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## International Women's Day observed

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brought out rallies in Rajshahi, Manikganj, Comilla, Chandpur, Bogra, Cox's Bazar, Tangail, Kushtia, Chittagong, Jessore, Mymensingh, Dinajpur and Khulna.

Amnesty International Bangladesh held a discussion meeting. Speakers at the meeting said that the rights enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights concerning women had not been implemented even 50 years after adoption of the declaration.

They urged the government and all others concerned to respect the 15-point programme taken up by the Amnesty International regarding implementation of the human rights of women.

Meanwhile, the Amnesty

launched a worldwide campaign yesterday calling upon governments to mark the 50th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights by emphasising human rights practices which fully recognise women's rights.

Sammilita Nari Samaj formed a human chain at Shahbagh in the city at 2 pm yesterday in observance of the Women's Day. It was followed by a procession from Shahbagh area to the Central Shaheed Minar. A discussion meeting was then held at the Shaheed Minar which began with a message from poet Sufia Kamal. A 12-point declaration of the Nari Samaj was read out by Shima Das. A cultural function followed the discussion meeting.

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal, women's wing of BNP organised a rally on the occasion at Ramna Batamul in the city at 2:30 pm. BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia attended it.

International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers Federation Bangladesh Coordinating Council organised a 'foot-march' in the city, as part of the 'global march' against child labour, and a rally of child workers at the Osmani Uddyan.

Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League held a rally and a discussion meeting.

The Hill Women's Federation held a discussion meeting at the Shaheed Minar on the day. Presided over Bartika Chakma, the meeting was addressed, by among others,

Samari Chakma, Ilara Dewan, Minaki Chakma.

Bangladesh Scouts also organised rally and a discussion meeting to mark the Day.

Our JU correspondent adds: At least 200 women including teachers, students, officers and employees of Jahangirnagar University (JU) brought out a procession from in front of the Social Science Faculty as part of the International Women's Day celebrations yesterday, says a press release.

The procession which was followed by a rally.

A cultural programme, cartoon show and painting show will be held in this connection in front of Nawab Faizunnesa Hall on the campus on Tuesday, the press release said.