

National science week from July 6

The central competition of the 14th national science and technology week begins on July 6 at the Agargaon Science Museum premises in the city, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the four-day competition on July 6 at 10 am as the chief guest.

More than 150 young competitors from different schools, colleges and science clubs from 64 districts with their innovative projects in science and technology will take part in the competition.

Sponsored by the Science and Technology Division of the Ministry of Education, the national science week is observed every year since 1978.

The main objective of the week is to popularise science and inspire the budding scientists in their pursuit for scientific and technological innovations by utilising indigenous resources.

Two separate symposiums on "Environment and calamities - role of science" and "Implementation of science in education and life-oriented activities" will also be held during the competition on June 7 and 8 respectively from 9 am to 1 pm.

Eminent educationists and scientists will take part in the symposiums. Education Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury will be the chief guest at the concluding function of the competition on Sunday 9 at 4 pm and distribute prizes to the winners.

All the competitors have been requested by the director of the Science Museum Mubarak Ali Akhand, to report at the museum on July 4 by 10 am positively.

Body to resist terrorism formed

A 51-member committee for resisting terrorist activities in Mirpur areas has been formed with former commissioner ALM Kawsar as Convener.

The committee named 'Paikpara Terrorism Resistance Committee' was formed in a meeting on Friday at Paikpara Central Jame Mosque which was chaired by Prof Abul Kalam.

The meeting was addressed by among others Lutfor Rahman, Kalam Bhuyan, Nazrul Islam, Md Hamid, Mahtabuddin, Hossain Bhuyan, Moinuddin, Mobarak Ali, Habibur Rahman, Alauddin and Nasir Ahmed.

The speakers expressed their concern over the increasing terrorist and hijack activities in the area.

They also condemned police failure of resisting and arresting some known culprits engaged in such activities.

Oli Ahmed back home

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed returned to Dhaka from Jeddah Saturday morning, reports BSS.

During his tour, he performed Holy Haj in Saudi Arabia.

BJP move to demolish Babri mosque slated

By Staff Correspondent

The Janata Mukti Party condemned the announcement of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to replace Ram Mandir at the site of centuries old Babri Mosque in Ayodhya.

Convener of the party Mirza Sultan Raja and Joint Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna in a press release on Saturday said BJP's bid is a concern for the peace-loving people of this sub-continent.

Fundamentalist BJP is poking communalism, it said adding that the democratic government of India would resist all attempts of marring communal harmony of the country.

Jatiyatabadi Palli Dal (NVP) flayed the BJP's announcement of constructing Ram Mandir in place of Babri Mosque in Ayodhya.

In press release signed by Secretary General of the party Benzir Ahmed on Saturday said that both BJP and Bishaw Hindu Parishad are fundamentalist parties and they are trying to ignite communalism in India.

It said that the government of Prime Minister Rama Rao will take stiff measures to resist the parties.

BSS adds: The President and General Secretary of Mohanagar Sharbojanin Puja Committee Saturday condemned the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) plan for building Ram Mandir in place of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

In a statement Sri Profulla Kumar Hawladar and Sri Jayanta Sen Dipu, President and General Secretary respectively of the Puja Committee, urged the BJP not to do politics with mandirs.

Termining the efforts for building the mandir by hurting the religious sentiment of another community as anti-religious activities, they called upon every Indian having respect for religion to resist the evil design of BJP.

525 maunds of rice for cyclone affected people

Upazila Central Cooperative Associations, supported by Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) have donated 525 maunds of rice for the cyclone affected coastal areas, reports BSS.

The goods were received by LORD and Cooperative Minister Salam Talukder at the Palli Bhaban at Kawran Bazar in the city Thursday.

Rural Development and Co-operative Secretary Hasnat Abdul Hye, Director General in-charge of BRDB S A Salik and high officials of the Board were present.

Earlier, the Cooperative Associations donated 350 bags of relief materials consisting of rice, wheat, chira, potato, utensils and clothes.

