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National Library and Archives gets first ever Director General

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Mr. Dilip Kumar Saha, Director General

Mr Dilip Kumar Saha, Additional Secretary has recently been appointed as the Director General of the National Library of Archives under the Ministry of Culture. Mr Saha is the first ever Director General of the said Institution after its establishment in 1972. Employees of National Library and Archives welcomed him on 14 March 2018. Under his competent leadership and dynamism, National Library and Archives will get a new fame. Prior to the appointment, he served for different ministry and played a pivotal role for different issues.

On behalf of TLT we congratulate Mr. Dilip Kumar Saha, Director General (Additional Secretary)

BALID EC Meeting held

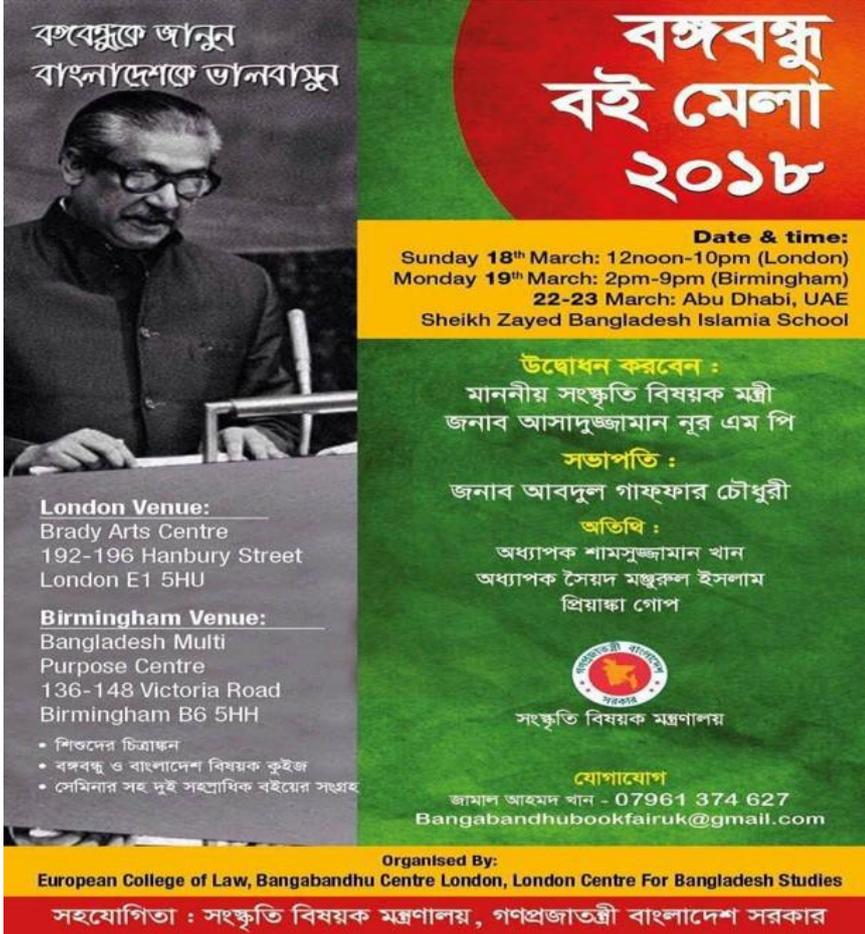
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Executive Council meeting of Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) was held on 17 March at Handi Restaurant, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Different decisions were taken, including the formation of the next EC on 01 May at Bengal Foundation, Dhaka (details will coming soon at BALID Website: www.balid.org), life membership approval to different applicants, donation for BALID and issues of BALID Institute of Information Management (BIIM). The meeting concluded during the lunch session with a vote of thanks to the participants.

Bangabandhu Boi Mela held in London

Ratan K Das | Dhaka | March 25, 2018



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বাংলাদেশকে ভালবাসুন

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Date & time:
Sunday 18th March: 12noon-10pm (London)
Monday 19th March: 2pm-9pm (Birmingham)
22-23 March: Abu Dhabi, UAE
Sheikh Zayed Bangladesh Islamia School

উদ্বোধন করবেন :
মাননীয় সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রী
জনাব আসাদুজ্জামান নূর এম পি

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জনাব আবদুল গাফফার চৌধুরী

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অধ্যাপক সৈয়দ মঞ্জুরুল ইসলাম
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European College of Law, Bangabandhu Centre London, London Centre For Bangladesh Studies

