

# Biswas underscores need for projecting culture

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Wednesday underscored the need for projecting the country's tradition, culture and heritage that enriched the nation through ages to the new generation, reports BSS.

Talking to a 12-member delegation of 'Matribhasha Parishad' (Mother Tongue Council) at Bangabhaban, the President said the rich folk-culture should be reached to the posterity so that they could follow the traditional life style of the country.

President Biswas said the educated section of the society would have to come forward for introducing Bangla in all the spheres of national life and

cultivating the mother tongue.

He sought cooperation of the members of the Matribhasha Parishad to make the mass literacy programme initiated by the present government a success.

The President also called for arranging memorial lectures in memory of the distinguished personalities of the country for their outstanding contribution in the fields of politics, education, art and culture.

The members of the delegation apprised the President that they would put in their best efforts for introducing

Bangla in all the strata of life and increasing the rate of literacy.

They also informed the President that their organisation had undertaken initiatives to bring one upazila of each district and slum areas of the capital under its mass literacy programme on voluntary basis.

The delegation, led by Secretary General of the Parishad Ulfat Rana, included Prof. Abdul Mannan, Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui, Gazi Shamsur Rahman, Mostafa Monwar, Dr. Ali Ahmed, Barrister Roushan Ali, Dr. A. Baset and Murtuza Kamal.

## ECNEC okays projects worth Tk 377.15 cr

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) Wednesday approved eight development projects involving a total outlay of Tk 377.15 crore with a foreign exchange component of Tk 38.86 crore, reports BSS.

The approval was given at an ECNEC meeting chaired by Finance Minister M. Salfur Rahman held at Secretariat cabinet room in Dhaka.

The approved projects are: rural development project (infrastructure development of greater Comilla) under local government (LG) division of LGRD and Cooperative Ministry.

North and north-west flood control project of greater Dhaka city, and land acquisition and delta development project under the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control.

Youth training centre establishment in Feni, Bogra, Mymensingh and Jessore under the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Community based family development project under the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Re-development project of Bangladesh Agriculture University under fourth five-year plan.

Balancing Modernising and Rehabilitation (BMR) project of Kaderia Textile Mills under Ministry of Textile.

## 1049 educational institutions in city: JS told

Education Minister Jamir Uddin Sircar Wednesday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that there are 1049 educational institutions in the Dhaka city, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Mohammad Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat-Pabna), the minister said these educational institutions include 23 government primary schools, 210 non-government primary schools, 11 government colleges, 38 private colleges, one government madrasa, 21 private madrasas and 282 kindergartens.

## What's on today . . .

### Muktijuddher Chetana committee

Muktijuddher Chetana Bastabayan Committee will hold a press conference today (Thursday) at the hall room of the National Press Club at 5 pm. Organisers of the committee will speak on the future programmes and strategies of the committee.

### Shapla Shaluk

Shapla Shaluk, a cultural organisation for children, will begin today (Thursday) its two day long Shapla Shaluk Mahasammelan (grand conference)-1999 at the Shishu Academy Auditorium at 9.30 am.

The inaugural session will be presided over by Shankar Chowdhury Uzzal while Begum Sufia Kamal, and Humayan Kabir will be the chief guest and special guest respectively.

### Goethe Institute Dhaka

Goethe Institute Dhaka, the German Cultural Centre will hold a panel discussion on the 'Implications of staging foreign plays in Bangla' at the centre's auditorium at 4.30 pm.

### Bangla Shahitya Parishad

The 98th meeting on literature of Bangla Shahitya Parishad will be held today (Thursday) at the Parishad Auditorium at 5 pm.

Sajjad Hossain Khan will preside over the meeting and poet Mahbub Bari and poet Mukul Chowdhury will take part in the discussion.

### Lions Club of Dhaka Oriental

Board of Directors and regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Oriental will be held today (Thursday) at 5.30 pm at Janata Insurance Co Ltd Kauran Bazar Branch, 39, Kauran Bazar. All members have been requested to attend the meeting.

## HERE and THERE

### Commitment

Abul Kalam Azad, President of Commitment, a voluntary organisation, in a statement Wednesday congratulated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the members of her cabinet for adopting the National Environmental Policy.

He also thanked Environment Minister Abdullah al-Noman.

The Commitment President suggested increased publicity of the policy for creating awareness among the people and urged all to maintain habitable environment.

### Janadal

Janadal held a discussion meeting and a cultural function to celebrate the Bangla New Year Tuesday at its central office at Dhanmondi.

Presided over by Janadal Chairman Khandaker Mahtabuddin, the discussion was also addressed among others by Secretary General Shamshad, Vice Chairman Abul Hasan, Abdur Rab, Matin Chowdhury, and Syeda Alsana.

### Legal Aid Society

Bangladesh Legal Aid Society at a special meeting at its office Wednesday condemned those papers which published false news of Saudi King banned preaching of the Ayat 34 of Sura Al-Namal.

The meeting observed that publication of such news was an attempt to tarnish the image of the Khadem of the holy mosque.

## Help resolve refugee issue, EC to Myanmar

The European Community and its member states urged Myanmar to cooperate with neighbouring countries and concerned agencies to resolve the refugee problem, reports UNB.

They hoped the Myanmar authorities would cooperate with the neighbouring governments, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs facilitating return of the Myanmar refugees on "appropriate assurances that their civil and human rights be respected," according to a press release issued in Dhaka Wednesday.

They also urged the Myanmar government to refrain from further military and any other repressive action against minorities in Myanmar.

The EC and its member states recalled their statement made on March 20 expressing great concern at the

repressive actions against the Myanmar minorities, particularly the plight of Rohingyas who fled to Bangladesh, numbering about 200,000.

They also regard with great apprehension the military offensive against Karens which has led to the influx of Karen refugees into Thailand.

In this context, EC and its members welcomed the visit of UN Secretary-General's representative, Jen Eliasson to Bangladesh and Myanmar as part of the ongoing effort to find solution to a situation "seriously threatening regional stability and worrying the international community."

## Parties resent plan to retrench workers

### By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of different political and trade union organisations have resented the government plan to retrench surplus workers from the country's sector corporations.

In separate statements Wednesday they said the government decision of retrenchment of the workers would destabilise the country's economic situation and increase unemployment. The proposed retrenchment was a conspiracy against the working class of the country, the leaders added.

Signatories to the statements are: Jatiya Samik Party leader Shah Muhammad Abu Zafar, General Secretary MA Gafur, Convenor of Bangladesh Railway Samik Sangha Abul Fazal Hossain and Joint Convenor Abu Taher, Bangladesh Samik Sangha leader SM Shamsul Huq, and Joint Convenor of the Biplobi Chhatra Sangha Mahnu Rubel.

## 'Be vocal against fundamentalism'

### By Staff Correspondent

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali Tuesday said that there should be no place for religion in politics and urged all to be vocal against fundamentalism and communalism.

The Speaker was inaugurating a fortnight long exhibition of Nakshi Kantha (The embroidered quilt) organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and BRAC in the academy premises.

In his inaugural speech, the Speaker urged artists and literateurs to uphold the identity of the nation in their work.

The function presided over by academy director General Kamal Lohani was addressed, among others, by poet Shamsur Rahman.

## Pahela Baishakh in picture



Baishakhi Mela at Bangla Academy



Nakshi Kantha exhibition at Shilpakala Academy



A dance sequence of Surangama Shilpi Gosthi at Shilpakala Academy.



Songs programme of Chhayanat artistes at Ramna Batamul.



Rabirag artistes at Ramna Park.



Rhishiz Shilpi Gosthi's programme in front of Shishu Park.

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