The associations also have collected taka 25,40,000 from the donation of Taka one by each of its member.

Plea to exempt potato storages from VAT

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Cold Storage Association (BCSA) on Saturday urged the government to exempt the potato cold storages from Value Added Tax (VAT).

In a statement, the BCSA said the explanation of Shah Abdul Hannan, President of VAT Cell of Revenue Board, regarding VAT on potato was not clear.

The BCSA pointed out that extra charge imposed on cold storages will affect the potato growers as VAT on cold storage service will indirectly impose on potato.

Referring to the explanation of Abdul Hannan that the VAT was not extra charge as it was imposed instead of sell tax and excise duty, the statement added saying that potato cold storage was never under sell tax and excise duty.

Obituary

Mrs Nowroze Afroz, former Sports Secretary of Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University died of brain tumour at Queen Angeles Hospital, Los Angeles, USA Friday, family sources said in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The body of Mrs Afroz is expected to arrive here on July 4. Mrs Afroz left behind her husband, mother, three sisters, one brother and a host of relatives.



Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof A Q M Badruddoza Choudhury addressing the publication ceremony of a monthly medical journal 'Prescription' at the Hotel Sheraton on Saturday. Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Reazuddin Ahmed is seen.

Rich tributes paid to Abul Kashem

Mirza Golam Hafiz, Minister for Law and Justice, said in Dhaka Friday that the nation would always remember with reverence the contributions of Principal Abul Kashem to the 1952 Language Movement, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing as the chief guest a meeting organised by the Bangladesh Language Movement Museum at the Central Public Library in Dhaka on the occasion of the 71st birth anniversary of Principal Abul Kashem, whom the Minister described as the "architect of the Language Movement."

Presided over by Dr Md Shamsul Haq, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, the meeting was addressed among others by Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf, Prof Abdul Gafur, Prof Anwarul Haq Khan Majlis, and the DUCSU Literary Secretary Niamat Elahi.

The Minister paying glowing tributes to the late principal, said, like a committed soldier he fought for the flourishing of our national entity through establishing Bangla in all spheres of the national life.

Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf in his inaugural speech said it was Principal Kashem who was the first to protest courageously against Mohammad Ali Jinnah's declaration that Urdu was to be the only state language of the country.

Prof Shamsul Haq said there were a few persons who believed that Bangla would be the state language of the country one day.

Dateline Chittagong

3 shot dead by Shanti Bahini

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 29: Outlawed Shanti Bahini insurgents in a sudden blitz at early hours on Saturday shot dead three non-tribal villagers and seriously injured five others at Burighat area under Nantiar-char Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.

Eyewitness and security sources said that the Shanti Bahini men numbering about 20, torched two dwelling houses and started firing indiscriminately on the villagers who were asleep at around 4 am Saturday.

The dead were identified as Anwara (35) and her two teenager sons whose name were not known. The injured include a six-year old girl and three women. The other villagers, most of them were non-tribal, went on hiding following the attack.

Security forces, receiving the message, rushed to the spot and cordoned area and started scouring the attackers. Nobody was arrested till the writing of this report at Saturday evening.

Insurgent activities mounted in the areas during the last two weeks when six security forces were killed in separate Shanti Bahini attacks.

BTV to be turned into people-oriented media. BSS adds: State Minister for Information M Nurul Huda Saturday said that efforts were made to turn Bangladesh Television into a people-oriented media so that it had conformity with the democracy achieved through struggle of nine years.

He said democracy achieved at the cost of many lives had to be made meaningful by developing democratic institutions in all spheres of national life.

