

18 p.c. to be provided with sanitary latrines by '95

With the expansion of countrywide sanitation programme the percentage of population covered by sanitary latrine would increase from the existing 11.6 per cent to 18 per cent by the year 1995, Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder said Tuesday, reports BSS.

SAIC meeting concludes

The fifth meeting of the Governing Board of SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) concluded in Dhaka Tuesday, reports UNB.

During the three-day deliberations, decisions were taken on technical matters and strategic plan for the SAIC, its budget for the year 1991-92 and staff rules for support service employees.

Financial rules and accounts procedure for the SAIC and other relevant matters pertaining to the SAIC were also came up for discussion.

Members from Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and representatives from SAARC Secretariat and High Commission of India attended the meeting.

The Governing Board meeting was chaired by the current Chairman of the Governing Board and the Executive Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Dr M Sujaytullah Chowdhury.

Addressing a seminar on "Promotion of rural sanitation in Bangladesh with private sector participation", as the Chief Guest, the Minister said the coverage would rise to 35 per cent by the year 2000.

He said to achieve these targets creation of public awareness and participation of the private manufacturers of sanitary latrines, as well as the NGOs was necessary.

Talukder said if the private entrepreneurs commercially manufacture the materials for sanitary latrines then the rural people who have the awareness and purchasing capacity will come to buy them. Side by side the government programme for subsidised sale of water sealed sanitary latrines to the poor people, with the assistance of donor organisations, would continue, he added.

Organised by Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) the inaugural session of the seminar was also addressed by Local Government Secretary Mushfiqur Rahman. UNICEF resident representative Cole P Dodge, regional director of Interchain AB, Sweden, Dr Skylark Chadha, Swiss Charge d' Affaires A Mehr and Head of SDC in Bangladesh Dr Urs Heiler.

Representatives from different government departments, donor organisations, private sector manufacturers of sanitary latrines and NGOs participated in the one day seminar.

The Minister said 1000

union level units for the manufacture of water sealed sanitary latrines under the Directorate of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) have already been set up which would produce 14,50,800 sets latrine slabs by 1993 with the additional contribution from UNICEF.

He said the cost of each slab with five rings has been fixed at Taka 250.

Local Government Secretary Mushfiqur Rahman emphasised the need for creating sanitation awareness among the people and massive participation to the private sector in manufacturing and marketing of sanitary latrines otherwise, he said it would take about 100 years to provide the whole population with sanitation.

UNICEF Resident Representative Dr Cole P Dodge said success of Bangladesh in supplying safe drinking water which covered 80 per cent of the population was very encouraging, but the progress in sanitation was very slow.

Swiss Charge d' Affaires A Mehr gave a brief description of gradual development of Swiss sanitation system through private participation. He said sanitation in Sweden was very bad in the middle of last century.

Regional Director of Interchain AB, Sweden Dr Skylark Chadha said to involve the participation of private sector in sanitation a change was necessary in environmental situation and policy decision.

Japanese MP shocked at loss of lives in cyclonic storm

The leader of the visiting Japanese Parliamentary delegation, Shin Sakurai, Tuesday expressed deep sympathy for the loss of lives and property in the cyclonic storm Monday night, reports BSS.

Sakurai conveyed his sympathy during a courtesy call on Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman in Dhaka on Tuesday. Sakurai appreciated the various measures, taken by the government to face the situation.

The leader of the Japanese Parliamentary delegation said the government of Japan would cooperate with Bangladesh to build up its economic infrastructures.

Sakurai expressed satisfaction on the holding of Parliamentary election and the transition to democracy.

Foreign Minister Rahman thanked the delegation and hoped that Japan would extend necessary assistance to Bangladesh to build its economy.

Prof Shamsul Huq leaves for Geneva

National Professor Md. Shamsul Huq left Tuesday for Geneva to attend a meeting of the Jury Committee for the award of Undero-Sasakawa prize, reports UNB.

He is also expected to attend a seminar on Bangladesh Foreign Policy at the Oxford University Nuffield College on his way back home, said a press release.



Women for Women: Research and Study Circle, held a seminar on Education and Gender Equity at the National Museum auditorium in the city on Tuesday. —Star photo

Japan to create jobs for Bangladeshis

Japan will take some positive steps for creating job opportunity and training facilities of some Bangladeshi people to develop their skills so that they could contribute in the field of development activities in Bangladesh, the visiting parliament members said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Mr. Sakurai said this when he called on Industries

Minister Shamsul Islam Khan at the latter's office.

