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Fraternity confce begins

CITTAGONG, Nov 1: A two-day conference on national fraternity began at the Muslim Institute Hall here under the auspices of Jatiya Samprity Parishad (National Fraternity Council), reports HSS.

The inaugural session of the conference held at the Shaheed Minar was followed by a seminar on 'Jatiya Samprity Ganatantrik Chetana' at the Muslim Institute.

Parishad President Begum Unpatul Fazel inaugurated the seminar while Justice Kamaluddin Hossain presided.

Professor Sayed Manzurul Islam of Dhaka University read the main article at the seminar. Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Anisuzzaman, Dr Hayat Mahmud, and journalist Sharif Raja took part in the seminar.

A cultural function was also held at the Muslim Hall in the evening.

Two seminars and a cultural function will be held at the same venue today (Saturday).

Namaz-e-Janaza of Sabera Huq held

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Sabera Huq, wife of Syed Ashraful Huq, a former national cricketer and former General Secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, was held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque premises Friday evening, reports BSS.

Sabera Huq was killed in a road accident on Sharjah-Dubai Highway on October 24. Huq, who is also chairman of the Associate members of the International Cricket conference, was seriously injured in the accident.

Earlier, Huq along with the body of Sabera Huq was flown to Dhaka from Dubai in the afternoon.

The Qul-khwani of Sabera Huq will be held at the residence of her husband at Tejuri Para in the city Wednesday after Asr prayer.

Plea to create social awareness against drug abuse

The need for creating social awareness against drug abuse was underscored at a function in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

The function, marking the publication of a report on 'Drug problems in Bangladesh and its prevention' by United Youth of Bangladesh, was chaired by former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, Prof Emajuddin Ahmed.

Chairman of the Board of Editors of the Dainik Ittefaq and The New Nation, Moinul Hossain attended the function as the chief guest.

Held at the Jatiya Grantha Kendra Auditorium, the function was also addressed by Director-General of the National Museum Nizamuddin, Dr Badrul Alam and Dharendra Chandra Nath.

Barrister Moinul Hossain called for eliminating the causes behind the drug addiction.

He said the youth of the society had become frustrated due to social unrest, unemployment problem and campus violence. The educational institutions of the country had become 'the field of armed conflict' instead of 'the seat of learning', he said.

Prof Emajuddin said the drug problem was polluting the society. In the past, people of the upper and lower classes were addicted to drugs but now the youth force had started using it, he said.

JAGPA rally today

By Staff Correspondent Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) will hold a rally at Kaptan Bazar today (Saturday) and later bring out a procession protesting the government failure to containing the spread of terrorism and checking prices of essentials.

Bangladeshi woman wins Margaret Sanger award

A South Asian woman is the winner of Margaret Sanger Award, Planned Parenthood's highest honour.

Mulaweza (Mustari) Khan of Bangladesh has won this top honour for her tireless efforts in the family planning movement in Bangladesh.

"She is truly a pioneer," said Planned Parenthood's Dr David Weintraub in a telephone interview. "This is our most prestigious award, and I nominated her for it." He explained that he had been with the organization for 22 years, and "I've only nominated two other people for the award."

In 1975, Khan founded Concerned Women for Family Planning (CWFP), an organization which is now a leading provider of family planning services and education in Bangladesh.

CWFP is a completely voluntary movement — by and for women — which employs a door-to-door approach to bring fertility and contraceptive awareness to women living in the slums of Dhaka city.

Khan travelled to Dallas, Texas to receive the Margaret Sanger Award in person in a ceremony October 20. The honour is bestowed annually upon individuals who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing reproductive health and reproductive rights, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc said in a news release announcing the award ceremony.

Today, CWFP is a multi-faceted organization that ad-

resses not only family planning issues, but also maternal and child health care services, adult education, skill development, and income-generating activities for women who live under some of the most deprived conditions in the world," the release said.



Hailing Khan's accomplishments, Planned Parenthood praised the CWFP, saying it is a "highly effective house-to-house approach, initiated in response to the specific cultural and religious environment of Bangladesh." Khan's organization, it said, has become "a service model for other non-governmental organizations in the country."

Khan, the executive director of the CWFP since 1977, has expanded her organization's work to other urban and rural areas of Bangladesh.

