

JCD to observe silver jubilee on Jan 1

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The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) will observe silver jubilee on January 1 on the occasion of its 25th founding anniversary, says a press release.

The JCD, student wing of the ruling BNP, has taken a 15-day programme to mark the day.

The programmes include hoisting of organisation flag at its central office, distribution of sweets and cutting of cakes in the early hours of the January 1. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will be the chief guest.

Later, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will speak as chief guest at its discussion meeting at the central party office. The discussion will be followed by a cultural function.

The Dhaka University unit will bring out a colourful procession on the campus on January, Dhaka Metropolitan (North) unit will organise a discussion meeting and a cultural function on January 5, Dhaka Metropolitan (South) will organise the same programmes on January 7.

Jagannath University unit will organise a discussion meeting followed by a cultural function on January 9, DU unit on January 11, and Jahangirnagar University on January 13.

Reunion of former JCD leaders will be held on January 15 where Senior Joint Secretary General of the BNP Tarique Rahman will be the chief guest.

Patuakhali varsity VC hospitalised

BSS, Dhaka

The Vice-Chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Prof Dr AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan, has been suffering from jaundice during the last two weeks.

He is now undergoing treatment at BIRDEM hospital here, family sources said yesterday. He is also suffering from diabetic and liver ailments.



State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman inaugurates a six-day drama festival at the experimental theatre hall at the Shilpakala Academy yesterday. The Shilpakala Academy organised the festival.

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Pvt sector-financed infrastructure dev under DCC

Body to frame rules

BSS, Dhaka

A committee for formulating rules and regulations for developing private sector financed infrastructure under Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) was constituted yesterday.

The committee would submit its report to the authorities concerned within three days.

It was decided at a meeting chaired by LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his ministry here. State Minister for LGRD Ziaul Haque Zia, Secretary AYBI Siddiqui and other senior officials were present.

The meeting reviewed various aspects of development of different infrastructures, including Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover, financed by the private sector in the city.

The committee, headed by joint secretary (Development) of the Local Government

Department Mohammad Fazlul Haque, includes chief executive officer of DCC, law officer, project director and deputy secretary (Law) of LGD and senior assistant secretary of DCC.

Shahadat takes over as CPA chairman

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AMM Shahadat Hossain took over as the chairman of the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday.

Earlier, he was the acting chairman of the CPA.

Shahadat joined the CPA in 1974. He had been a member (finance) of CPA since 1991.

Anti-drug concert in Chittagong tomorrow

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With the slogan 'Stop addiction', an anti-drug concert and fashion show will be held at the engineering institute auditorium in Chittagong city tomorrow.

Organised by the Frieze Showbiz and Entertainment, the concert will begin at 3.00pm.

Popular band groups such as Miles, Black, Soft Touch, Flame and Nongor will perform at the concert. And the Multi-vision Production will stage the fashion show.

The price of the ticket has been fixed at Tk 300 for the VIPs and Tk 150 for general people.

At a press conference at Chittagong Press Club yesterday, the organisers said the proceeds will be used for the treatment of drug addicts.

Shokrana Kabir, Abu Hamed Md Imran, Ruhul Habib Mowla, Saian Bin Rahim, Md Javed Kalam and Salah Uddin Ahmed were present at the press conference.

NDC graduation ceremony today

BSS, Dhaka

The graduation and certificate award ceremony of the National Defence Course-2003 and the Armed Forces War Course-2003 will be held today at the National Defence College (NDC) at Mirpur Cantonment.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to attend the programme as chief guest and distribute certificates among the successful course members. Cabinet ministers, services' chiefs, defence attaches and high civil and military officials will be present.

A total of 21 members from

Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force and Civil Service including 2 members of India and Pakistan armed forces have successfully completed the National Defence Course-2003. Besides, 19 members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces have successfully completed the Armed Forces War Course 2003.