Various issues relating to Japanese support and assistance for development of industrial and economic sector in the country came up for discussion.

During the discussion, Mr. Sakurai indicated the Japanese willingness to help Bangladesh on its activities. He said development of infrastructure facilities — road communication, shipping facilities system and political stability were prerequisites for the smooth development of the country. He hoped that present elected government of BNP would be

able to fulfil these conditions.

He said measures would be taken for Japanese investment in Bangladesh.

The Industries Minister informed the Japanese Parliament member that the present government was elected through free and fair elections and was committed to run the administration free from corruption. He said the present government was determined to take necessary programmes for industrial and economic development of the country. He hoped that Japan would extend all-out support to Bangladesh to achieve the objectives.

Lecture on science education ends

A lecture on "Science Education and Development needs of our region" was delivered at a seminar Tuesday held at the Dhaka University Administrative Building, reports UNB.

The paper was prepared by Indian scientist Prof V Krishnan, fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, Indian Academy of Sciences and Chairman of Division of Chemical Sciences of Indian Institute of Science.

The function, organised by the Bangladesh Academy of Science and the University of Dhaka, was chaired by Prof M Innaas Ali, President of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences.

Vice-Chancellor Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah addressed the inaugural function. Prof Ali congratulated Prof Krishnan for his informative and illuminating lecture and said it would help enrich our scientific research and knowledge.

It was addressed by Prof SN Nabi, Associate Secretary of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and Prof A J Mahmood, Chairman, Chemistry Department of Dhaka University.

Shelley honoured

State Minister for Food, Barrister Nazmul Huda has paid tribute to Polish leader Lech Walesa and said he initiated a movement that soon changed the course of history, reports UNB.

He was addressing a seminar entitled 'Lech Walesa: Victory of Democracy,' in the city Tuesday. The meeting was organised jointly by the Polish Embassy and the Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh, (CDRB) at the Institution of Engineers.

Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley was decorated with "Order of Merit" award by the Ambassador of Poland Dr Edward Baradziej.

Professor Anwar Hussain of the Department of History, Dhaka University, read the keynote paper. Among others, Ramjul Huq of International Relations, Dhaka University, Nurul Huda Abdul Mansur of History Department of Dhaka University and Shahriar Kabir, Executive Editor, Weekly Bichitra took part in the discussions.

NATAB sends medicines for cyclone-hit people

The National Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Bangladesh (NATAB) on Tuesday sent medicaments and life-saving drugs to the cyclone affected areas in the coastal district of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

A NATAB press release said that the Association had directed its branches in the affected areas to conduct relief operation in their respective districts for the succour of the affected people.

The medicaments included Analgesics, Oral Saline and Anti-Biotics.

The leaders of the Association would undertake visits to the affected areas to assess the extent of damage and destruction for further relief action.

Alternative jobs for workers discussed

Visiting International Organisation for Migration (IOM) delegation Tuesday held wrap-up talks with the Foreign Ministry officials on resettlement of the evacuated Bangladeshis to the Gulf region, reports UNB.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the talks also dealt with "alternative jobs" elsewhere and "language training and culture-orientation" for Bangladesh returnees, besides their resettlement in the Gulf countries.

The three-member delegation is scheduled to leave today for Bangkok on way to Geneva concluding a 7-day "assessment mission."

On return to Geneva, the high-power delegation will submit report on the outcome of the tour to IOM headquarters located in the Swiss city. The humanitarian organisation spent 23 million US dollars to execute an "Action Plan" operating 161 flights evacuating about 50,000 returnee Bangladeshis from the Gulf after the August 2, occupation of Kuwait by Iraq last year.

During the talks, Bangladesh proposed interim measures aiming at minimising sufferings of the returnees, he said.

Bangladesh, which became IOM member in its 61st session last October, also proposed to pay membership subscription in local currency.

The discussion also covered opening of IOM office in Dhaka, the spokesman said.

During stay here, the three-member delegation headed by Marco Garmegna, Special Adviser of the 39-member intergovernmental organisation, met Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman and other officials.



Dr. Edward Baradziej, the Ambassador of Poland in Bangladesh decorating Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Chairman, Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) with "Order of Merit" awarded to the latter by President Lech Walesa of Poland, at a function held in the city on Tuesday.

Dateline Khulna

Diarrhoea claims 53 lives; 4000 affected

Our Khulna Office

KHULNA, Apr 30 : Diarrhoea claimed at least 53 lives during the last 28 days in greater Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira.

