but they have yet to secure one.

"The doctors in the general ward are working to keep him on oxygen support there, but he needs an ICU," Rizia said.

The 20-bed paediatric ICU in CMCH is currently completely overwhelmed amid a massive surge in patient influx, most of them with measles-related complications, said CMCH Director Brig Gen Taslim Uddin.

"Currently, 15 of the 20 available ICU beds have been dedicated exclusively for measles patients," he said, adding that a separate isolation ward has also been opened to manage the influx.

Dr Musa Miah, head of CMCH's Paediatric Department, said his ward was overwhelmed with patients suffering from measles-related complications, with 121 admitted yesterday alone.

Meanwhile, a troubling pattern has been observed among the patients. Several parents noted that their children had actually contracted measles weeks ago, received treatment, and were discharged after recovery. However, shortly after returning home, they relapsed with high fevers and severe respiratory distress, forcing re-hospitalisation.

Dr Nasir Uddin Mahmud Chowdhury, former professor of paediatrics at CMC, said measles devastates a child's immune system.

"When a child contracts measles, their natural immunity drops drastically. This immunocompromised state can persist for several months after the initial recovery," he explained.

He advised that during this post-measles recovery phase, parents must exercise extreme caution. "Children need highly nutritious food to rebuild their immunity and must be strictly isolated from other children to prevent secondary, life-threatening infections."

Ensure gender-responsive

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based violence within development budgeting and strategic allocations for vulnerable communities.

The review also showed that education sector allocations declined from 2.08 percent to 1.72 percent of GDP over the past five fiscal years.

Moreover, despite Bangladesh's climate vulnerability only 2.89 percent of the Annual Development Programme's allocation has been directed towards renewable energy, leaving major financing gaps in the National Adaptation Plan.

DU professor Samina Luthfa warned that declining gender budget allocations could jeopardise women's access to education and healthcare.

Jahangirnagar University professor Sharmind Neelormi said issues concerning women, youth and climate could not be treated separately.

She also warned that debt-driven development would not remain sustainable in the long term.

Climate finance expert Ahsan Uddin Ahmed said although nearly 25 ministries have been involved in climate-related activities over the past decade, average implementation capacity remains only 7 percent.

He called for stronger monitoring systems and accountability mechanisms to reduce climate risks.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said in her welcome remarks that the national budget is one of the state's most important instruments for improving the lives of marginalised women, young people, and communities vulnerable to climate change.

"We already have an institutional framework for gender-responsive budgeting, but its quality implementation must now be ensured to establish clear financing targets and effectively address the root causes of social inequality, so that the benefits of overall economic growth reach everyone equitably," she added.

Responding to the findings, government representatives said the FY2026-27 budget presents an opportunity to translate electoral commitments into action and rebuild public trust.

Dr Saimum Parvez, special assistant to the prime minister on environment, forestry and climate change, called for a people-centric policymaking approach prioritising climate finance, debt management and international funding.

He said new initiatives in e-waste management and potential carbon trading opportunities worth nearly US$1 billion were underway.

Md Golam Mosaddeque, additional secretary of the Planning Division, said climate justice considerations had already been incorporated into 15 sectors, while a fully digital real-time dashboard had been introduced to strengthen transparency.

Policy recommendations made for the upcoming budget include: increasing education sector allocations to 3 percent of GDP by 2028, raising women's participation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to 40 percent by 2030 through a dedicated Women Entrepreneurs Fund, publishing a Youth Budget Statement, expanding the Youth Entrepreneurship Fund to Tk 600 crore for youths from coastal regions and for those in digital sectors, creating dedicated budget codes for climate loss and damage, and ensuring direct transfer mechanisms for climate funds to vulnerable communities.

Gems of Nazrul launches

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late Ekushey Padak-winning artiste Dalia Nausheen.

Speaking at the event, Sadya Afreen Mallick, the initiative director, said, "We are trying to reach different parts of the country to discover new voices in Nazrul Sangeet as we are dedicated to keeping Nazrul's songs alive among the youth."

Renowned Nazrul Sangeet exponent Yasmin Mushtari highlighted the importance of disciplined training and intergenerational learning in preserving the genre.

"Nazrul Sangeet is not easy to learn or practise. It requires guidance from senior artistes, and this initiative is encouraging that continuity," she added.

The organisers revealed that the competition will be held across eight regional zones -- Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barishal, Sylhet and Mymensingh.

Interested applicants must be aged between 15 and 25 as of May 24, 2026. They will need to submit unedited video performances accompanied only by harmonium and tabla, following original notation or recordings.

Three contestants from each region will advance to the national finale in Dhaka.

Registration will remain open until June 30, with regional results to be announced on July 30. The national finale will begin on August 10.

The winner will receive Tk 20,000, a certificate and a crest, while runners-up and other finalists will also receive prizes and certificates.

Mitul Das hosted the programme.

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19th Death Anniversary of Former Chairman of NSU Foundation A.B.M. Kamal Uddin Khan



Late A.B.M. Kamal Uddin Khan

North South University (NSU) Board of Trustees commemorates the 19th death anniversary of its late Founder Life Member, ABM Kamal Uddin Khan.

Late ABM Kamal Uddin Khan was one of the Founder Life Members of the NSU Foundation, subsequently renamed the North South Foundation and later The North South Foundation for Education and Research, which established and administered NSU, now run by North South University (NSU) Trust. ABM Kamal Uddin Khan was integral to the foundation and growth of NSU, having been instrumental in transforming the NSU Foundation to its current iteration, the North South Foundation. Kamal Uddin Khan's notable achievements extended beyond education, as he also served as the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Founder Life Member of the NSU Foundation and a member of the then Parichalona Porshod of NSU.

In addition to his educational contributions, Late ABM Kamal Uddin Khan was also known as a successful industrialist, a prominent banker, and a noted philanthropist.

On his 19th death anniversary, family members and NSU's Board of Trustees prayed for and solicited divine blessings for ABM Kamal Uddin Khan's departed soul.

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COMPANY MATTER NO. 399 OF 2026
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An Application under section 241(i) and (vi) read with Section 245 of the Companies Act, 1994.
IN THE MATTER OF: Zulfiquar Rahman.
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