

K L Jubilee School now 120 years old

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If there are a few educational institutions of which not only their pupils but also the society can be proud, the K.L. Jubilee High School in old Dhaka city is definitely one in Bangladesh.

Set up in 1866 the school is now one hundred and twenty years old. First called "Dhaka Brahmabidyalaya", the school was established by Mr Ananthbandhu Mallick, a devoted worker of "Brahmasamaj" and was a part of the latter's efforts for social reforms.

The then zamindar of Baliati (Manikganj) Kishorilal Roy Chowdhury took the responsibility of improving the standard of the school in 1872, and it was named after him 1887, the year in which the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria's coronation was celebrated. The same zamindar had established the Jagannath College naming it after his father.

Ever since its establishment the school was famous for its reputation in academic performances. Quite naturally it had turned into the biggest school in Dhaka city within a short span of time.

In 1914 Carmichael, the then Governor of Bengal had commented after visiting different schools that it was the largest among the schools he had visited.

The 120th anniversary of the school is now being celebrated by the management, teachers and students of the school through a week-long programme which began on October 23. Prime Minister Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury was the chief guest at the inaugural function.

The programme included literary and cultural competitions among the students. Eminent educationists of the metropolis were invited to different functions.

Thousands of former students of the school attended the inaugural function on October 23. Over the past 120 years the K.L. Jubilee School produced scores of meritorious students who became eminent personalities in the society subsequently. The foremost among them were scientist Dr Meghnad Saha, founder of Sadhana Oushadhalaya Jogesh Chandra Ghose; Roy Bahadur, Dr Dinesh Chandra Sen, Principal Mathur Mohan Chakrabarti, Dr Nabagopal Das, famous English Channel swimmer Brozen Das, Dr Sarat Chandra Bashak and Pandit Go-



Kishori Lal Roy Chowdhury, founder of K.L. Jubilee High School

pinath Kabiraj.

Housed in five big buildings on a large area, the school offers courses for both boys and girls. Besides, there is learning facilities for girls upto higher secondary level. The teaching staff comprises highly qualified persons. The school also of-

fers extra-curricular activities like debate, acting, music and other competitions for students so that they could receive adequate guidance to build up their careers.

The academic performances of the institution are also of very high standard. In the Secondary School Certificate examinations of past five years the percentage of pass of candidates appearing from the school ranged between 93.3 and 72.7. Four students of the school got star marks in the years 1984, 1985 and 1986, according to the report of the principal Mr Md Kamruzzaman MP.

During the week-long celebrations the students and teachers of the school have not only enjoyed the various competitions and cultural programmes but also recalled the rich past of the school. The institution itself is a source of inspiration for its present teaching staff and pupils for doing even better in future.



Md. Kamruzzaman, the sitting principal of the school.