While more than 4,000 persons were attacked by the disease. Of the total 53, 18 died at the Khulna Hospital while 1,560 underwent treatment.

At the same time, another 20 persons died in different upazila health complexes of the district and 86 persons were treated at those hospitals.

The Deputy Director of Health, Khulna Division told The Daily Star a total of 1,124 persons

were reported to be attacked in Bagerhat district of whom seven lives were claimed by the disease from April 7 to 24. He also told that 291 persons were reported to be attacked and eight persons died in Satkhira district from April 11 to 23.

There was an information of nine deaths by the same disease at Tala Upazila. According to information, 500 patients of diarrhoea, were treated at Khulna Shishu Hospital while more than one thousand semi diarrhoeal patients were treated at the outdoor of the hospital during the last twenty eight days.

Anisul Islam's bail petition rejected

A Division Bench of the High Court Division Tuesday rejected the anticipatory bail petition of former Foreign Minister Anisul Islam Mahmood, reports BSS.

The court consisted of Justice Abdul Bari Sarkar and Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque.

The anticipatory bail petition earlier filed in another Division Bench of the High Court Division comprising Justice ARM Anisul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury. Subsequently one of the Judges felt embarrassment to hear the matter.

The Judges referred the matter to the Chief Justice for sending it to another Division Bench for hearing.

The Chief Justice allocated the Division Bench consisted of Justice Abdul Bari Sarkar and Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque.

After hearing arguments of both the sides, the court rejected the anticipatory bail petition of Anisul Islam Mahmood, who is absconding.

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmood appealed for Anisul Islam Mahmood, M. Shamsul Alam, Deputy Attorney General with Obaidur Rahman, Assistant Attorney General, and Advocate Fazlul Haque Chowdhury appeared for the state.

Golam Hafiz visits Supreme Court

Mirza Golam Hafiz, Minister of Law and Justice, Tuesday visited the Supreme Court and exchanged views with members of the Supreme Court Bar Association there.

Dr. Rafiqur Rahman, President, Humayun Hossain Khan, Vice President, and members of the Bar Association and senior Advocates of the Supreme Court apprised him of the problems of the Supreme Court Bar. The Minister assured them of solution of the problems, including extending help towards construction of the second floor of the Supreme Court Bar Association building.

Dr. Rafiqur Rahman assured the Law Minister of all cooperation from the Bar Association.

Mirza Golam Hafiz also went round the Bar Association Library and different sections of the association.

Pry teachers want pay scale similar to govt employees

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association (BPTA) has pledged to make all out efforts to free the country from the curse of illiteracy.

Addressing a meeting of the Mirpur Thana Unit of BPTA on Monday President of the Association, Professor Abul Kalam Azad said that the primary teachers would continue their struggle for preserving the rights of the teachers and making them dutiful. He demanded similar pay scale for the primary teachers to that of other government employees of the same status.

Presided over by Mr. Harunur Rashid, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Kazi Fazlul Huq, General Secretary of BPTA, Mr. Wahiduzzaman and Mr. Altaf Hossain.

In another meeting of the Kotwali Thana Unit of BPTA held earlier on Sunday, Professor Abul Kalam Azad said it was the main responsibility of the primary teachers to make the nation literate.

Plea to continue ads on tobacco products with health warning

By Staff Correspondent

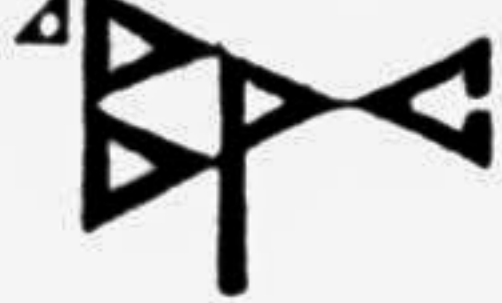
The Advertising Agencies Association of Bangladesh on Tuesday said advertising of tobacco products should be allowed to continue with relevant health warning, says a press release.

The Association felt the banning of tobacco advertisement would seriously hamper revenue of the advertising agencies, outdoor agencies, printers, newspapers, magazines and also the cultural and sports organisations without really discouraging smoking.

Death anniversary observed

The seventh death anniversary of A F Mohammad Nurullah, former Parliamentary Secretary and member of the then East Pakistan Legislative Assembly was observed on April 27, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and discussion were held in the Kuliarchar multi-lateral high school to mark the death anniversary.



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