"Recognizing the critical need for professional training, she began a staff training programme that has trained more than 5,000 family planning personnel," the release points out.

CWFP, through technical assistance and support, has expanded its influence far beyond Bangladesh. There are now some 150 women's organizations providing similar services in Bangladesh, "as a direct result of Mrs Khan's leadership and success," the news release reported.

And the CWFP is relied upon across borders: It now serves as a resource for family planning organizations in Nepal, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India, according to the release.

Planned Parenthood was founded by Sanger in 1960, and the organization established the Margaret Sanger Award in 1966, the year of her death. That year, the award was given to US President Lyndon Baines Johnson and to the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Honorees are chosen based upon their contribution in the areas of "public advocacy, law, research, education, medicine, religion, and other specialties," and are selected based upon recognition of national leadership. — USIS Feature

HERE and THERE

Jatiya Party

Leaders and workers of greater Faridpur district Jatiya Party on Friday met the Organising Secretary of Jatiya Party, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar at his residence at Mohammadpur.

Addressing the workers, Zafar said the turmoil in the economic, political and social system of the country indicates that the government has totally failed to rule the country. He said a mid-term election is now the only way to handover power to an able government.

Ganotantrik Shakti

The General Secretary of Progotishil Ganotantrik Shakti, Wahiduzzaman in a statement on Friday expressed his surprise at the reported withdrawal of one million US dollar Belgium fund from the health sector due to dilly-dallying in finalising the project.

In another statement he urged the government to send immediate relief to the tornado-hit people Narahndi and Brahmanbaria.

Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan

A workers meeting of Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan Friday condemned the move to construct Ramia Mandir by demolishing the Babri Mosque in India.

The meeting also asked all to be patient in the face of all instigation.

The meeting also lauded the move of the Indian Premier in protecting the mosque.

Samajtantrik Dal

The General Secretary of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Humayun Kabir Hiron on Friday said the constructive role of JSD in politics has given the base for constitutional politics in the country.

Addressing a meeting at Narayanjan JSD office, he called upon the professionals to be united in the movement for democracy.

Aobhan

Aobhan, an anti-drug organisation on Friday brought out a silent procession in the city on the occasion of National Youth Day.

The processionist later held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club. The rally was addressed by Md Aminur Rahman Shipu and Md Syed Hasan, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation.

Pen-Pals Club

Speakers at a discussion meeting organised by international Pen-Pals Club on Friday called for a sound policy and programme for employment of the unemployed youths.

Presided over by the Club President, Mahbubuddin Chowdhury the meeting was addressed by Md Musa, Md Sharif, Javed Chowdhury and Pervin Khushi.

Lions Club

Lions District-315A, Bangladesh on Friday organised a youth rally on the occasion of the world Youth Day, 1991.

The rally started from Bijoy Sarani and terminated at Bangladesh Lions Bhaban premises at Agargaon. Hundreds of Leo members also participated in the rally. In Humayu Zahir, District governor, Lions District -315A led the rally.

Call to make JS effective

Sheikh Razzak Ali, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad stressed the need for tolerance and spirit of mutual cooperation as the precondition for consolidating the emergence of democracy through the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

Both the government and the opposition parties must demonstrate their will to make the Jatiya Sangsad rally effective instead of making it into a debating forum, he said.

The Sangsad Speaker was speaking at the scholarship awarding function of the Feni Zila Samity as the chief guest in Dhaka Friday evening at a local hotel.

Fifty-eight students, both boys and girls, from schools, colleges, madrassas and university level were awarded scholarships for their meritorious results.

The function was presided over by the Samity President, Mohammad Mosharraf Hussain and was addressed by Brigadier Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Journalist, M A Kasem, Sarwar Jahan, General Secretary of the Samity, Advocate Wahedur Rahman of the scholarship committee, Syed Zaul Karim Belal.

Textile Minister Major (Retd) MA Mannan, Mahbubul Alam (Tara), Whip of the BNP Parliamentary Party and Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury, President of the Dhaka University Teachers Association, who also spoke, were the special guests on the occasion.

Tk 100 cr Islamic Foundation Complex under study

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan Thursday said a scheme for establishing an Islamic Foundation Complex in Dhaka at a cost of Taka 100 crore was under active consideration of the government, reports BSS.

