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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has called upon the voters to elect a person having good character, ideology and strict principle. The President said this at a mass reception at Rastropati Abdul Hamid Government College Playground yesterday on the second day of his five-day visit to Kishoreganj. He has also urged local leaders, eminent personalities and government officials to work together to ensure sustainable development at marginal level. The President made the urge while exchanging views with them at Rastropati Abdul Hamid auditorium at Itna, Kishoreganj yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has joined a welcome reception hosted by US President Donald J Trump in New York on Monday. The US president accorded the reception at Lotte New York Palace Hotel in honour of the world leaders who are participating in the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, the government wants the next general election to be held in a free and fair manner with the participation of all political parties. The PM made the remarks when UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt met her at the bilateral meeting at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the world leaders to settle all international disputes and fight emerging global challenges like terrorism. The PM said this at the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called the UN to play an effective role in making the digital world safer and continue its work on norm setting for information security. The PM said this yesterday in a statement at a high-level event on the sidelines of the UNGA session. UN Office for Disarmament Affairs on Cyber Security and International Cooperation and Bangladesh's Permanent Mission to the UN jointly staged the event. PM's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy also attended the event.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has proposed special measures for traumatized children's education particularly of Rohingya kids considering critically important factors against the backdrop of their shocking experiences as she joined a high level meet on girls' education in New York on Monday. The PM said this in a roundtable organized by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the sidelines of UNGA summit.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has invited US investors to come to Bangladesh with businesses, technology, and innovations for mutual benefit, assuring them of her government's full support and cooperation. The PM said this at a luncheon with US businessmen in New York on Monday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stressed the need for more private investment in the development of education sector. The PM said this at the high-level event on International Finance Facility for Education at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday. The UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown organized the event.

Four state-owned banks and Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation yesterday signed a MoU to provide government officers and employees with home loan at five per cent interest. Finance Minister A M A Muhith was present at the function.

The economic development of Bangladesh is a unique model and a good example for the rest of the world, said visiting Indian Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu yesterday. Mr. Prabhu said this while speaking on Bangladesh-India trade relations at a dinner hosted by the Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed at the Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka.

Bangladesh will take on Pakistan in the crucial sixth super four match of the Asia Cup Cricket in Abu Dhabi today.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 0.54 per cent, or 29.33 points, to close at 5,386.88 points yesterday.

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