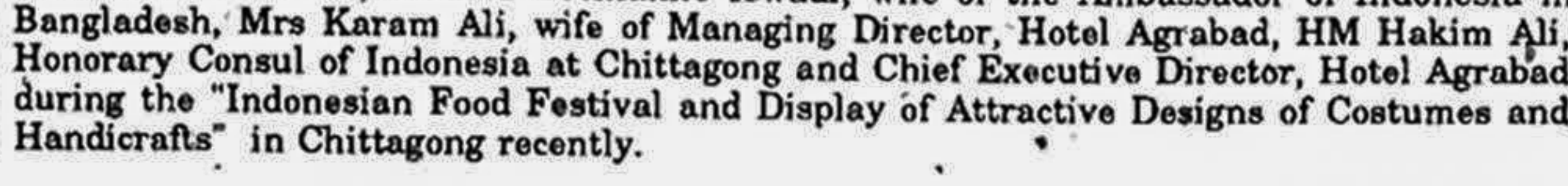
Speaking as the chief guest at the installation ceremony of a new antenna at the T and T tower here this afternoon he said new programmes were being prepared for television in order to make this national media attractive and acceptable to the people.

He said BTV would be broadcasting more news of opposition political parties and private organizations to dispel the idea that this media was engaged in government propaganda only.

We have even invited politicians, teachers, intellectuals and journalists to have panel discussions on television to give it a democratic character, he added, saying problems of the country should be discussed on TV openly.

The people of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Rangamati will have the opportunity to view the television from today with the installation of the new antenna after two months. The antenna was procured from India on emergency basis.

Chittagong City Mayor Mir Nasiruddin, Zonal Relief Coordinator and Secretary Mokammel Hui, MS Rosy Kabir, MP, Director General of TV Faizur Razzak and the Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong also addressed the function.



Mrs Monowara Hakim (right), Mr AHM Khurshed Ali, Chairman, Hotel Agrabad, Mrs AHM Khurshed Ali, Madam Soemakno Iswadi, wife of the Ambassador of Indonesia in Bangladesh, Mrs Karam Ali, wife of Managing Director, Hotel Agrabad, HM Hakim Ali, Honorary Consul of Indonesia at Chittagong and Chief Executive Director, Hotel Agrabad during the "Indonesian Food Festival and Display of Attractive Designs of Costumes and Handicrafts" in Chittagong recently.

90 pc children suffering from hook worms

By Staff Correspondent

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury Saturday stressed the need for creating of mass awareness about health and medical system with a view to building a happy and prosperous society.

Prof Choudhury was addressing as chief guest of the publication ceremony of a monthly medical journal 'Prescription' at the Hotel Sheraton in the city.

Choudhury said the lack of health knowledge was causing malnutrition of the children leading to increase of their death rate. "It is responsibility of all concerned to teach the uneducated and poor people about the quality of food and primary health care, he added.

Chaired by the 'Prescription' Editor Asaduzzaman Ripon, the function was also addressed by the BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed, Chairman of the Board of Editorials of the Ittefaq and The New Nations, Moinul Hossain, Dr Quamruzzaman, MP, Philips Bangladesh Limited Managing Director I P C Lucker and Rezwana Nazrul.

The Education Minister revealed that 90 per cent of the country's children were suffering from hook worms. It the disease could be cured through providing them with available worthy food, the rate of malnourished children could be reduced by 50 per cent.

Commenting on food deficiency in the country, Prof Choudhury viewed the shortage could easily be overcome making potato our second food. Because the production of Potato in the country is enough to meet the food deficiency and the food item contains carbo hydred, and vitamin 'A' and 'C' he added.

In this regard, he mentioned, that the food deficiency in the country reported to be 15 lakh tons whereas the stock of potato is now 16 lakh tons.

"We can easily give up importing food and receive it as donation from abroad by making full utilisation of our resources to be self-reliant", Choudhury who is a renowned physician of the Sub-continent, remarked. But most of us do not carry out our respective responsibilities for national uplift, he regretted. The Minister admitted that it is

government's task to inform the people about health and other necessary messages of social life.

He hoped the newly-floated magazine 'Prescription' would help the people know about the basic health to build up a healthy society.

Reazuddin Ahmed congratulated the publication of the medical journal and hoped it would be able to serve the people regarding their medical care.