Addressing as the chief guest at a certificate giving ceremony to the Imams, the

State Minister said a permanent Imam Training Institute would be vital component of the complex, according to an official source.

A total of 86 Imams from 19 districts received training under the 268th batch of Imam training programme. He said 28,000 Imams had taken training so far

Environmental standards await Govt approval

By Mostafa Kamal Majumder

Environmental quality standards (EQS), drafted after years of study, is awaiting approval of the government for the last six months.

Drinking water should be free from harmful bacteria and the total faecal coliforms must not exceed two in every hundred millilitres, according to the draft EQS.

The draft EQS is the first comprehensive document fixing the maximum levels of different forms of pollution to achieve and maintain acceptable standards of environmental components, in particular water and air quality to avoid health hazards.

A 50-member committee of experts took part in the exercise to prepare the draft EQS at the initiative of the Department of Environment (DOE). The department had earlier prepared tentative standards for water and industrial water quality in 1976 and 1980. Those, however, proved insufficient.

The draft EQS deals with seven broad areas of pollution — water, air, noise, sewage, industrial, odour and soil. And in each area standards have been proposed for different categories.

Water, for instance, has been divided into seven categories like drinking water,

recreational water, fishing water, industrial water, irrigation water, livestock water and coastal water and then standards have been set against about one hundred parameters.

Prof K Ikhtyar Omar of Engineering University who was in the committee of experts told The Daily Star the maximum allowable limit of coliforms in drinking water has been reduced from four to two per hundred millilitre. Standards in respect of other parameters have been fixed with a little bit of relaxation keeping in view the level of economic development and technological capabilities of the country, he said.

The EQS, now awaiting approval of the government, will be just a beginning. The standards will grow gradually through practice. The people, particularly the entrepreneurs need to be motivated to follow the standards and help keep pollution within allowable limits, according to experts.

In respect of air pollution standards have been fixed for four categories against four parameters. The maximum limit of suspended particles in air in residential areas has been fixed at 200 micrograms per cubic metre. In sensitive areas it is 100 micrograms, in commercial and industrial areas

400 and 500 micrograms per cubic metre respectively.

The limit of noise pollution has been set at 45 and 35 decibels at day time and night time in areas having hospitals and educational institutions, 50 and 40 decibels in day and night hours respectively in residential areas, 60 and 50 decibels respectively in commercial and industrial purposes, 70 and 60 decibels in commercial areas, and 75 and 70 decibels in industrial areas.

The maximum allowable limit in workplace is 90 decibels if working for eight hours a day, and 80 decibels if working for more than eight hours a day. EQS calls for providing ear plug or ear muffs by plant management to workers who work with a noise level exceeding 80 decibels.

The draft EQS sets standard values for industrial effluent against about 70 parameters, and standard values for industrial emission against 35 parameters.

It suggests standard values for odour against eight parameters, but refrains from setting any standards for oil pollution on the plea that it is not urgent at the present stage.



A conference of all regions was held at Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat auditorium in the city Friday

Inter-religion harmony a must for global peace

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a conference of all religions on Friday urged the people of all faiths to know and learn each other's religion to foster communal harmony in the world.

Organised by the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiya, the conference of all religions was held at the Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat Auditorium in Dhaka in the afternoon.

Presided over by the national Amir of the Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh, Muhammad Mustafa Ali, the conference was attended by

the Acting Chief of the Archbishop house Father Benjamin Decosta, the President of the Andharmanik Guzra Sambodhi Vihar, Chittagong, Jananaloqa Mahathero, Maulana Abdul Awal Khan Chowdhury and the Editor of Rihitupatra Alhaj Ahmed Toufik Chowdhury.

Speaking about the ideals of the Prophet Muhammad (SM), Maulana Abdul Awal Khan Chowdhury said that it was the prophet's teaching to respect people of other religions. "Not only did he preach it, he also

practised it in his own life," he added.

Termining the internationality shown by the Prophet as unprecedented, he pointed out that the Prophet also urged Muslims never to destroy places of worship of other religions and never to harm people or leaders of another religion.

"The Jananaloqa Mahathero called on all to let people of all religions to live peacefully saying that the teachings of Buddha is 'Maha Maitri'. The more we can implement the ideas of Buddha, the better it will be for all of us, he maintained.

Ahmed Toufik Chowdhury called upon all peace-loving people of the country to make efforts of the conference a success to bring about social harmony.

