

DU victory festival begins

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The Dhaka University campus wore a festive look as a three-day long 'Bijoy Utsab' (victory festival) began on Monday with a slogan "Bangladesh will resist the communal anarchists this time."

The Bijoy Utsab, organised by sammilita Sangskritik Jote, a combined body of the country's pro-liberations cultural organisations, was formally inaugurated by Binodbihari Chowdhury, a close associate of Masterda Surjase, at the Central Shaheed Minar on Monday afternoon.

The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Nirmul Committee Convener Mrs. Jahanara

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Imam, and Sirajul Islam Chowdhury while Jote Convener Faez Ahmed presided. Golam Kuddus delivered welcome speech and Mr. Mafidul Haq read out the declaration.

Four well-decorated stages were built which have been named after Sikandar Abu Jafar, Jaman, Raju Ahmed and Ratan Sen for the festival at Shahbag crossing, TSC, Doel Chattar and Shaheed Minar.

Discussion meetings, sessions of patriotic songs, drama, short films and poetry recitation sessions are included in every day's programmes of the festival.

UNB adds: "Bangladesh This Time Will Resist Communal Rioters" is the slogan of the festival, sponsored by the Sammilite Sangskritik Jote in celebration of the Victory Day.

A film show on the liberation has also been organised near the central playground of Dhaka University.

Besides, Charon Sangskritik Jote began a three-day exhibition of poster, newspaper clippings and valuable documents of the liberation war near TSC.

Leo Club of Dhaka in cooperation with Red Crescent Society has organised a blood donation programme at the TSC premises. A first-aid centre has also been set up.

Many other cultural organisations also chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the Victory Day, the anniversary of the liberation of the country by defeating the Pak occupation forces.