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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged all concerned to create more job opportunity for the graduates so they can utilize their talent for progress and prosperity of the nation. The President made the urge while addressing the 4th convocation of Bangladesh University of Professionals in Dhaka yesterday. The President asked the new graduates to contribute to materialize the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from their respective positions.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) has approved three projects to accelerate the pace of the rural infrastructure development in the country's three divisions with an estimated cost of Taka 8,148.82 crore to bring dynamism in farm and non-farm activities and thus create employment opportunities. The approval came from the ECNEC meeting held in Dhaka with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the members of the law enforcement agencies are ready to ensure security of the English New Year celebration on 31st December midnight. He said this to the media while inaugurating Dhaka Metropolitan Shooting Club at Police Convention Hall in Dhaka yesterday. Considering the security ground, he said, no open-air function would be allowed after 6pm on that night. Plain clothes police, the home minister said, would be on patrol at the night.

Country’s first-ever mini-garment factory for prisoners will be opened in Narayanagnj District Jail today. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal will inaugurate the mini-garment factory at the district jail. The milestone initiative will facilitate the prisoners to earn money employing their labour while serving jail term. Some 300-400 BKMEA-trained prisoners will be able to work in the mini-garment factory in two shifts. The earnings of the prisoners will be credited to their respective accounts.

The international conference on 'Disability and Disaster Risk Management' will be held in May in Dhaka. Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya affirmed this to the media following a task force meeting at the ministry yesterday. Mr. Maya said, the decision of holding the conference was taken under the leadership of Saima Hossain, Advisor of the National Task Force on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to attend the conference as the chief guest, the Minister added.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam BSc has said, formulation of a policy is now at final stage to bring migrant workers under mandatory insurance coverage to protect them from unexpected risks at home and abroad. The Minister said this while speaking at a participatory workshop of the stakeholders on bringing the migrant workers under mandatory insurance coverage in Dhaka.

The four-day 'Bangladesh Children's Film Festival-2017' will begin today at 64 districts simultaneously across the country. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will inaugurate the festival at National Chitrashala Auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka.

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority is setting up three tourism parks at Cox's Bazar district with a target to create two lakh employments. BEZA Executive Chairman Paban Chowdhury said this to the media yesterday. The three tourism parks are Sabrang Tourism Park, Naf Tourism Park and Sonadia Eco Tourism Park. Through the development of tourism parks, Paban Chowdhury said, Bangladesh will be able to improve its travel and tourism competiveness ranking to double digit from the existing 127 position, as per the Travel and Tourism Competiveness index 2015 ranking.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, inched up by 0.13 per cent, or 8.26 points, to close at 6,167.56 points on the day after losing 69.34 points in the previous three sessions.

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