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BSU celebrates 60th founding anniv today

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LEFT-LEANING Bangladesh Students Union celebrates its sixtieth founding anniversary today.

BSU that played a vital role in all democratic and student movements and the independence war in 1971, planned year-long programmes to celebrate the occasion.

The celebration committee composed of former and current leaders of the organisation said that the opening programme would be held at Santras Birodhi Raju Smarak Bhaskariya on the Dhaka University campus on April 26, the day the organisation was founded in 1952.

Language movement hero and former BSU leader Abdul Matin will inaugurate the celebrations. International Crimes Tribunal

chief prosecutor Golam Arif Tipu, also a former BSU leader, is expected to preside over the programme.

The BSU will bring out a procession in the capital holding the national and organisation flags, banners and placards. A reunion of former leaders and activists of the organisation will be held in the afternoon in the university playground.

The year-long programme will be held across the country, featuring processions, discussions, seminars, symposiums and reunions. Former leaders and activists will also celebrate the occasion in Russia, Greece, Australia and some other European countries.

The celebration committee chair, Golam Arif Tipu, urged all former and current BSU leaders and activists to make the programme suc-

cessful.

The BSU played a vital role in assisting national political parties to win the United Front elections in 1954, organising movements against the National Education Commission (Hamidur Rahman Education Commission) report in 1962, Six-Point Movement in 1966, 11-Point Movement and mass uprising in 1969 and in the independence war where the BSU had operated its own guerrilla units.

The BSU also played vital role during student movement against the military dictator HM Ershad in the 1980s, Shamsunnar Hall Movement in 2002, movement in 2008 for the release of teachers and students arrested over the August 20-22, 2007 student protests.