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Wastages through sewerage line pollute Baridhara Lake and the atmosphere of the adjoining areas in the city.

FUTURE CLIMATE CHANGE 'Inaccurate prediction causes huge loss of lives'

BSS, Dhaka

Experts at a workshop yesterday said meteorologists are still uncertain about accurate predictions on future climate changes despite immense advancement of science and technology.

Absence of accurate predictions on climate changes have been causing huge loss of lives and properties across the world, especially in the Saarc region, they added.

The loss and damage to lives and properties cannot be avoided all together due to natural calamities, the experts said, adding it can be minimised by using the scenarios developed from a model.

They were addressing the inaugural session of a three-day workshop on "Regional Climate Model-PRECIS" organised by Saarc Meteorological Research Centre (SMRC) here at its seminar hall.

The workshop, part of the regular activities of SMRC, is being held to focus on application of regional climate model-PRECIS to develop

climate change scenarios in the Saarc region.

Speaking on the occasion as chief guest, Defense Secretary Abu M Maniruzzaman Khan said the Saarc nations have repeatedly been affected by natural calamities.

"But the predictions by Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies (PRECIS) model developed by Hadley Center at the UK met office can be a valuable tool for future assessment of such calamities", he said.

SMRC Director Dr Samarendra Karmaker said PRECIS can help to generate high-resolution climate change information for as many regions of the world as possible.

Brigadier General Shah Md Sultan Uddin Iqbal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defense and Member, Governing Board of SMRC also spoke on the occasion.

Delegates from Saarc member states, including a number of scientists from Bangladesh, will present technical papers in the three-day workshop.

Ensure safe journey by water transports during Eid

Adviser asks all concerned

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Shipping adviser M Azizul Haq yesterday called upon all concerned to undertake all out measures to ensure safe and smooth journey by water transports during Eid-ul-Azha.

"All concerned have to perform their obligations sincerely through putting coordinated efforts and undertaking all legal measures to ensure hazard free and safe water transport system," he added.

The adviser said this while presiding over a meeting on ensuring safe water transport system, including safe maneuvering of launches, steamers and ferry services from Sadarghat to long-distance destinations on the occa-

sion of coming Eid-ul-Azha.

The meeting was held at the shipping ministry at the secretariat. Chairmen of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), Director General of Department of Shipping, President of Launch Owners Association and President of Launch Employee's Federation, deputy commissioners and police super of the concerned districts attended the meeting.

The meeting emphasised ensuring that the passengers are carried within the capacity of launches and steamers and rooftop journey is totally stopped.

The meeting also decided to arrange additional water transport vehicles on the occasion of the Eid to ensure safe and smooth transport of passengers.

It also gave directives to the deputy commissioners of the concerned districts to ensure safe water challenges by undertaking measures so that fishing nets do not create any trouble for the maneuvering of launches and steamers. Besides, concerned authorities were asked to ensure navigability of the channels and navigational marking.

Sonargaon to celebrate Christmas

Pan Pacific Sonargaon, the top hospitality property in the country, has drawn up attractive programmes to celebrate the Christmas and the New Year at its three food and beverage outlets, says a press release.

There will be events during Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year Eve and New Year Day.

With the Lobby and Café Bazar restaurant already decorated, a festive mood prevails all around. The hotel's Pastry Chef made a Chocolate Church and Christmas Tree with all its decorations and placed at the entry of Café Bazar restaurant.



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This open manhole has caused a number of accidents recently on the road in front of Janata Bank head office at Motijheel in the city. After the authorities have turned a blind eye to the problem, locals have put up a bamboo to alert the commuters and avert any accidents.

Victory Day celebrated in Maldives

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The Bangladesh High Commission in Male on Saturday celebrated the Victory Day in a befitting manner.

The high commission organised a discussion making the Victory Day, which was attended by a cross section of Bangladeshis living in the Maldives, according to a message received here yesterday.

Speakers paid tributes to the valiant freedom fighters and recalled the sacrifices of millions during the liberation war.

They also stressed the need for projecting the true history of the glorious struggle to the future generations.

In the evening, a cultural programme was organised by the Bangladesh community in the Maldives.

High Commissioner Mijarul Quayes praised the role of expatriates who have been contributing to the national economy.

The high commission also organised a friendly cricket match between the high commissioner's XI A and B teams on December 15.