

14 receive Archbishop Ganguly Award

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Fourteen winners of the Archbishop Ganguly Literary Award 2002 received the awards at a ceremony yesterday.

The award ceremony was held at BIAM auditorium in the city with Bishop Theotonius Gomes, Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka, in the chair.

The weekly Protibeshi and Archbishop TA Ganguly Memorial Trust organised the event.

Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, attended the ceremony as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

The literary competition was divided into several categories.

In the short story section, Ronald Gabriel Costa of Dhaka, Manik Gomes of Pabna and Sheuli Gomes of America won the first, second and third prizes.

In the poetry section, the winners are Milton P Costa of Natore, Ribok Ekka (Joy) of Sirajganj and Imma Anna D'Costa of Dhaka.

And in the painting competition, the winners are Sabuj Anthony Gomes of Dhaka, Haimonti Gomes of Gazipur and Lili Mukti Gomes of Dhaka.

The winners in other categories are Chhanda Rani Das of Dinajpur (letter and opinion), Ranjan Rozario of Dinajpur (reporting), Jotsna Marcel Gomes of Dhaka (poetry), Sumon Korayia of Dhaka (story), and Sister Chandana (essay).



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Winners of the Archbishop Ganguly Literary Award 2002 pose with the guests at the award ceremony at BIAM auditorium yesterday. Sitting from left are Peter A Gomes, member of the trust, Sister Mery Dipti, member of editorial board of the Protibeshi, Dr Tomas Costa of Caritas Bangladesh, Bishop Theotonius Gomes, Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, Father Prashanta T Riberu, chairman of the trust, and Father Kamal Koraiya, editor of the Protibeshi.

Navy Qirat, Azan competition concludes

UNB, Dhaka

The Inter-Base Qirat and Azan competition of the Bangladesh Navy concluded at the BNS Haji Mohsin Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

A total of 21 qaris belonging to 8 teams drawn from different ships and establishments of the Bangladesh Navy took part in the six-day competition.

MA Rahman, REN-1 of the BNS Shaheed Daulat, won the first prize in the Qirat and Azan competition, said a ISPR press release.

In Qirat competition, MF Islam, AB of BNS Shaheed Daulat, stood second and MZ Islam, Sepoy of BNS Haji Mohsin, finished third.

In Azan competition, MA Halim, L/ROG of BNS Tanvir, won the second prize while MF Islam, AB of BNS Shaheed Farid, got the third prize.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba distributed prizes among the winners.



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy falls at places till 6pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met office said. Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and Sylhet and the lowest 24.0 degree at Teknaf.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:19pm today and rises at 5:40am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, and Cox's Bazar.

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Tk 1,410 cr allocated for health ministry

UNB, Dhaka

The government has allocated Tk 1,410 crore for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for fiscal 2003-2004 to ensure healthcare for all by 2006.

In addition, Tk 1,512 crore has been earmarked for the ministry under the Annual Development Programme (ADP).

This was disclosed at a meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Health and Family Welfare Ministry at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban on Thursday.

Of the total ADP allocation, Tk 583 crore will come from the government's development budget while the remaining amount of Tk 929 crore will be available as project assistance, the meeting was told.

As part of the logistic support, the government has distributed 212 ambulances and 69 X-ray machines to various hospitals under the healthcare expansion programme.

The government has also a plan to set up two 500-bed general hospitals in the city's Mirpur-Pallabi and Basabo-Khligaon-Mugdapara areas.

'Unite against globalisation'

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday called upon all left-leaning parties to get united against imperialism and globalisation.

They also stressed the need for formation of classless society in the country.

The seminar on 'Present situation of the country and leftist movement' was organised by Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal at the National Press Club.

Veteran Communist leader Nirmal Sen presided over the meeting while Comrade Mosaddeq Hossain Swapan presented the keynote paper.

Swapan said all workers and farmers should be united to form an alternative power to protect the country.

"There is no alternative to left-leaning parties in this regard", he added.

Criticising globalisation, Nirmal Sen said many jute mills including Adamjee Jute Mills have been closed as result of globalisation.

Comrade Morshed Ali said the existing law and order is not in favour of working people.

"Only a leftist movement can protect the rights of the common

people," he said.

Comrade Suvranshu Chakrabarty said neither BNP nor Awami League can help people overcome the present crisis.

Rashed Khan Menon, president of Workers Party, said all communist powers should unite against imperialism.

Comrade Tipu Biswas and Abdullah Sarker also spoke at the seminar.

DAM dialogue today

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) will hold a dialogue on "Striving Policy for Life Long Education: Localisation of Globalisation Process" here today.

It will be held at House-19, Road-12 (new) in Dhanmondi Residential Area here at 3pm.

Prof Mozaffar Ahmed and Dr Monjur Ahmed, DAM Executive Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam, former Vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam and Editor of the Prothom Alo Motiur Rahman will take part in the discussion.



Pro-Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Prof. Md Tahir speaks at a discussion on 'Abuses of antibiotics' at the Sports Council auditorium. The Youth Health Care Project organised the event.