Referring to the growing number of newspapers in the country, Ahmed said a section of non-professional people were publishing newspapers and holding the post of Editor by dint of their ownership. But publication of a newspapers should not be stopped because quality newspapers would ultimately survive in course of time, he added.

Lions Club tree plantation programme

Lions Club International District-315B, Bangladesh, has undertaken a programme for plantation of 10 lakhs saplings during the next three months beginning from July next, reports BSS.

This was disclosed by Engineer M Shahajahan Khadem newly elected Lieutenant Governor of Lions District-315B at a tree plantation ceremony at Tongi Saturday.

Organised by Lions Club of Dhaka Sonargaon, it was presided over by Lt. Abul Kashem Chowdhury, President of the club and addressed among others Lt Syed AK Mahmudul Haq, Lt Shafulq Anam, Lt Kazi Moazzam Hossain and Lt MH Rashed.

M Shahajahan Khadem said plantation had become inevitable to protect the country's ecological balance as development.

Later the club planted about 100 saplings of various species of trees at a 10 acres of land at Tongi.

Moderate rise in share trading

Star Economic Report

The week began at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Saturday with a moderate rise in transactions.

In volume terms trading stood at 3,719 from Thursday's 675. Traded issues valued Taka 3,07,886.00 compared with Thursday Taka 64,755.00.

Advances dominated transactions. And DSE All Share Price Index, which is the broad indicator of price movements of all the listed stocks, moved up to 294.1167 points from Thursday's 293.8707.

Transactions involved twenty-two stocks. Of them eight gained, three lost and eleven remained unchanged at their previous quoted prices.

Bengal Food and Tally Spinning advanced Taka 2.27 and Taka 1.08 to Taka 149.67 and Taka 117.08 respectively.

United Insurance, Beximco Pharma, 6th ICB Mutual Fund, Beximco, Chittagong Cement, Monno Ceramic gained within the range between Taka 0.01 and Taka 1.00.

Apex Tannery, the lone traded debenture, declined Taka 3.00 to Taka 992.00.

Howlader PVC and Bata Shoe lost Taka 0.88 and Taka 0.50 to Taka 101.00 and Taka 38.00.

Bank holiday

The Bangladesh Bank and all scheduled banks will remain closed for transactions tomorrow July 1 on account of Bank holiday, reports BSS.

Exchange Rates

Table with columns for currency, selling, and buying rates for various international currencies like US Dollar, UK Pound, etc.

Quoted Prices of Traded Stocks

Table listing stock prices for various companies like Al Banka Bank, Investment, etc.

Dhaka Stock Exchange Market Profile

Summary table showing market performance for June 29, including 134 listed stocks, 8 gains, 3 losers, and 123 unchanged.

123 Unchanged stocks include eleven traded on the day at its previous quoted prices. DSE All Share Price Index = 294.1167. Issued Capital-Taka 5,439,680,590. Market Capitalisation = 8,404,459,666. Turnover = Taka 3,07,886.00 (Value) 3,719 (Volume).

Dhaka-Brunei cooperation discussed

By Staff Correspondent

The visiting Brunei Deputy Minister Dato Paduk Haji Selamat Saturday called on Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman at his office, reports UNB.

A senior official of the Ministry who was present at the 30-minute meeting said they discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation.

During the parley, Selamat extended an invitation to Mostafiz to visit Brunei Darussalam an oil-rich country in South China sea region.

Brunei, a country with a population of only a quarter million, 75 percent of which Muslim, has the highest per capita income of about 25,000 US dollars in the world.

Selamat arrived in Dhaka Friday on a two-day official visit carrying relief materials and cash for the cyclone victims. He is expected to leave for home today (Sunday).

Meets Lutfor

The delegation also called on State Minister for Relief Lutfor Rahman Khan at his office on Saturday.

They discussed relief and rehabilitation activities in the cyclone-battered areas of the coastal region of Bangladesh.

Lutfor Rahman apprised the delegation of the huge damage to life and property due to the recent devastating cyclone and tidal surge and the relief and rehabilitation activities undertaken by the government.

