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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid asked the Judicial Service Commission-JSC to take necessary steps for raising judges' skills in information technology with advanced training. The Head of the State came up with the directive as JSC led by its Commission Chairman Justice Hasan Fayeze Siddiqui submitted Commission's Annual Report-2020 to him at Bangabhabanyesterday. The President also stressed on the advanced training to enhance the professional skills of judges.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to leave Dhaka for New York this morning to attend the 76th United Nations General Assembly-UNGA. The Prime Minister will stay in New York from September 19 to 24 as part of an official visit to attend the UNGA and a number of high-level events there. During her stay in New York, Sheikh Hasina will address the General Debate of the 76th Session of the UNGA at the UN Headquarters on September 24. On the way to New York, Sheikh Hasina will make a stopover at Helsinki for two days. This is the Premier's maiden foreign tour after one and a half years since she visited Italy in February, 2020.

The Bangladesh National Archive Bill, 2021 was passed in the parliament yesterday with a strong provision that no record can be destroyed. The Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provision) Act 2021 was also passed in Parliament aiming to extend its length of time by another five years till 2026. Meanwhile, the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones (Amendment) Act, 2021 was placed in Parliament to make it a more time-befitting one so that evolving issues can be dealt with properly. Meanwhile, The fourteenth session of the 11th parliament was prorogued yesterday, after only seven sittings, as it was another short session amid the Covid pandemic.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged lawmakers to find out how many people were killed in each jail across the country during Ziaur Rahman's regime. The Leader of the House passed this call during her valedictory speech at the 14th session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. The Premier said there was no doubt that Zia was involved in the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975. Sheikh Hasina continued saying that his wife Begum Khaleda Zia also made Colonel Rashid and Huda Members of Parliament and this is their character. Responding to BNP's criticism of sending "Haribhanga Mangoes" to her Pakistani counterpart, she said, as our foreign policy is friendship to all, malice to none. Mangoes were not only sent to Pakistan but also to our neighboring countries like India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and even the Middle East because our mango is very tasty, she said. In her valedictory speech, the Prime Minister also highlighted different development initiatives and their successful implementation in different fields such as health, education and other sectors.

A book titled "Smritite Satoto Ujjal Bangabandhu" was launched on the occasion of Mujib Barsho at a ceremony at Liberation War Affairs Ministry yesterday. Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque unveiled the cover book as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister called upon the researchers and academicians to keep continued research on Bangabandhu. The book feathered write-ups on reminiscence of 23 valiant freedom fighters whose names are mentioned in the list of 'Lal Muktibarta Smaranio Jara Baranio Jara' and who have memories with Bangabandhu.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while speaking at a press conference on contemporary issues in Dhaka yesterday said, making falsehood regularly has turned into BNP's habit. He said BNP turned the country into an anarchical state while the AL government is making its all-out strides to establish peace and stability in the country after retrieving it from the worst condition. He said the people have no trust and confidence in BNP and Awami League has very strong footing in this soil as it was established from grassroots and so, it knows how to respect leaders.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said, the party conference will be held soon to organize the Awami League and its associate bodies. The Minister, also AL presidium member said this while addressing a special extended meeting of Upazila Awami League at Madhupur Upazila in Tangail yesterday. The minister said that the committee should give place to the grassroots workers who have been tested, dedicated and who stood by AL during its difficult times. Those who are dishonest and opportunistic will not be given any place in the committee, he added.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan while talking to the journalists at the Secretariat yesterday informed, the process is underway to extend the suspension of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's jail sentence in two graft cases.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, a decision has been taken to make a documentary on the life and works of Bangamata by his ministry. The Minister informed this while presiding over the 8th meeting of Media, Publications and Documentation sub-committee of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee in the city yesterday. He also informed that an initiative would be taken to collect different information about Bangabandhu through interviews from the persons who were close to him (Bangabandhu).

Meanwhile, the Information and Broadcasting Minister said, it is the demand of journalists to bring discipline in the mass media by removing different irregularities. The Minister said this while speaking at the annual general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists-DUJ at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The Minister said that his ministry is also trying to bring discipline in IP TV sector and the works of giving registration will begin soon. He said that about 400 newspapers are not published regularly. He said that there is no country in the sub-continent except Bangladesh that assists journalists during the COVID-19 situation. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina granted Taka 10 crore to the welfare trust and the assistance is going on, he said. About Digital Security Act, he said that the act is for ensuring digital security for all. Many countries across the globe have the act, he added. State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury also spoke the meeting.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen while speaking at a curtain raiser press briefing of UNGA at foreign ministry yesterday said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will highlight issues related to equal distribution of COVID vaccine globally, climate change and Rohingya at the upcoming UNGA. Besides, Sheikh Hasina will hold meetings with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Maldives president, Vietnam president and Barbados prime minister, he added. Dr. Momen said, the premier will also hold a meeting with the US business community and seek investments in Bangladesh.

The government is helping to export climate-friendly air conditioners under the Hydro chlorofluoro carbon Phase out Management Plan Stage-2 launched in Bangladesh to protect the ozone layer. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md. Shahabuddin said this while speaking at a discussion on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2021 with the theme 'Montreal Protocol- keeping us, our food and vaccines cool' in the capital yesterday.

Railway Minister Md. Nurul Islam Suhan while speaking at a views-exchange meeting with local political leaders and stakeholders in Sirajganj yesterday said, the Sirajganj Express train will be launched afresh by September 25. The Sirajganj Express train was shut down during the coronavirus pandemic.

Spain has expressed its interest to give financial assistance to the ship-building sector in Bangladesh. Spanish Ambassador Francisco De Asis Benitez Salas expressed his country's interest in this regard as he met State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury at the latter's office at the secretariat yesterday. The Envoy said that Spain is keen to invest in the collection of 'River Clean Vessel' to prevent river pollution and clean up garbage.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak urged all entrepreneurs to use domestic technology in solving various problems, including health, education, and e-commerce. He said this while virtually speaking at the inaugural session of the Grameenphone Accelerator 3.0 programme yesterday. He said by solving local problems both publicly and privately, all will be able to present 'Digital Bangladesh' of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as a role model to the world.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr. Md. Murad Hassan said, the photo of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman represents Bangladesh and it is a source of inspiration for all. While speaking at a meeting in the city yesterday, he also urged everyone to work sincerely following the ideology of Bangabandhu.

An e-poster has been published commemorating Bangladesh's membership in the United Nations on September 17, 1974 at the initiative of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee, said a press release yesterday.

"Bangabandhu Innovation Grant 2021" reality show started with 65 startups and 26 of them will be selected as the best startups and get Taka 26 million as grant money. Marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu, the iDEA project of the ICT Division is organizing the "BIG 2021" to find innovations or innovative startups through the participation of local and foreign startups, said a press release yesterday.

Australia remains strongly committed to finding a solution to the Rohingya crisis and always ready to help Bangladesh tackling the humanitarian situation. Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer said this while responding to questions at "DCAB Talk" virtually, organized by the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh yesterday.

The country yesterday recorded 51 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the death toll to 27,109. With 1,862 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 15,38,203. The positivity rate stood at 5.98 percent as 31,149 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 14,94,090, DGHS disclosed this information.

Besides, a total of 321 dengue patients got admitted in different hospitals across the country in the 24 hours till 8 am last morning, DGHS informed.



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