

'Seeing in the dark' opens today

A unique exhibition titled 'Seeing in the dark' will be inaugurated in the city today to give people the opportunity to experience life as a person with disability, says a press release.

The SARPV-Bangladesh and Healthlink Worldwide (UK) in collaboration with the British Council have organised the exhibition to raise awareness about physically-challenged people.

At the exhibition, the visitors will experience life as a person with disability in complete darkness. As visitors move around in the darkroom using mobility aids such as crutches or wheelchair, they will encounter objects and sounds especially designed to recreate typical Dhaka life.

The darkroom will simulate blindness, and by using mobility aids people will be able to play the role of a person with disability.

Physically-challenged people will guide the visitors around the exhibition space.

The exhibition will be inaugurated at Dhruvad gallery, House # 36, Road # 5, Block # G, Banani, today 4.00pm. It will remain open from 12.00 noon to 8.00pm daily till December 20.

The exhibition has been designed and built by a group of physically-challenged people, together with a group of artists. Simon Allen, a British artist, has provided technical assistance.

There will also be artworks on display outside the darkroom.

Shahidul Haque, chief executive of SARPV-Bangladesh, said: "In Bangladesh, 10 percent of the population have some form of disability, and they are often ignored and marginalised by the rest of the population. We hope this

exhibition will decrease the stigma of disability, and increase people's understanding."

The exhibition is a part of the Communicating for Advocacy project, being run by a British non-governmental organisation, Healthlink Worldwide.

Protest against anti-Bangladesh campaign in India

BSS, Dhaka

The Hindu Religious Welfare Trust yesterday strongly condemned the anti-Bangladesh demonstration by India's ruling BJP activists in front of Bangladesh Deputy High Commission office in Kolkata on Saturday.

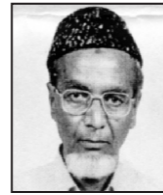
In a statement, the Trust feared that the "sudden" anti-Bangladesh campaign by the BJP activists would instigate communal elements and deteriorate the ties between the two neighbours.

The statement also condemned the "indifferent role" of Indian police during the demonstration endangering the security of the Bangladesh mission officials.

The Trust urged the Indian government and the BJP leadership to restrain the party activists to maintain the friendly ties between the two countries.

The signatories to the statement include Dhirendranath Saha MP, Principal Ganesh Halder, Kartik Thakur, Swapan Sarkar, Shyamol Hore, Suranjan Ghose, Paritosh Chakrabarty, Kamakha Das and Pijush Halder.

Obituary



MA Gani, a former assistant director of Bangladesh Fisheries Board, died on Saturday, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his Dhanmondi residence at 3.30pm on December 16.

Syed Qamar Uddin

Syed Qamar Uddin, a former director of Habiganj Palli Bidyut Samity, died of cancer on Saturday at the age of 65, says a press release.

The Sylhet Division Development Parishad expressed condolence at his death.

Abdus Samad Khan

Alhaj Abdus Samad Khan, a former divisional railway manager and father of Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan, died of cancer at the Combined Military Hospital yesterday at the age of 87, says a press release.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Death anniversary



The eighth death anniversary of Professor S M Fazlul Haque of Barisal BM College, will be observed today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and doa will be held at his College Road residence after Asr prayers today.

4 Faridpur JCD leaders removed

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The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of ruling BNP, has relieved four leaders of its Faridpur district unit of their posts for their involvement in anti-organisational activities, says a press release.

The four leaders are Senior Vice-President Mohammad Yusuf, Organising Secretary Razib Hossain, and Joint Secretaries Khan Mohammad Shoeb Ashraf and Jahangir Hossain.

The JCD President Shahabuddin Lallu and General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal approved it yesterday.

<p>Japanese animation film show</p> <p>The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen nine Japanese animation films in three days. Today's films: 'Akira' by Katsuhiro Otomo; 'Metropolis' by Taro and 'Grave of the fireflies' by Isao Takahata. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm. Six more films will be shown on December 17 and 19.</p> <p>Musical evening</p> <p>The Dhaka University Alumni Association organises a musical evening by Ferdous Ara. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.</p> <p>Art exhibition</p> <p>An art exhibition by 30 child artists, including six with disability, is going on. Organised by the Smiling Face, the show will continue till December 16. Venue: Smiling Face, 42/A/1 Moneshwar Road, Hazaribagh. Time: 11.00am to 5.00pm.</p> <p>Seminar</p> <p>A daylong seminar on 'Roles and responsibilities of the elected representatives in the local government bodies in prevention of violence against women in urban areas' will be held, with</p>	<p>Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9.00am.</p> <p>Seminar on earthquake</p> <p>A seminar on 'Earthquake disaster prevention, preparedness and its latest technology', organised by the Hitachi Plant Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>The Khan Foundation organises a workshop on 'Active participation of women representatives: pre-condition for strengthening of local government'. Venue: Democracy Auditorium, Momenbagh. Time: 10.00am.</p> <p>BJP discussion</p> <p>The Bangladesh Jatiya Party will hold a discussion to mark the Victory Day. Venue: Party office, 5/5 Block # A, Lalmatia. Time: 4.00pm.</p> <p>Islamic Foundation discussion</p> <p>The Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh organises discussion on 'Importance and significance of the Victory Day' to mark the Victory Day. Venue: Foundation auditorium. Time: 10.00am.</p>
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