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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home last night concluding her two-day official visit to India at the invitation of her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi. On the second day of her visit, the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received an honorary D. Litt degree from Kazi Nazrul University of West Bengal for her outstanding role in improving the living standard of the people through democracy, women empowerment, poverty alleviation and socioeconomic development. The university conferred the degree on her at a special convocation on its campus in West Burdwan district yesterday. Receiving the degree the Prime Minister said, Bangladesh is being built imbued with the non-communal spirit of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hotel Taj Bengal Kolkata last evening. The Chief Minister while exchanging views highly appreciated Bangladesh's tremendous socioeconomic development under the leadership of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Prime Minister also praised Mamata Banerjee for making remarkable development of the West Bengal.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited Netaji Shubhas Chandra Bose Museum at Netaji Bhaban, the ancestral home of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a great patriot of the freedom movement in India. The PM went round different sections of the museum, located at Lala Lajpat Sarani in the West Bengal capital.

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has said, the skilled women are able to create their own workplaces to become self-reliant if they get opportunity. The Speaker said this at a function to distribute stipends to 200 female trainee entrepreneurs on completion of their training on various trades at Pirganj upazila in Rangpur yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, every drug peddler will be punished if allegations are proved against him or her, no matter how big the drug peddler is. The Minister told journalists while inspecting the work on the Nabinagar-Chandra highway in Ashulia yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has announced that the Dearness Allowance for journalists as recommended by the Wage Board would probably be gazetted next week. He made the announcement at a function at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Narayon Chandra Chanda has said, living standard of Dalit people has improved a lot because of the government's different special measures for them. The Minister said this at a function at Dumuria upazila in Khulna yesterday.

State Minister for Information Advocate Tarana Halim has said, country's TV channels would save a huge foreign currency by using Bangabandhu-1 Satellite services. She said this while exchanging views with journalists at the Tangail circuit house yesterday.

A group of Chinese investors highly appreciating Bangladesh for improving business-friendly environment has said, Bangladesh is now an attractive destination for Chinese investments. They came up with the comments while speaking at 'China-Bangladesh Business Forum', organized at Hotel St. Regis in Beijing on Friday.

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