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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced 'Light Engineering' as the product of the year to give special attention to this sector for earning more foreign currencies by exporting various products. The Premier made the announcement while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the month-long 25th Dhaka International Trade Fair 2020 at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka yesterday. She said, Bangladesh can produce more bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, auto parts, electric and electronic items, accumulator battery, solar photo-vaulting module and toys under the Light Engineering section. Sheikh Hasina said that from next year the DITF will be held at Purbachal where the government is setting up a modern infrastructure. Later, she visited various stalls on the DITF premises. A total of 483 stalls and pavilions are showcasing quality products from home and abroad at the fair. Different companies from 21 countries are taking part in DITF.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has not kept a single file pending for the New Year 2020 as she cleared all files of 2019 within the year. PMO sources informed media, Sheikh Hasina never keeps her works pending and accordingly she kept no file of 2019 unsettled for the New Year.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called his Bangladesh Counterpart Sheikh Hasina around 12:20 pm yesterday and extended English New Year 2020 greetings to her. During the 15-minute telephonic conversation, Sheikh Hasina also extended New Year greetings to Narendra Modi. The Bangladesh Premier also requested Narendra Modi to convey her greetings to the people of India.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, overall 40 per cent construction work of the Dhaka Metro Rail project has been completed so far. He came up with the information while inaugurating the setting up of rail-track on the Metrorail line at Diya Bari in the city's Uttara area yesterday. He also said, the government is planning to inaugurate MRT Line 6 (From Uttara to Kamalapur) on December 16, 2021 to mark the golden jubilee of independence of Bangladesh. Six Metro Rail Projects will be completed by 2030, he added.

Countdown to celebrate the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will start at about 3pm on January 10 at the old airport where Bangabandhu descended from plane after his return to independent Bangladesh in 1972, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan revealed the information after a meeting at his ministry yesterday. He said around 2,000 guests and 10,000 spectators will be invited at the programme. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will unveil the birth centenary logo and the countdown clock.

Around 4.26 crore school-going children celebrated Textbook Festival across the country yesterday, receiving free textbooks for their new classes on the first day of the New Year. This year, about 35,31,44,554 textbooks were distributed among 4,26,19,865 primary and secondary levels students through textbook festivals across the country for the academic year 2020. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the free textbook distribution programme by handing over books to primary and secondary levels students at a function at Ganabhaban in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, the politics of conspiracy would not be successful in Bangladesh from now on and election is the only way for changeover of the government. He said this while speaking at a press conference to inform the achievement of the ministry in last one year and its future plans at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday. He said the 'Media Workers Bill' will be placed in the Cabinet very soon. Referring to the illegal

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direct-to-home downlink services the minister said, the mobile court drive against them began from January 1. Transmission of Bangladesh Betar will start in India this month, Dr Hasan Mahmud said, adding that state-run Bangladesh Television started transmitting programmes in India from September 2 last year. Information Secretary Kamrun Nahar was present on the occasion. Meanwhile, Information Minister inaugurated a three-day Baul fair 'Modhur Mela' at Singair upazila in Manikganj yesterday.

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal has vowed to implement the single digit interest rate from April saying the government stood firm on the issue as it would boost investment in the country. Briefing the reporters in Dhaka yesterday the Minister also said, Banks will have to fix the interest rate for lending at 9 percent from April 1 while the banks will have to pay 6 percent interest on deposits.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said, the government has a plan to resolve over five lakh cases in this new-year. He said this while speaking at an inaugural ceremony on four-month Basic Training Workshop of Assistant Judges at Judicial Administration Training Institute in Dhaka yesterday. He urged the Judges to resolve the cases behind the court through mutual understanding.

State Minister for Labour and Employment Begum Monnujan Sufian inaugurated "Bangabandhu Corner" having thousand of books on the life and works of Bangabandhu at Shram Bhaban at Bijoy Nagar in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury has said, the government is working to dredge 10,000 kilometres of waterway aiming to restore originality of the rivers. He gave the information in a meeting at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Senior Secretary of Energy and Mineral Resources Division Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem has been appointed as Senior Secretary of Internal Resources Division and chairman of the National Board of Revenue for a two-year period. Prime Minister's Personal Secretary-1 Md Tofazzel Hossain Miah has been promoted to Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office.

Fazilatunnesa Bappy, a former lawmaker of ruling Awami League, passed away at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University this morning. Earlier, Bappy admitted to BSMMU on Saturday as she was suffering from pneumonia and respiratory complications. Bappy performed as MP in 9th and 10th parliament for reserved seats for women from Awami League.

Syed Muazzem Ali, former Foreign Secretary and the immediate past High Commissioner to India who passed away on Monday was given state guard of honour yesterday on the premises of the state guesthouse Padma in Dhaka after his Namaj-e-Janaza. Representatives of President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed wreaths at the coffin of Syed Muazzem Ali.


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