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## 1. Green Voice anniversary!



Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) congratulates all of Green Voice on its 14th anniversary. The organization marked the occasion with a colorful parade and a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka city. The environment movement is basically a movement for the young and the future generations. It aims at leaving the world in a better condition for them. Young people therefore need to make the environment movement as its own.



people of the Upazilla do not command much political voice and clout. Meanwhile, they themselves lack the organization to undertake the task. BEN hopes that the exposure of the problem through press reports as above will draw attention of the authorities. In the long run, effective village level institutions, such as Village Councils – as proposed by BEN Founder, Dr. Nazrul Islam in his book, “Bangabandhu’s Dream and Bangladesh’s Villages” – need to be set up so that the people’s demands are properly mediated and people’s labor and material resources can be mobilized to implement local level solutions on a self-reliant basis, without always waiting for initiatives of the government from above. BEN hopes that the government will heed the proposal.

### 3. Green Prime Minister of Iceland



Katrín Jakobsdóttir, the 41-year-old chairwoman of the Left-Green Movement, has been elected Prime Minister of Iceland. She is one of the most well-liked politicians in Iceland, and has been a former education minister and avowed environmentalist. She has pledged to set Iceland on the path to carbon neutrality by 2040.

Iceland had frequent changes in the government in recent years, with four prime ministers in only two years. Its national politics have been tainted by public distrust and scandal. Katrín’s coalition government include parties from both the Left and Right. A democratic socialist, Katrín will require considerable skills to hold them together. However, Katrín is viewed to be suitable for this purpose because she is known to be a bridge-building leader. Because of the very nature of the coalition, Katrín’s government is not expected to make any “revolutionary change.” However, using her conciliatory approach, Kristin may achieve positive incremental changes.

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