সহযোগিতা : সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

London Venue:
Brady Arts Centre
192-196 Hanbury Street
London E1 5HU

Birmingham Venue:
Bangladesh Multi
Purpose Centre
136-148 Victoria Road
Birmingham B6 5HH

- শিশুদের চিত্রাঙ্কন
- বঙ্গবন্ধু ও বাংলাদেশ বিষয়ক কুইজ
- সেমিনার সহ দুই সপ্তাহিক বইয়ের সন্ধ্যা

Speech and it was playing in our ears. Everything happened before March 25, the minister added. He also criticised BNP supporters of UK to humiliated Bangabandhu's photo. He said we may have the different ideology or political differences, it is obvious that in a democratic country must have different political parties but we should respect our father of the nation. Bangabandhu is our spirit and our inspiration. In order to move our country one step forward, we have to

“Those who debate on the declaration of independence, they are living in the world of a fool.”

work by taking inspiration from his works, the minister added.

Around one thousand and five hundred books on the topic of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Bangladesh were stocked in the fair. The fair aims to shed light on the illustrious life and works of Bangabandhu. People from different places of Great Britain gathered at the event. They also enjoyed a poetry recitation and cultural evening as well as an art competition for children.

Prominent journalist and columnist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury presided over the programme. Director General of Bangla Academy Shamsuzzaman Khan, famous educationist Professor Dr Syed Manzoorul Islam and High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom MD. Nazmul Quanine were present as special guests.

Bangabandhu Boi Mela was also held at Bangladesh Multipurpose Centre in Birmingham on March 19 and at Sheikh Zayed Bangladesh Islamia School in Abu Dhabi from March 22 to 24.

With the motto 'Know Bangabandhu, Love Bangladesh' a daylong Bangabandhu Boi Mela (Bangabandhu Book Fair) was held in London for the fifth time on March 18. The event was held in East London's Brady Arts and Community Centre. The fair was inaugurated by Minister of Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor. He was present as the chief guest in the programme.

The European College of Law organised the fair. London Centre for Bangladesh Studies and Bangabandhu Centre London were associate organisers. The fair was planned and sponsored in collaboration with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Bangladesh. According to the organisers, the book fair will contribute to educating Bangladeshis who grow up in the UK. They will be encouraged to know the history of Bangladesh and will learn a lot about Bangabandhu- the Father of the Nation through this fair.

The fair was directed by Bulbul Hasan. Prashanta B Barua- one of the sponsors of the fair, president of UK Awami League Sultan Sharif, among others, spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

Asaduzzaman Noor said, *“Those who debate on the declaration of independence, they are living in the world of a fool.”* People from Northern Part of the country did not hear Kalurghat Radio Station's declaration of weak frequency. We did not hear the declaration of Kalurghat.' He was present at historical Race Course Maidan on March 7 in 1971 to hear Bangabandhu's speech, he added. He was then a member of left-wing political parties. The speech inspired him in the quest for freedom. On March 14 they seized a police station and got training on March 15 accordingly. 'We did not hear neither Belal Bhai's declaration nor Mr Hannan's speech. We did not even hear Ziaur Rahman's declaration. Because we heard the 7th March

Overseas Seminar: attended by Bangladeshi LIS Professionals

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Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Librarian, Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS) and Dr. Md. Azizul Islam Manik, Librarian, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET) attended UGC & RRRLF Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on The symbiotic reciprocation between school library and public library: rejuvenation of people's university in knowledge society on March 22-23, 2018; organised by Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore – 721 102, West Bengal, India

Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman was invited as the Special Guest, and also worked as a session chair.

Target People of the seminar:

This seminar will be addressed by the peers in the field of Library and Information Science. The experienced librarians, information professionals, faculties, research scholars, students will enrich the collective wisdom of the seminar. Due to interdisciplinary nature of Library and Information Science, participation of information consultants, practitioners, planners, policy makers, students and scholars from every field of knowledge are highly desirable.

Sub-Themes covered

- Application of bibliometric tools and techniques in public library & school library
- Application of altmetric techniques
- Present employee condition: school library & public library

- Trend of different kinds of services
- Trend of working days and working hours of school library & public library
- Present status of library membership & readership
- Possible initiatives to improve the public library system of West Bengal
- Children section of public library
- Library for differently-abled persons (visually impaired, hearing impaired etc.), Braille books, Talky books etc.



