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Professor Abdus Salam, pro-vice-chancellor, academic, of DU, was present as chief guest while Alexandra A Khelvnov, first secretary of the embassy of the Russian Federation in Bangladesh and director of the Russian House in Dhaka, was present as special guest at the programme, said a press release.

Professor Abdus Salam said that language served as a bridge among nations and cultures, fostering mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation.

Stating that Alexander Pushkin is globally recognised as the founder of modern Russian literature, Professor Abdus Salam noted that Pushkin's literary works, enriched with the values of human dignity, freedom, creativity and cultural identity, continued to inspire readers around the world.

Professor Abdus Salam further stated that the University of Dhaka had always encouraged international academic and cultural exchanges, emphasising that the university remained committed to developing a global outlook among students through literary activities, language education and intellectual engagement.

He also congratulated students interested in studying Russian language and literature.



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A program has been organized at Dhaka University to mark the 227th birth anniversary of Alexander Pushkin, the father of modern Russian literature, and Russian Language Day. The program was organized on Sunday morning at the Nawab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building of the university. Dhaka University Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education) Professor Dr. Abdus Salam was present as the chief guest at the event. Alexandra A. Khelvonoy, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Dhaka and Director of the Russian House, was present as the special guest. In his speech as the chief guest, Prof Dr. Abdus Salam said, Alexander Pushkin is recognized worldwide as the father of modern Russian literature. His literary works are rich in the spirit of human dignity, freedom, creativity and cultural identity and continue to inspire readers around the world. He said, celebrating Pushkin Day is not only a tribute to a great writer, but also a celebration of one of the richest languages in the world, Russian. Language serves as a bridge of mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation between people of different nations and cultures. Alexandra A. Khelvonoy said, "Russian language is not just a means of communication; it is a gateway to a vast treasure trove of world-class science, literature and technology. Russian language education creates new opportunities for Bangladeshi students in higher education, research and professional development." The event was attended by university teachers, students, alumni, and representatives of the Russian House.

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The Daily Sun

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Daily Sun Report, Dhaka

The University of Dhaka (DU) on Sunday celebrated the birth anniversary of Alexander Pushkin, the founder of modern Russian literature, alongside Russian Language Day. The programme was held on the premises of the Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhavan. DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof Abdus Salam attended the event as the chief guest, while Alexandra A. Khelvonoy, first secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Bangladesh and Director of the Russian House in Dhaka, was present as the special guest. Teachers, students, alumni and representatives of the Russian House also took part in the programme. >> Page-2 Col 2

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Speaking on the occasion, Prof Abdus Salam said Pushkin is widely recognised as the pioneer of modern Russian literature. He noted that the celebrated writer's works, which embody human dignity, freedom, creativity and cultural identity, continue to inspire people around the world. He said the observance of Pushkin Day honours not only a literary giant but also the Russian language. "Language serves as a bridge among nations and cultures, fostering mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation," he said. Prof Abdus Salam also highlighted DU's efforts to promote international academic and cultural exchanges. He said the university remains committed to developing a global outlook among students through literary activities, language education and intellectual engagement. Addressing the event, Alexandra A. Khelvonoy described Pushkin's literary legacy as an invaluable part of the world's cultural heritage. She said Russian Language Day celebrates linguistic diversity, cultural heritage and mutual understanding across the globe. She noted that the Russian language opens doors to world-class science, literature and advanced technology, extending far beyond its role as a means of communication. Learning Russian creates new opportunities for Bangladeshi students in higher education, research and professional development, she added.