

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Jean de Florette'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Women seminar

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Hazrat Fatema Zahra (AS) and Women Day, Iranian Cultural Centre organises a seminar on 'Women and Development'. Venue: Auditorium of the cultural centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm.

BCF council

The inaugural session of the two-day sixth Council of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF), Dhaka University unit will be held. Venue: Aparajeo Bangladesh. Time: 11.00am.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the newly elected committee of Bangladesh Films Producers Distributors Association will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.00pm.

Discussion

Muktijoddha Samannay Parishad organises a discussion on the occasion of the 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Shaheed Tajul Islam auditorium, Purana Paltan. Time: 4.00pm.

Meeting

Anandabhaban, a national fortnightly, organises an opinion sharing meeting on its Eid Fashion Competition 2003. Venue: Tajmahal Restaurant, Karwan Bazar. Time: 4.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'The Bourne Identity'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote organises a discussion and recitation on the occasion of the national mourning day. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'The Compromised Republic- An inquiry into the development of underdevelopment' by Chowdhury Irad Ahmed Siddiky will be held. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.

Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of the Presidency University will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.00pm.



President Iajuddin Ahmed goes round the six-day Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS)-Binu National Photographic Competition and Exhibition-2003 at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. Earlier, the president inaugurates the exhibition.

PHOTO: PID

'50 pc population to suffer from water shortage'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fifty per cent of the country's total population would directly suffer from water shortage as a result of continued fall of water level in shallow tube wells.

This was stated by Syed Shafique Ahmed at a workshop on 'Third World Water Forum Outcomes for Bangladesh' in the city yesterday.

The workshop was organised by the Institute for Environment and Development (IED) at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology premises.

It was the follow up of another workshop titled 'Third World Water Forum' held in Japan in March 2003.

The workshop sought to pool specific recommendations from different governments, civil society members, NGOs and water-related researchers.

Shafique Ahmed who represented Bangladesh at the work-

shop, said marginalised rural and urban poor should have a greater participation and voice in water management for effective health and sanitation management in the country.

"Bangladesh could be part of the Asian Development Bank and UNHABITAT which will invest \$510 million in water sector in Asian region" he said adding "This is an opportune moment for Bangladesh to consolidate its negotiations with the donors."

He said Bangladesh currently receives a paltry 6 per cent out of the total \$15.7 billion allocated for water related projects from the ADB, compared to 17 per cent of Pakistan and 24 per cent of Indonesia.

Reporting on the dire condition of national sanitary practices, he referred to recent surveys by vari-

ous organisations which said only 20 per cent of the population use soap or ash after defecation while only 19 per cent of children use sanitary latrines.

About the recent estimate that 125,000 children die from diarrhoea in Bangladesh every year, the keynote speaker informed the participants that investment into sanitation, water and hygiene have reduced diarrhoea by 36 per cent.

Representatives of UNICEF, NGO Forum, Bangladesh Ummayeh Parishad and Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon also spoke on the occasion.

AS M Shahjahan, former advisor to the caretaker government, presided over the workshop while Khandaker Anwarul Huq moderated the discussions.



Participants at a national workshop on Research Findings Dissemination are (From left) Professor of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in United Kingdom Charles Normand, Head of Health Policy Unit of the LSHTM in UK Barbara Mc Pack, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Health Lutfur Rahman Chowdhury and Health Secretary M Fazlur Rahman. The Health Economics Unit of Ministry of Health the workshop in collaboration with LSHTM in the city on Sunday.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Rawshan Jaman Chowdhury, wife of Dr AS Moniruzzaman Chowdhury former director of health directorate will be held today at her residence at Rupnagar after Asr prayers, says a press release.

Rawshan died at a private hospital on July 13 at the age of 67. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum.



A delegation of the physically challenged led by Momtaj Begum, principal of Kalyani, a school for special education, left Dhaka for Tokyo yesterday to attend the 16th Asian Mentally Retarded Conference beginning August 26. Two other members of the delegation are Farida Zerin Rupa and Rehnuma Binte Masud Bonita.

Help build crime-free society

President tells photographers

BSS, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday urged the photographers to contribute professionally to the task of national development.

He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a six-day Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS)-Binu National Photographic Competition and Exhibition-2003 under the title "Education in Bangladesh" at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) auditorium.

The ceremony was also addressed by Science, Communications and Information Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haque Milon, Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Ahmed Nazir with BPS president Bulbul Ahmed in the chair.

Sponsor of the programme, Lutfur Rahman Binu and BPS secretary general Saidur Rahman Swapan also spoke on the occasion organised by BPS in collaboration with BSA.

President Iajuddin distributed awards among the winners of the competition.

Describing photography as living documents of history and time Iajuddin said the photographers, mainly the photojournalists, recorded many valuable events of our struggle for independence, War of Liberation and later on democratic movements.

He urged the photographers to play an active role in building a society free from crime and moral degradation.

Iajuddin said as education is the main weapon of national development, the government has given priority to this sector.

He praised BPS for selecting "Education in Bangladesh" as the theme of their photographic competition.

Dr Moyeen Khan said photography overcomes the limitation of language and it never tells lies.

"As photography is a mixture of art and technology, it demands high professional skill," he added.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Elderly journalist Anwarul Haque died of a heart attack at his residence on Sunday night at the age of 65.

He has also been suffering from old age complications for long.

He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters, relatives, friends and admirers to mourn the death.

Anwarul Haque worked last in Dainik Desh as a senior assistant editor. He started his career with Dainik Azad in early fifties.

His namaj-e-janaza was held at the Jatiya Press Club. A large number of journalists attended.

He was buried at Mohammadpur Graveyard.

President of Jatiya Press Club Riazuddin Ahmed and general secretary Sawakat Mahmud expressed deep shock at the death of veteran journalist Anwarul Haque.



PHOTO: STAR

Krishak League stages demonstration in the city yesterday protesting police action on its leaders and activists and export of gas.