

2000 nurses to be appointed soon

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Two thousand nurses will be appointed soon for further improvement of health service, said Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday. Besides, 800 nursing supervisors will also be appointed soon, he said adding that steps have been taken to establish nine nursing institutes and three colleges in the country. The minister said the present doctor-nurse ratio is 2:1. He said the government is making efforts to update the existing nursing service. He also called for bringing dynamism in nursing service to render quality care to ailing humanity. The minister was speaking at a conference on 'Nurses Moving Forward', organised by the Directorate of Nursing Service (DNS) in collaboration with DFID- funded project Strengthening the Role of Nursing at the

BIAM auditorium in the city. The objective of the conference was to familiarise the nurses with various programmes undertaken by the government for their professional development. DNS Director Mamataz Begum said there are approximately 19,000 registered nurses and 13,000 working nurses in the country. A total of 1,135 students get admission in different nursing institutes each year and out of them 800 to 900 receive diploma, she added. Mamataz Begum said there are 70 post-graduate and 855 graduate professional nurses presently working at different levels. "We support reforms in health services by building leadership ability and developing organisational skills," said the SRN Technical Advisor Angei Roques. Around 500 staff and student nurses took part in the conference.



PHOTO: STAR
Newly appointed US Ambassador Harry K Thomas Jr. called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence yesterday.

ICT can help alleviate poverty

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) Chairman Syed Marghub Murshed Information and Communication Technology (ICT) can play a central role in accelerating the pace of national development. "ICT can be used for poverty alleviation and community development... and media can play a vital role in creating awareness among people in this regard," he said at a meeting with IT Journalists Forum. The Bangladesh working group for World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) yesterday organised the meeting at its office. Syed Marghub Murshed presided. Marghub Murshed said timely use of ICT could open up new opportunities and help poverty

alleviation and wealth creation. Information and knowledge should help create a level playing field for all and ICT is a key to environment sustainable development and poverty reduction, he added. The BTRC Chairman also said application of ICT could also help integrate the developing countries

with today's networked economy and knowledge-based information society. Reza Salim, member secretary of the Bangladesh working group on WSIS said that political leaders should act now for development of ICT infrastructures on a priority basis.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 24.3 degree at Sitakunda.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:16pm today and rises at 5:41 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.1	25.0	80	78
Chittagong	30.4	25.0	70	82
Rajshahi	31.2	26.6	90	83
Khulna	32.0	26.2	88	92
Barisal	30.5	26.4	83	86
Sylhet	33.5	25.7	91	68
Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.8	86	90

'Prepare earthquake map to identify vulnerable areas'

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) Chairman Major General (Retd) AAZ Amin Khan on Sunday suggested immediate preparation of an earthquake map identifying

tremor-prone areas. He also recommended a number of measures including introduction of disaster insurance, standardisation of building construction, and survey of existing buildings to enunciate a national policy to face earthquake disaster.

The BDRCS chairman was delivering a lecture on "Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management: Bangladesh Perspective" under 'Eminent Persons Lecture Series' at the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute for International Strategic Studies (BISS).

Obituary



Dr AN Shamsul Haque, an educationist, died of a cardiac arrest at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on August 31 at the age of 75.

A former teacher of political science, Rajshahi University, Dr Haque also taught at International University and Women's University in Dhaka. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. He hailed from Baufal, Patuakhali.

Pratin Cherdchaiku



Pratin Cherdchaiku I, ex-general manager, Thai Airways International PCL, Dhaka, died of cancer in Bangkok on August 31 at the age of 50, says a

press release. During his tenure as general manager from 1998 to 2002, he was very popular among his staff members and various communities in Bangladesh.

Imam Gawsal Haq



Imam Gawsal Haq, a businessman, died of renal failure at the CMH on August 30 at the age of 57, says a

press release. A former executive president of the City Bank, he is survived by his wife and one daughter.

His quikhwani will be held at House # 8, Road # 20, Sector # 3, Uttara after Asr prayers on September 2.