Background of the seminar:

Public Library System of India with focus on West Bengal: present condition

The establishment of Calcutta Library Society in 1818 followed by Calcutta Public Library in 1835 may be reckoned as the first whistle of public library system in Bengal. The growth and development of public libraries in West Bengal after independence, especially during the second half of the nineteenth century was mainly a private endeavour. Governmental support or monetary assistance towards these libraries was negligible. West Bengal Public Libraries

Act was promulgated in 1979 and, with the enactment; West Bengal became the fifth state in the country in proclaiming library legislation that flagged on a new era in public library development in West Bengal. Today, the public library system in West Bengal is facing many problems. The massive interference of electronic and digital media drastically changes the reading and study habits of people that eventually marks on phenomenal slash in number of readers in public libraries. The acute shortage of staff and skilled professionals degrades qualities of services in public libraries. The concept of school library in an organised way is also not very old. It is more important today to train up a kid so that s/he would be benefited in knowledge society, to locate his/her own bit of information as also was once emphasised by The National Knowledge Commission. It is thought that the school libraries may play an active dynamic role to gear up public libraries. On the other hand public libraries would find better readership and better environment if school students frequently visit public libraries. This Seminar was highlighted the possible high ways and byways of the reciprocation between school libraries and public libraries for better sustenance of both systems. It tries to find out possible avenues to overcome such critical situation. The major objectives of this program are to find out ways for optimum utilisation of existing infrastructure available in school library system.

DU ISLM Chairman relieved from all academic duties

Dhaka University (DU) authorities relieved the Chairman of the Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam. In the absence of the ISLM chairman, the Dean of Faculty of Arts Prof Dr Abu Md Delwar Hosain will be serving as

interim chairman of the department till the new chairman is selected.

Dhaka University authority has taken the decision on 18 March after getting written complaint from Dr Md Anwarul Islam, Associate Prof of the ISLM Department.

The teachers of the department boycotted all the classes and academic duties on Wednesday, after the complaint was filed. On 18 March, Sunday, students also protested through human chain.

Source: Different national dailies during 14-18 March 2018

IFLA President's Meeting 2018

Rajesh | Dhaka | March 25, 2018

First IFLA President's Meeting 2018 called by IFLA President, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón has been held in Barcelona, Spain on 19 March 2018. Under the theme of "Leading the Way: Libraries as Motors of Change", this President's Meeting explores roadmap by libraries all around the world today to continue

viewpoints and interests. IFLA Secretary-General Gerald Leitner presented the summary report of the IFLA Global Vision discussion's first phase. The keynote speaker, Rafael Ramirez, set the scene and said "Your libraries focus on building citizens, not consumers. But what are the characteristics of the citizen of

Mihaylova MEP, chair of the Regional Policy Committee at the European Parliament, highlighted on how information nurtured to prepare smart regional growth strategies. She urged libraries to be proactive, to tell their representatives about the great work they are accomplishing at their own settings



to realise their potential. The program includes 300 library professionals from all over the world including distinguished speakers from academia and politics, journalism and publishing, technology, and story-telling representing many

the future? What is the society that you will be serving?" Mercè Conesa i Pagès, President of Diputació Barcelona, put the light on their efforts to give access to public data and information and reincarnate the potentials and skills to use it. Iskra

and locale.

As a representative, Dr Dilara Begum from East West University, Bangladesh participated in the meeting. Mrs Dilara has also been serving as the Secretary of the IFLA Information Literacy Standing Com-



Art and Recitation Programme held at Sylhet Divisional Public Library

To celebrate the birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation and National Children Day, on 17 March 2018, divisional government public library, Sylhet organised an Art and recitation competition programme at Seminar Room of Divisional Public Library, Sylhet. A good number of participants from different schools took part in the event.

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Return of the GLAM 2018- Melbourne Parkview Hotel

Kelly | Melbourne | March 24, 2018



Prodip Roy delivering his talk, 7 March 2018, Melbourne Parkview Hotel

*Digital
Transition:
Fixes the past
and
create the
future*

The ARK Group Australia recently organised a conference titled 'The Australian Special Edition: of Return of the GLAM' (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums). The Annual Digital Preservation -The Return of the Glam took place at Melbourne Parkview Hotel with the forum on 7th March 2018. Mr Prodig Roy, (Editor of TLT) participated in the event as an invited speaker to talk about RMIT University Library's current Digital Transition project. His presentation mainly focused on the major challenges the Alma D team has been facing as an early adoption partner of Ex Libris and tips on the migration of metadata to a new system.

Interested professionals can find the presentation slides on <https://prezi.com/p/jzgfbc4gi62/>

Mr Roy also had an opportunity to participate in other sessions including an interactive discussion panel and listened to some great practical examples

of how institutions can respond to the challenges of digital preservation. There were also opportunities during the sessions to ask questions about issues that are relevant to our Alma D project. Finally, the conference provided details from real-life digitisation case studies from participant organisations like the National Archives of Australia, University of Melbourne and Public Record Office Victoria. The presentation was scored 5.6 out of 7 by the audiences.