Advertisement for 'নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Nilam Bijganpti) regarding a court case. It includes details about the case, the parties involved, and the court's decision.

(RHD) Short Notice Inviting Tender Sealed Tender Invited in BD Form No. 2911

- 1. Tender Notice No: 15/DC-I. of 1991-92.
2. Name of work: Upgrading work by providing bituminous seal coat over 25 mm thick carpeting, 100 mm thick consolidation and 250 mm sub-base and sand cushioning at 14th km (part) of F. M. L. Road under Eastern Road Sub-Divn. Banani, Dhaka during 1991-92.
3. Estimated Cost: Tk. 7,44,275/-
4. Earnest money: Tk. 14,886/- in B. D. T. C. / N. D. S. certificate in favour of E. E. RHD, Road Divn. I. Dhaka from any schedule bank.
5. Time allowed: 45 (forty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor: 'A' to 'D' class enlisted contractor of RHD of general category.
7. Name of Offices of availability of tender documents: Office of the Ex. Engr. (RHD), Road Divn. I/II/III/IV, Dhaka/ Preliminary Engineering Divn. Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban/ Planning and Programming Divn. Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/ S. D. E. (RHD), East/West/III. at Joy.1st Line Work Shop Sub-Divn. Constn. Road Divn. I. Dhaka/ S. D. E. (RHD) Manikgonj Road Sub-Divn. Road Divn. II, Dhaka/Road Sub-Divn. Shibpur under Road Divn. III, Dhaka and Road Sub-Divn. Sreenagar under Road Divn. IV, Dhaka.
8. Name of Officers to receive tender bids: SE. DRC/SE. Planning and Design Circle, Sarak Bhaban/ SE. Project Control Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/ Ex. Engr. (RHD), Road Divn. I. Dhaka/ S. D. E. (RHD), East/West/III. at Joy. / 1st Line Work Shop Sub-Divn. under Constn. Road Divn. I. Dhaka/ Manikgonj Road Sub-Divn. under Road Divn. II, Dhaka/ Shibpur Road Sub-Divn. under Road Divn. III, Dhaka and Sreenagar Road Sub-Divn. under Rd. Divn. IV, Dhaka. The concerning officers after receiving the tender bids will not open the tender and same will be sealed by him with due seal and signature on the body of the cover and the same shall be sent to the Suptg. Engr. (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka within 12-00 Noon on next day fixed for receiving of tender. The tender bids will be opened centrally by the Suptg. Engr. (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka at 12-30 P. M. on the following day fixed for receiving the tender in presence of the contractor if any.
9. Last date of receipt of tender: Up to 12-00 Noon on 10-11-91.
10. Date and time of opening of bids: At 12-30 P. M. on 11-11-91 in the office of the SE, (RHD) D. R. C. Dhaka

Gyas Uddin Ahmed Executive Engineer (RHD), Constn. Road Divn. I. Dhaka.

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- 1. Tender Notice No: 8/J.R.D. of 1991-92.
2. Name of work: Construction of Bituminous (flexible) pavement work at 1st (part) K. M. of Sreebordi-Bakshigonj Road under Jamalpur Road Division during the year-1991-92.
3. Estimated Cost: Tk. 6,34,893/-
4. Earnest money: Tk. 12,698/-
5. Time allowed: 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor: 'A' to 'C' class general category contractors of Roads and Highways Department & 'D' general category contractors of Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh.
7. Name of Offices of availability of tender documents: Office of the undersigned & the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Mymensingh/ Tangail/ Kishoregonj/ Preliminary Engineering Divn. Dhaka/Dhaka Road Construction Divn. III, Allenbury, Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Planning and Programming Divn. Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Divn. Jaisalpur/ 1st Line Work Shop Sub-Divn. Jamalpur/ Sherpur under Road Divn. Jamalpur.
8. Name of offices to receive tender bids: Office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/ Project Control Circle, Dhaka/ Planning and Design Circle, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Divn. Sherpur under Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur and by the undersigned.
9. Last date of receipt: Upto 12-30 p.m. of 10.11.91
10. Date and time of opening of bids: At 12-45 p.m. of 10.11.91.

Md. Lutfur Rahman Executive Engineer, RHD, Jamalpur Road Division, Jamalpur.