

'RO technology can remove arsenic from water'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 'Reverse osmosis (RO) purification technology' could ensure 100 percent arsenic-free pure drinking water, said Jago Corporation Chairman M Fayequzzaman at a press conference yesterday.

It is the most effective and latest technology for water purification, he said.

The RO technology, invented by the USA, purifies water through five stages of filtration.

Fayequzzaman said surface water, the major source of drinking water, becomes polluted in many ways, leading to less clean drinking water.

Moreover, arsenic has contaminated groundwater in 61 districts, out of 64, he said.

But the RO purification system could ensure the 100 percent pure drinking water, which has been recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Fayequzzaman added.

The Jago Corporation has installed water purification plants

in 11 areas of the city, including Tajgaon, Mirpur, Uttara and Badda. The system has also been introduced in 13 other areas of the country, Managing Director Rabiul said.

The price of a RO filter for household use is about Tk 10,000, which can purify about 50 gallons daily, he said.

Two other big RO machines will cost Tk 20,000 and Tk 21,000.

The Jago Corporation Ltd is a Bangladesh-Taiwan joint venture company.

Holy Cross College Alumnae Assoc reunion

The Holy Cross College Alumnae Association will hold its reunion and annual lunch on December 19 at 1.00pm, says a press release.

Interested ex-students have been requested to contact the college at 9110493.



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Members of Surer Dhara perform at the Victory Festival 2003 at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. The Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organised the festival to mark the Victory Day.

JCD activist assaulted

DU CORRESPONDENT

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist of Zahurul Haque Hall unit of Dhaka University was assaulted by fellow activists on Saturday night.

A group of JCD workers led by hall unit President Tanzil and Organising Secretary Shoeb beat Saiful Islam, a fourth year student of Islamic Studies, in front of the Nikhet police outpost.

Saiful is also a member of the proposed committee of the JCD Zahurul Haque unit.

Saiful told the DU correspondents of different dailies that a group of outsiders and JCD workers led by Tanzil and Shoeb attacked him at the Gawsul Azam Super Market when he had gone there to make a phone call.

"On Friday night Tanzil asked me to leave my allotted room No. 313," Saiful said. Tanzil also ousted Palash, a fourth year student of marketing department, from his room on Friday.

Shaheed, Jewel, Shohag, Suvo and some others made the attack, he said.

Some of the JCD workers of the hall said they have informed the matter to the DU unit leaders and waiting for the decision against Tanzil and Shoeb. Tanzil frequently assaults general students and JCD activists at the hall, they said.

Earlier, Tanzil assaulted Sanaullah Babu and Ziaul Haque Zia and JCD activists Motahar Hossain Bhutta and Arifur Rahman Chanchal. He also led the attack on The Daily Star's Dhaka University correspondent.

A tense situation is prevailing at the hall.

DU unit president Amirul Islam Khan Alim told this correspondent that he did not know anything about the incident.

PM opens military hardware display tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate a military hardware display at Tejgaon old airport today on the occasion of Victory Day.

The display has been jointly organised by Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force on the east and west sides of the old airport, says an ISPR press release.

The display will remain open to public from 9am to 5pm on December 16 and 17, from 1pm to 5pm on December 18 and from 9am to 5pm from December 19 to 22.

Siemens Employees Union executives

Md Dewan Hossain and Md Sirajuddin Sardar have been elected president and general secretary of the Siemens Employees Union for two years, says a press release.

The election to the executive committee of the union was held on December 12.

Other elected office-bearers are James Mukul Halder -- vice-president; Sadek Ali Mir -- finance secretary; and Md Abdul Mannan -- office secretary.

Photography workshop at Pathshala

Eminent photographers David H Wells and Annu P Matthew from the USA are conducting a series of workshops for the students at Pathshala, the South Asian Institute of Photography, says a press release.

Annu P Matthew is a professor of photography at the University of Rhode Island, USA. She is now conducting a workshop on 'experimental photography' that ends today.

David H Wells has been a professional photographer since 1980. He is now conducting a workshop on 'Basic photo essay'.

He will conduct another workshop on the 'advanced photo essay' from December 17-21.