

What's on today

Show of 'Corps a Coeur'

A show of the French film 'Corps a Coeur' will take place at the Alliance Francaise auditorium (26, Mirpur Road) in the city today (Monday) at 8.30 pm.

The film is based on a story saying, a young mechanic falls madly in love with a beautiful pharmacist much older than himself. As she persists in rejecting him, he lays siege to her pharmacy till she is moved in spite of herself to accept. (Starring Nicolas Silberg and Helene Surgere).

BCU detenus release day

CPB-backed Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will observe today (Monday) a countrywide 'detenus release day' demanding release of all political leaders including BCU leaders Shah Alam, of the Dhaka University, Depayan Khishna of Bandarban, Shahidur Rahman of Manikganj.

Rallies will be held at different parts of the country on the day.

BSCIC annual confce

The two-day annual conference of the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) begins at the BSCIC Head Office in the city today (Monday). Industries Secretary Shaul Alam will inaugurate the conference at 9 am as chief guest.

BSCIC Chairman Moniruzzaman Choudhury will be in the chair.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of the book 'Howar Banshi' written by Sadia Choudhury Porag will be held at the Vishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium in the city today (Monday) at 4 pm.

Organised by Bangladesh Muslim Sahitya Samaj, the function will be chaired by Dr Ashraf Siddiqi while Poet Saaber Ahmed Choudhury will attend as the chief guest.

BFUJ President Rezauddin Ahmed, film producer Anwar Sharif will be special guests on the occasion.

Other discussants on the book include: Poet Mufakkkharul Islam, Prof Shahed Ali, Prof Abdul Gafur, Dr Khandkar Reazul Haq, Dr Jahannara Begum, Poet Nurul Huda Choudhury, Md Alamgir, Hafizur Rahman, Ahmed Kafil, Badrul Ameen Khan and Kazi Salahuddin.

Seminar on USSR incidents

Ganatantrik Biplabi Jote will hold a seminar on the current incidents in the Soviet Union and struggle for socialism at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University today (Monday) at 4.30 pm.

Badruddin Omar, Manzurul Ahsan Khan, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, AFM Mahbubul Haq and Anu Mohammad will address the seminar. Jote central committee President Abeer Hassan will be in the chair.

... and tomorrow

Discrimination against women

The observance of the 10th anniversary of the entry-into-force of the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women will take place tomorrow (Tuesday).

The convention on women is one of the most important legal instrument for the establishment of true gender equality worldwide.

The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the convention on December 18, 1979 and opened it for signature on March 1, 1980 which entered into force on September 3, 1981. By now the convention has been acceded to or ratified by 106 states parties including Bangladesh.

In observance of the day, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre in Dhaka will hold a discussion meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4 pm at the centre premises. Poet Sofia Kamal will attend the meeting as chief guest.

HERE and THERE

Jatiya chetona kendra

Jatiya Chetona Kendra on Sunday arranged a discussion on Language Movement at Dhanmondi in the city.

Prof Ferdous Khan presided over the discussion where Justice Abdur Rahman was present as chief guest.

The speakers recalled the great Language Movement and vowed to uphold its spirit in the country for future generation.

Workshop on disaster management

A four-week workshop on disaster management was inaugurated in Meteorological Department at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on Saturday.

Prof Abdullah Farouk, Treasurer of the Dhaka University, inaugurated it which was organised by South Asian Disaster Management Centre of International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology.

The workshop will enable the Bangladeshi experts in handling the disaster situation.

Republican Party

National Republican Party on Sunday expressed its satisfaction over the move to make a friendly relations with neighbouring India.

Party President Jahir Khan in a press release also expressed hope that the Tin Bigha corridor would be handed to Bangladesh before December 16 of the current year.

He also criticised the comments of Biswa Hindu Parishad leader regarding Tajmahal.

Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Assoc

Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Association arranged a reception on Saturday at a Chinese Restaurant at Kakrail in observance of the Libyan Revolution Day.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan was the chief guest the reception while Charge de Affairs of Libya in Bangladesh Hamad A Abdel Wahed was present as special guest on the occasion.

It was presided over by Advocate S A Latif, President of the Association and was addressed by the General Secretary, Mohammad Mainul Islam.

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Discussion on discrimination against women Sept 4

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a discussion meeting Wednesday in observance of the 10th anniversary of entry-into-force of the Convention to end discrimination against women, reports UNB.

Under the aegis of United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), poet Begum Sofia Kamal will attend the meeting as chief guest.

