

# Ban on 2-stroke in Ctg soon

CU CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Environment and Forest, Jafrul Islam Chowdhury said the government will impose ban on the movement of two-stroke three wheelers in the port city of Chittagong soon to protect it from air pollution.

He said this while he was addressing the publication ceremony of the book titled "Duar Khule Dekhi" written by Rotarian Shakil Ahmed at the Institute of Engineers' auditorium here on Wednesday.

Rotary club of Islamabad arranged the publication ceremony. District Governor of Rotary District 3280 Mir Anisuzzaman was present at the function as special guest.

Rotary club of Islamabad President Dr. Jahangir and Rotarian Abdul Ahad also spoke at the function.

Jafrul Islam said industries responsible for polluting the water of the river Karnaphuli

would be shifted from the bank of the river. He sought cooperation from all quarters including the Rotarians in this regard.

The speakers at the function said Rotarian Shakil was involved with the cultural arena and wrote poems, short stories, side by side the social work.

"He portrayed the real look of life, sorrow and joy in his poems.

# AOP rally tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (AOP) will organise a rally tomorrow to protest politicisation of Bangladesh Bar Council (BBC), creation of rift among the lawyers and boycott of court, says a press release.

Communication Minister and Convenor of the AOP Barrister Nazmul Huda will preside over the rally to be held at south hall of the Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban at 4.00pm.



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Dhaka University Journalists Association brought out a procession on the campus yesterday protesting attack on The Daily Star Correspondent Hasan Jahid Tusher by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres at Zahurul Haq Hall.

# Directive to complete WDB projects timely

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday directed the engineers and officers of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (WDB) to complete the ongoing projects within the schedule time.

Water Resources Minister Hafizuddin Ahmad gave the directive while he was reviewing the Annual Development Programme (ADP) at his secretariat office here. State Minister for Water Resources Advocate Goutam Chakrabarti was present.

Water Resources Secretary Md Sayef Uddin, Director General of WDB Md Mokhlessuzzaman, Chief Engineers and the project heads also attended the meeting.

The meeting stressed the need for giving more attention towards protection of the land from continuous river erosion.

A decision was taken to give more attention to the sensitive projects, which would help bring more benefit to the people and give more priority to the prime minister's committed projects.

Decision was also taken to ensure proper utilisation of the money allocated for the projects and warned that wastage of money would not be tolerated at any cost.

Hafiz urged the officials to develop the image of the WDB by making the

projects a success.

# Indian HC extends time for submission of visa applications

UNB, Dhaka

Indian High Commission in Dhaka has extended the time for submission of the visa applications keeping in mind the convenience of the Bangladeshi visa applicants.

Visa applications from Bangladeshi citizens and students will be accepted at the high commission on working days (Sunday-Thursday) between 9am and 11:30am, says a press release yesterday.

The time for submitting the application forms by the nationals of other countries has been fixed between 10:00 am and 11:30 am from Sunday to Thursday.

The visa application forms are available free of charge from Visa Hall of the High Commission or from its website www.hcidhaka.org. The High Commission doesn't charge any visa fee from the citizens of Bangladesh, the release added.

# Cultural programme begins at JU tomorrow

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University Sangkritik Jote (JUSJ) organises a four-day 'cultural programme against fundamentalism and communalism' from tomorrow.

The programme will begin with a musical soiree at the university amphitheatre. The Jahangirnagar Theatre will also stage '2nd August' on the first day.

Another group of the Theatre will present 'Trijogmiti' at the university Shaheed Minar on August 3.

On the third day, a musical and recitation programme will be held at the foot of Amar Ekushey.

On the last day, 'Sei Rater Kotha Bolte Esechhi', a documentary, and 'No Man's Land', a film, will be shown at the amphitheatre.

The programmes will begin at 7:00 pm everyday.

The Jote will also took out a procession at 10.00am on the first day to mark '2nd August'.

# JU Chhatra Union office-bearers

JU CORRESPONDENT

MA Bashar and Mamun Kabir were elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit.

The other office-bearers are Aminur Rahman, vice-president, Rubina Akhter Ruby, assistant general secretary, Rakibul Alam Rushu, organising secretary, Sabkat Kamal Sarani, treasurer, Shamim Reza Khan, office secretary, Rifat Hasan Romel, education and research secretary, S M Nuruzzaman, publicity and publication secretary, Farhana Akhter Rupam, cultural secretary, and Bipin Chandra Biswas, social welfare secretary.

Seven members were also elected.

The 21-member committee was formed at the 20th council of BCU at the central cafeteria.

The council was presided over by Monirul Islam, president of the former committee.

Luna Noor, president of the central committee of BCU was present on the occasion.

# Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second death anniversary of Moqbul Hossain, a former general manager of Janata Jute Mills Ltd. will be observed today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Juma prayers at his Manipur village under Chandina thana of Comilla district.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

# JU Hons classes from Aug 14

JU CORRESPONDENT

The first year honours classes under 2002-03 academic session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on August 14.

This was decided at the central admission committee meeting at the council room of the administrative

building yesterday.

The decision came after one month of the completion of admission on June 30.

The authorities delayed the beginning of the new session for one month due to accommodation problem of the students, sources said.