He told the delegation that the government had completed the first phase of relief operation in the cyclone-hit areas and the second phase relief and rehabilitation programme was going on. Besides, he said, long term programme was also under consideration.

Khan also said the government needed Foreign help to implement the long term programme as well as to rehabilitate the affected people and rebuild the infrastructure.

The Deputy Minister of Brunei said his government had already sent 3 lakh US dollar and 21 metric tons of relief material for the affected people of Bangladesh. He assured that the Brunei government would do everything possible to implement the long term programme.

The State Minister thanked the Sultan and the people of Brunei for extending their generous help to their Bangladeshi brethren. He hoped that the existing brotherly and friendly relations be

Sales-Purchase-Tender & Employment News

Employment. An International Bank requires "Senior Officers". Applicants must have University degree and 8 yrs banking experience. Please apply with full bio-data and one photograph to GPO Box No. 3490, Dhaka-1000 by 10th July, 1991.

A Joint Venture Project with its factory near Dhaka wants the following posts: (1) "Maintenance Engineer" must be graduate with 3 yrs experience, (2) "Electrical/Electronic Engineer" must be graduate with 3 yrs experience, (3) "Junior Maintenance Engineer" must be Diploma holder, (4) "Electrical Foreman", (5) "Supervisor/Foreman", (6) "Machine Operator" must be S.S.C. passed, (7) "Secretary" must be graduate and must have ability to speak English and good typing skills. Please appear for interview at 3.00 pm of 2nd July '91 at Room No-7, Ahmed Mansion (1st floor), Road No-1, Dhanmendi (behind Science Laboratory Police Box) with bio-data, 2 photographs and necessary papers.

Deputy General Manager, Janata Bank, Head Office, Computer Division, 110, Moti-ghat C/A, Dhaka invites sealed tenders from reputed manufacturers/suppliers/dealers for supply/installation & commissioning of Micro-computer alongwith customised application software package for automation. Tender schedule available from the above office from 6-7-91 to 11-7-91. Tenders must be submitted within 2 pm of 31.7.91 at the tender box kept at above office.

Director General, Directorate General Defence Purchase, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 invites sealed tenders from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors for supply of a BC-3491 Flan-nelate 10.00 C.M. wide gty 18.900 decametre (10 metre roll). Tender schedule available from 30 June '91 to 13 July '91 up to 1200 hrs. Tenders will be opened on 15th July '91 at 1000 hrs.

Director General, Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, Dhaka Cantt, invites sealed tenders from Manufacturers/Suppliers for purchase of spectacles during the year 1991-92 for Armed Forces Personnel. Tenders will be received up to 1300 hrs of 16 July, 1991. For details please contact the above address.

DGMS TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF SPECTACLES

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by DGMS from Manufacturers/Suppliers for purchase of spectacles as per following specifications during the year 1991-92 for Armed Forces Personnel. Sealed tenders will be accepted up to 1300 hours on 16 July, 1991 and opened at 1400 hours on the same day.

- a. Complete spectacles with 1st quality English single vision spherical lenses in frame No 1401 and a case.
b. Complete spectacle with 1st quality English single vision cylindrical lenses in frame No. 1401 and a case.
c. Complete spectacles with 1st quality English bifocal kryptok spherical lenses in frame No. 1401 and a case.
d. Complete spectacle with 1st quality English bifocal kryptok compound lenses in frame No. 1401 and a case.
e. Complete spectacles with 1st quality English aphakic (cataract) lenses in frame No. 1401 and a case.

In view of above, tenderers may submit quotation for the same showing break down rates of frames/lenses & country of origin. When the rates quoted are acceptable, a contract deed will be signed under the agreement of which the supplier will supply spectacles to personnel of different units of the Armed Forces as per requirements during the year 1991-92.

EARNEST MONEY: An amount of Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft in favour of Director General Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, Dhaka Cantonment will have to be deposited along with the tender schedule as earnest money and the same is refundable.

The DGMS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

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