



Space Festival ends today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Third Space Festival on the campus of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology ends today.

A drama titled 'Life infinity' was staged on the second day of the festival yesterday. The theme of the play was the evolution of life on earth. It was directed by Faiz Zahir of Aranyak Natyadal.

Another attraction of the festival was remote control plane-flying. The children enjoyed it very much as they flew the planes from the ground.

The Bangladesh Astronomical Association (BAA), the organiser of the festival, has dedicated it to Wright brothers to mark the 100th anniversary of their first flight.

A life size model of Kitty Hawk, the plane that the Wright brothers flew a century ago, was on display.

The other exhibitions included evolution of sun, evolution of life on earth, 14 busts of great scientists of all times and gliding planes.

A competition on making planes with paper was also held yesterday.

Another competition for the students of English medium schools will be held today.

Body found in Dhanmondi lake

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The body of an unidentified man was found in Dhanmondi lake yesterday.

On information, police recovered the body from the lake beside Road No. 39 at around 1:00pm.

The bearded man aged about 32 was in a white shirt. His body bore no marks of injury, but fish have eaten different portions of the body.

Police suspected that the man was a drug addict and he drowned in the lake after taking drugs on Thursday night.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Boy injured in fire dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ten-year-old boy who received burns in a fire at his house at Kulaura in Maulavibazar died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Two others injured in the fire on December 13 are still struggling for life.

The three were admitted to the hospital on December 14. Of them, Aminur Rahman Aman died in the early hours of yesterday. The two others are Shahabuddin, 10, and Atiqur Rahman, 27.

The fire broke out when Aman, a student of class four, and Shahabuddin, a domestic help, were playing with a burning candle at around 1:00pm.

"An explosion took place when the candle came into contact with a nearby bio-gas plant, sparking off the fire," said Aman's mother Mina Khanam.

Atiqur Rahman, uncle of Aman, was injured when he rushed to the spot and tried to save the children.

Shahabuddin was burnt all over the body and Rahman had 38 per cent burns.

They were rushed to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital in Sylhet and later shifted to Dhaka.

1,529 more held, six firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,529 more people, including three listed criminals, during their ongoing country drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

They also recovered six firearms, five other weapons and 12 bullets. Four cases were also filed against three people under the Arms Act, said a press release issued by the police headquarters.



A physically challenged boy paints a picture of the liberation war in a drawing competition held at the National Museum auditorium yesterday. The museum authorities organised the contest to mark the Victory Day.

Computerised system a must to check tampering of land records

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A computerised system of preserving land records has become an imperative to check tampering of land documents, said the speakers at a discussion on Thursday.

They said by taking thumb impression and picture of the land owners with the help of a modern technology, it will be easier to stop record tampering which had resulted in the accumulation of thousands of cases in the courts.

"More than 70 percent of total

cases in the country are still filed owing to disputes over the land ownership," said one speaker.

The discussion on the 'Modernisation of Land Management' was organised by the land ministry at BRAC Centre in the city with Land Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair.

Advocate Khandaker Mahbub Uddin MP, former law minister Abdul Matin Khosru, M Kabir Hossain MP, Syed Moazzam Hossain Alal MP, BRAC Executive Director Abdul Mueed

Chowdhury, President of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon, Land Secretary Azad Ruhul Amin and Director General of the land record and survey department Mohammad Abul Alam Khan took part in the discussion.

Khandaker Mahbub Uddin said preservation of land record is a difficult task as so many divisions and sub-divisions of a land take place following the death of an owner.

He underscored the need for an updated land record and said computerised system could be a great help in this regard.

He also suggested appointment of regular employees in the survey and settlement department instead of hired surveyors to check corruption.

Former law minister Abdul Matin Khosru stressed the need for introducing modern and efficient land management system to overcome the age-old problems prevailing in this sector.

Earlier, Mueed Chowdhury presented a computer-based record preserving system.



The Victory Day Observance Committee of the Deprived and Poor staged a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding steps for regular employment for them.

DHAKA TODAY

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the first ever classical instrumental album named 'Bodhu Biday' by a Bangladeshi violinist Nusrat Mumtaz Ruposhi, will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: etc store, Gulshan South Avenue. Time: 6:30pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Losing Isaiah'. Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6:30pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable on 'Plight of Migrant Workers', organised by Remains Business and Professional Forum (RBPF), will be held with State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Qamrul Islam as chief guest. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 2:30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Updates on modern poultry management', organised jointly by the American Soybean Association and the Monthly Poultry Meila, will be held. Venue: Hotel Razmoni Isha Kha conference hall, Kakrail. Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion

Sonar Bangla Parishad will hold a discussion to mark the Victory Day. Venue: Kendrio Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4:00pm.

Exhibition

The inauguration of an exhibition titled 'Cultural activists in liberation war' will be held with Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) AK Khandaker as chief guest. Venue: Liberation War Museum Café Theatre, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5:00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 31 from 10:00am to 8:00pm daily.

Lecture

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organises a lecture on the 'Use of Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit words in Nazrul's literature'. Venue: Seminar room of the society, Old Secretariat Road. Time: 4:00pm.

SAARC seminar

The inaugural session of two seminars, organised by SAARC Meteorological Research Centre, will be held with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:30am.

Conference

The 9th Diabetes and Endocrine conference will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Muzahid as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 9:45am.

Short film lecture

Bangladesh Short Film Forum organises a lecture on 'Problems and prospects of national cinema in the era of globalisation' with Arun Khopker, a renowned filmmaker of India, as guest speaker. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

FEJB lecture

A lecture on 'Waste management: Japanese experience and its relevance for Bangladesh', organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), will be held with City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: FEJB conference room. Time: 10:30am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day exhibition titled 'Beautiful Bangladesh', organised by the National Association of Unesco Clubs, will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 3:00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Eyes Wide Shut'. Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6:30pm.

Convocation

The third convocation of Darul Ihsan University will be held with President Iajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 10:30am.

Short film seminar

Bangladesh Short Film Forum organises a seminar on 'Problems and prospects of alternative cinema in Bangladesh' with Manzare Hassin, a noted filmmaker, as guest speaker. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

Networking seminar

A networking seminar on 'Development and Mass media', organised by Mass-Line Media Centre, will be held. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 11:00am.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna division during the next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over northwestern region and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30 degree Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and the lowest of 14.6 degree at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:16pm today and rises at 6:37am 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	23.3	19.3	94	85
Chittagong	29.4	20.0	72	71
Rajshahi	26.0	17.6	77	85
Khulna	23.8	18.8	87	90
Barisal	27.8	19.8	96	91
Sylhet	21.6	18.8	95	90
Cox's Bazar	29.2	22.0	72	85