The convention was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 18, 1979 and ratified on September 3, 1981, by 106 countries including Bangladesh.

On the faith of the United Nations charter of fundamental human rights, the convention was signed to take legal and practical measures to ensure equal treatment of men and women in the world.

Commemorative stamps

Bangladesh Postal Department will soon release two commemorative stamps on the martyrs of the anti-autocratic movement. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka Sunday, reports UNB.

The two stamps will carry the symbol of Noor Hossain and Zehad, who were killed on November 10, 1987 and October 10, 1989 respectively, said the Prime Minister at a public meeting.

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) organised the meeting at Manik Miah Avenue to mark its 13th founding anniversary.

Begum Zia said, "We may not be able to compensate the loss to the families of those who laid down their lives for the cause of democracy. But, we'll do our best to show respect to the memory of the martyrs."

Investment climate exists in Bangladesh : Japanese team

CHITTAGONG, Sept 1: Leader of the visiting high-powered Japanese Trade and Investment delegation, K. Ikeda said here that a very favourable investment climate existed for foreigners in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He said that his delegation had come to Bangladesh to examine feasibility for expansion of Japanese investment in different fields as well as expansion of bilateral trade.

Ikeda was speaking at a meeting of the members of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCC and I) at the chamber house here today.

He expressed satisfaction at the increasing Japanese investment in Bangladesh saying 'we are surveying different fields for more and more Japanese investment.'

Earlier, President of CCC and I engineer Ali Ahmad, welcoming the Japanese delegation to the chamber, explained in details the facilities available for foreign investment in Bangladesh. He particularly mentioned that the Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) at Patenga offered unique opportunities for foreign investment. The zone had attracted the attention of the Japanese investors and some of them had established industries there, he said.

The Chamber President

thanked the members of the delegation for showing keen interest in development of Bangladesh economy, particularly, the industrialisation programme.

The member of Japanese delegation also visited Chittagong Export Processing Zone where the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority, Chairman Brig (Retd) A K M Azizul Islam informed them of the functioning of the Zone. Brig (Retd) Islam told them that the CEPZ was Asia's low cost production

base considering the fiscal and other incentives provided by Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA).

He told them that 41 industrial units were engaged in production in the zone while another 12 units would go into production very soon.

The BEPZA Chairman said that so far 74 industries had been sanctioned for the CEPZ of which 33 were owned by foreign investors, 21 were joint ventures and the rest belonged to Bangladeshi investors.

Plea to cast 'no' vote in referendum

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at three separate rallies of Freedom Party on Sunday urged the people to cast 'no' vote in the September 15 referendum.

The rallies were held at Sabujbag, Uttara and Lalbag areas. After the rallies separate processions were also brought out in support of 'no' vote, says a press release issued by the party.

Farooq Reza, Saiful Islam, Sultan Mahmud, Sheikh Selim, Salahuddin Ahmed, Humayun Kabir and Rubayat Rahman were among those who addressed the rallies.

Scouts workshop Sept 6

The first National Social Development Evaluation Workshop of Bangladesh Scouts will begin from September 6 at Mouchak National Scout Training Centre, reports UNB.

The five-day workshop sponsored by Bangladesh Scouts and Asia Pacific Region of World Scout Organisation will be participated by scout leaders from home and abroad, says a press release.

The workshop will discuss the social development activities, analyse the present situation of social development projects already implemented, exchange views on project planning and implementation

Role of Tamuddun Majlish recalled

Speakers at a discussion meeting in the city Sunday recalled the glorious role played by the Tamuddun Majlish in establishing Bengali as one of the state languages of the then Pakistan, reports BSS.

They opined that the movement pioneered by the Majlish under the able leadership of Principal Abul Kashem and others was initiated to honour the legitimate rights of majority of the people. It also waged movement to uphold the cultural identity of the majority people, they said.

Organised on the occasion of 44th founding anniversary of Tamuddun Majlish, the discussion meeting was chaired by Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf. Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury was the chief guest on the occasion. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Sanaullah Noori, Editor of the Dainik Janata and Prof Shamsur Ali of Dhaka University. Prof Abdul Gafur, General Secretary of the Majlish, welcomed the guests.

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury while narrating his association with the activities of the Majlish as a member of the Dhaka University in late forties, lamented the spread of campus violence which is eating up the very vitals of the posterity. He said the guardians and parents are now more concerned about the physical safety of their wards, than seeing them attaining degrees.

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