Other Presenters:

Other Institution presenters at Return of the GLAM 2018 are:
DAMsmart – Back by popular demand!
Digital Preservation Coalition United Kingdom
The University of Melbourne
National Archives of Australia
Museums Victoria
Royal Botanical Garden Victoria
Public Record Office Victoria

RecordKeeping Innovation

The event was sponsored by a number of leading Firms including RIM Professionals Australasia, IDM (Image & Data Manager).

Comment by the organiser:

Hi Prodig,
"Thank you for your fantastic prezi presentation! It was great to see something so interactive up there and I'm sure the participants enjoyed the session. Thank you for your insights and for sharing. I hope to work with you again in the future."



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Releasing 1.8 million open access publications from publisher systems for text and data mining

Text and data mining offers an opportunity to improve the way we access and analyse the outputs of academic research. But the technical infrastructure of the current scholarly communication system is not yet ready to support TDM to its full potential, even for open access outputs. To address this problem, **Petr Knoth**, **Nancy Pontika** and **Lucas Anastasiou** have developed the CORE Publisher Connector, a toolkit service designed to assist text miners in accessing content through a single machine interface.

Details: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2018/03/22/releasing-1-8-million-open-access-publications-from-publisher-systems-for-text-and-data-mining/>

IFLA Global Vision

22,000 votes from 190 UN Member States across all seven continents

Global Vision Report Summary

IFLA Global Vision Report Summary

IFLA's eagerly-awaited Global Vision Report Summary reveals incredible insights into the views of over 31,000 participants from 190 UN Member States across all seven continents.

Overwhelmingly, the most important key finding from the global vision discussion is the discovery that we are **globally united in our goals**.

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/11905>



British Library reveals 6.2% gender pay gap

Women earn 6.2% less than men per hour at the British Library, it has been revealed.

The institution has submitted its gender pay gap data to the government ahead of the April 2018 deadline, showing that men are paid a mean average of £16.75 an hour across the organisation's staff, while women earn £15.72 – a gap of 6.2%.

Details: <https://www.thebookseller.com/news/british-library-pays-women-62-less-men-747286>

THE 10 MOST FAMOUS BOOKSTORES IN THE WORLD

FOR DEDICATED TOURISTS WHO ALSO WANT TO BUY BOOKS

Anniversary of the birth of Sylvia Beach—probably the most notorious bookstore owner in modern history, and the founder of what is still arguably the most famous bookstore in the world: Paris's Shakespeare and Company.

Details: <https://lithub.com/the-10-most-famous-bookstores-in-the-world/>



IFLA Section on Metropolitan Libraries has the pleasure to announce the **3rd IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award for 2018**, sponsored by the Free Library of Philadelphia and Pikes Peak Library District.

The award is part of A Corto di libri, a contest for short films about libraries and librarians, organized by Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (AIB). The contest has three Sections (Fiction, Documentary and Advertising).

The IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award is given to the best short film about public libraries in large cities and metropolitan areas, among all the submitted films.

Everyone, as an individual or an institution, is eligible to apply.

The short films competing for the 2018 IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award will be projected and voted by the participants of the IFLA MetLib Conference in Belgrade, Serbia (May 13-18). In addition, the Chair (or a delegate) of three IFLA Sections (Audiovisual and multimedia, Metropolitan Libraries and Public Libraries) have the right to vote on-line.

The winner of the IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award will receive:

- if a library, € 1,000 as a contribution to travel expenses to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Kuala Lumpur (August 24-30, 2018);
- if an individual film-maker, € 1,000 in film-making equipment.

Applications must be submitted before 28 April 2018 to the following email: acortodilibri@gmail.com

More details: <https://acortodilibri.wordpress.com/>



USETDA 2018

The USETDA has announced USETDA 2018, the 8th annual conference will be held September 12th – 14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado, hosted by the Auraria Library and Brigham Young University.

Details: <http://www.usetda.org/usetda-conferences/usetda-2018/>

24th Annual Conference on Professional Information Resources



The 24th INFORUM conference is drawing near. It will be held from May 29 to 30, 2018.

INFORUM has become one of the most important events of its kind in Central and Eastern Europe.

It covers topics related to electronic information resources and its professional use in science, research, education and business.

Details: <https://www.inforum.cz/en/>

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