Relative and friends have been requested to attend the qul and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Director General of BISS Major General Md Abdul Mubeen made the introductory remarks. The function was followed by a lively question and answer session which was participated by high civil and military officials as well as experts and academicians. The speakers observed that political commitment, good governance and accountability were essential to combat both natural and man made disasters. Because of geographical location, Bangladesh falls under the grip of various natural calamities, they said adding that at the same time man made disasters were also making people's lives

Heritage Tea raffle draw held

The raffle draw of Heritage Tea was held at Nandan Mega Shop yesterday. The first prize winners (three couples) are Chamlii Salam (coupon No. 039), SA Hasan (coupon No. 012) and Rowshan (coupon No. 067) who will have the honour to visit the Heritage Tea estate for three days and two nights. Kh Abdul Alim (coupon No. 075) bagged the second prize -- while Shahiduzaman (coupon No. 070), the third prize winner, will get a toaster. The winners have been requested to contact M Rahman Tea Co. Ltd at CWN # (A) 15, Road # 35, Gulshan # 2. The Heritage Tea will contact the winners by mail. Heritage Tea is the only brand with two different blends -- morning and afternoon blends.



The raffle draw of Heritage Tea was held at Nandan Mega Shop yesterday. Akku Chowdhury announces the names of the prize winners.



Khan Foundation organised a seminar on 'Devolution: Key to strengthening the local government' at its auditorium on Sunday. From left are Foundation Executive Director Rokhsana Khandaker, Dhaka Divisional Commissioner AHM Abul Kashem, Minister for Science and ICT Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, and DU Professor Nazmunnesa Mahtab.

DHAKA TODAY

- Discussion**
On the occasion of the 25th founding anniversary of BNP, a discussion will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Mohanagar Natyamancha, Gulistan. Time: 3.30pm.
- Film show**
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Battle Royale'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.
- Inauguration**
The inauguration of a new branch of BRAC Bank will be held with its Chairman Fazle Hasan Abed as chief guest. Venue: 105, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.
- Discussion**
The Association of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh (ADEB) organises a discussion on the occasion of its second foundation anniversary with Post and Telecommunication Minister Md Aminul Haque as chief guest. Venue: Public Health Engineering Department auditorium, Kakrail. Time: 5.00pm.
- Workshop**
A workshop on 'Internee Doctors Professional Induction', organised by Dhaka Medical College Alumni Trust, will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Dr Milon auditorium of Dhaka Medical College. Time: 9.00am.
- Installation ceremony**
The 17th installation ceremony of Lions Club of Dhaka Midtown will be held. Venue: Hotel Orchard Plaza, Nayapattan. Time: 7.15pm.
- Rotary meeting**
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Ramna. Time: 5.30pm.
- Inauguration**
The inauguration of the first branch of Cupid Fashion Maker and Fabric House will be held. Venue: Lily Arcade, New Elephant Road. Time: 6.00pm.
- Discussion**
On the occasion of the national day of DPRK, Bangladesh-Korea Maitree Sangha organises a discussion. Venue: Shaheed Asad auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 5.30pm.
- Workshop**
Bangladesh Power Development Board and Forum for Energy Reporters jointly organise a workshop for the reporters of energy sector. Venue: WAPDA Bhaban Board Room. Time: 10.00am.
- Cultural festival**
On the occasion of the 25th founding anniversary of BNP, a cultural festival will be held. Venue: Palltan Maidan. Time: 5.00pm.
- Inauguration**
The inauguration of Bangladesh Television Archives will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Television Bhaban, Rampura. Time: 4.45pm.
- Film show**
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Godfather 1'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.
- Discussion**
On the occasion of International CEDAW Day, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a discussion. Venue: CIRDAF auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.
- Seminar**
A seminar on 'Education in Bangladesh: Meeting the new challenges', organised by Manabik Sahajya Sangstha (MSS), will be held. Venue: MSS conference room, Banani. Time: 9.30am.
- Publication ceremony**
The publication ceremony of Bengali edition of 'Living History' by Hilary Rodham Clinton will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5.00pm.

