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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted all the members of Bangladesh Police on the occasion of the Police Week-2022. On the eve of the beginning of the week, they issued separate messages wishing a success of all the programs. Both the President and the Premier wished the overall success of all the programs of 'Police Week-2022'.

The 26th National Training Day and 41st founding anniversary of Bangladesh Society for Training and Development (BSTD) will be observed through various programs in the country today. On the eve of the day, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages wishing all success of the day's programs. To expedite the socio-economic development of a country, skilled, experienced, professional, service-oriented and industrious workforce is essential, said President Md. Abdul Hamid in his message yesterday. Along with institutional education, there is no alternative to profession based improvement and modern trainings to create skilled human resources, the President added. In her message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, realizing the importance of training, her government has taken various development and reform programs for the training sector.

The young generation's thoughts on art and literature would be given priority, said Speaker of Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury yesterday while speaking as the chief guest at the BRAC Bank-Samakal Sahitya Puraskar 2019-20 at the Carnival Hall of Bangabandhu International Conference Center. Reputed novelist Selina Hossain, eminent cultural personality and author Sanjida Khatun and young poet Swaralipi have won the BRAC Bank-Samakal Literary Award 2018. Dr. Chowdhury said that literature preserves the history and heritage of the society and the state. Therefore, in order to preserve the originality and creativity of this benevolent state, the practice of literature is absolutely necessary, she added.

Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury administered the oath of newly elected Member of Parliament (MP) from the Tangail-7 constituency, Khan Ahmed Shuvo took the oath at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

RAB has played a praiseworthy role to curb drug-terrorism and militancy in Bangladesh, said Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud yesterday while addressing a reception and training workshop for new lawyers at Chattogram District Bar Association (CDBA) auditorium. Dr. Hasan said that those who are talking about the role of RAB today, they really want a sanctuary of terrorism and militancy and drugs to spread more. Otherwise, they cannot speak against them in this way, he added. Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, if any member of RAB made a mistake, they are facing trial and will face trial. Congratulating the new lawyers, the Information Minister also said that the role of lawyers is very important in establishing the rule of law and justice in the country, he added.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni after meeting with the teachers of SUST at her residence said, It is possible to solve all the problems through discussion and we are willing to sit down and discuss the issue. She urged the students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) to call off the hunger strike. She also urged all to make scope for teachers so that they could reach the students who are on hunger strike on the university campus and see their conditions.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen has expressed deep shock at the death of Midah Binti Omar, mother of Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Haznah Md. Hashim. The mother of the Malaysian High Commissioner died yesterday morning while undergoing treatment in Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka.

The plan to relocate Karwan Bazar, Dhaka's largest wholesale kitchen market, is in the final stages and the vacated location will be turned into an international-standard economic and business hub, said Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiqul Islam yesterday during the inauguration of a 10-day public awareness campaign on the use of masks at Karwan Bazar. To cut traffic congestion in Karwan Bazar, the government decided to relocate the traders of the wholesale kitchen market of the area, he further added.

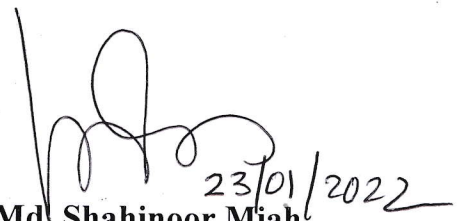
Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh achieved a remarkable advancement in technology and people are getting the maximum benefit out of it, said State Minister for Information and Communication Technologies Zunaid Ahmed Palak yesterday. Digital Bangladesh is not just a dream now, but a reality, the State Minister added. Digital platforms have helped people of various professions to overcome challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, he further added. The State Minister urged all to wear face masks, maintain social distancing and get vaccinated to fight the deadly disease.

The 16th session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) will resume at 11 am today after a five-day adjournment. Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury adjourned the sitting on January 17 after holding general discussion on the thanks giving motion on President's speech in the House.

All the subordinate courts and tribunals across the country have been directed to operate judicial proceedings virtually except emergencies in a bid to stem the fresh surge of the Covid-19 cases. A notification signed by the Registrar General of the Supreme Court Mohammad Ali Akbar in this regard was issued yesterday following the directive of the chief justice.

The Ministry of Education yesterday issued 11-point directives, including resuming online classes, for schools and colleges during the closure till February 6 to curb the spread of Covid-19. The Ministry issued a notification in this regard for schools and colleges under the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education followed by a notice of the Cabinet Division issued.

The country yesterday recorded 17 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the total death toll to 28,209. With 9,614 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 16,74,230. The positivity rate stood at 28.02 per cent as 34,311 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 15,56,079 DGHS disclosed this information.



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