

MPs club meet held

The 6th annual general meeting of the Parliament Members Club was held yesterday at its office at Shar-e-Bangla Nagar with Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain in the chair, reports BSS.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razaque Ali, who is the chief advisor of the club attended the meeting as the chief guest. The meeting discussed the draft constitution of the club and adopted it with certain amendments, according to a press release.

A large number of MPs including a few ministers and state ministers were present in the meeting.

Savar EPZ may be operative by year end

By Sharier Khan

Development of the export processing zone (EPZ) at Savar in Dhaka is nearing completion and it is expected that by the end of this year, investors will begin their activities there.

According to sources, out of the entire 142 acres of land acquired for the EPZ at Savar, 74 acres of land have so far been developed.

The EPZ authority is presently setting up utility lines, warehouses and other facilities there for industrial purposes.

A large number of foreign

and local investors has already contacted the EPZ authority for installation of industries in the zone.

Sources said, the present 74-acre zone is capable of accommodating 90 industries.

The rest of the land in that zone will be developed after the installation of all these industries.

It is expected that textiles, leather goods, electronics, high-tech engineering and similar specialised industries would be installed in the Dhaka EPZ.

EC to receive complaints about draft voters list till Aug 1

The Election Commission will receive complaints about the draft voters list, published on July 16, till August 1, reports UNB.

Any claim or objection regarding the draft voters list should be submitted in prescribed form to the revising authority, registration officer or assistant registration officer by post or directly.

The revising authority after proper enquiry and hearing will settle the claims or objections by August 13.



Jackfruits stacked up in lots at a roadside bazaar in Bhaluka, Mymensingh Tuesday for sale to wholesalers bringing them to Dhaka. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Environment and Forest
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Applications are invited for one National Consultant on Forest Tree Improvement for a FAO Regional Project for a period of Three months under the following Terms of Reference:

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative and direct supervision of the Chief Technical Adviser, the Consultant will perform the following:

- (i) Conduct the baseline study and prepare a report on:
 - (a) Current tree improvement programme/activities in the country to include seed orchard establishment, species provenance trials, tissue culture (tree, bamboo, rattan), vegetative propagation by rooting, cuttings, etc., including emphasis to be given to rattans and bamboos;
 - (b) Present level of production and use of genetically superior seed and propagules;
 - (c) Future requirement for superior

seeds and propagules, taking well into consideration reforestation/tree planting programmes by timescales;

- (d) Constraints on production and use of superior seeds and propagules and recommendation for overcoming them;
- (ii) Assist the National Focal Point in preparing a document detailing a suitable institutional framework, a tree/seed improvement programme, manpower requirement, linkages, extension aspects, and examine the feasibility of establishing a National Network of agencies involved in tree planting schemes, including NGOs and private sector (refer to schematic diagram, attached);
- (iii) Upon completion of the work, present the results in a workshop for technical discussion and review and finalize the report (on a diskette) based on the outcome;
- (iv) Perform other duties as required.

Duty Station : Bangladesh.
EOD : As soon as possible
Duration : 1.5 months
Language : English.

Application must reach the undersigned within two weeks of the publication of this advertisement in the newspaper.

DFP (G)13962-18/7 Karar Mahmudul Hasan
G-917 Deputy Secretary (Dev.)

Begum Rasheda made Secy of Jamaat's women wing

Begum Rasheda Khatun, MP, has taken over as the Secretary of Jamaat's women wing, reports UNB.

The women wing of Jamaat-e-Islami was reconstituted according to a decision of its central working committee.

Rasheda Khatun took oath as Women's Secretary Friday.

Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan administered the oath at a simple ceremony attended, among others, by party's Nayeb-Ameer Shamsur Rahman, Secretary General Moulana Matiur Rahman Nizami and Asstt Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid.

Experts to take steps for promotion of fruits, nuts

Horticulturists from several South Asian countries have agreed to inter exchange information and expertise for enhancement of nutritious fruits and nuts to help evolve sustainable environment, reports UNB.

Participating at the concluding session of a three-day workshop in the city Thursday agreed to make concerted efforts for promotion of under-utilised fruits and nuts.

Experts and resource persons from India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and host

Bangladesh took part at the workshop jointly organised by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Commonwealth Science Council (CSC).

They also agreed to collaborate with each other through a research network to be established jointly by Commonwealth Science Council (CSC), an affiliate of the Commonwealth and International Centre for Underutilised Crops (ICUC).

It said the network will initially be coordinated from UK and will include exchange of information, dissemination of germ plasm and exchange of staff.

The participating countries has also agreed to develop research programme keeping in view with the constraints and production and marketing of five underutilised fruits identified as priority.

The programme will concentrate on the prioritisation of fruit species as: Bangladesh — Jackfruit, India — Bevi, Malaysia — Mangosteni, Pakistan — Guava and Sri Lanka — Rambuta.

Exchange of germ plasm of jackfruit and bael was also emphasised in the seminar.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Nazmul Haq of ICUC, UK emphasised on inter cropping of different species for the overall development of under-utilised fruits and nuts of Asian region.

Dwelling on the importance of fruit procession he said, processing of fruits varieties could help promote nutritional and economic value.

The enhancement of fruits depends on promotion of marketing facilities without which possibilities of growing fruits and nuts is not possible," Dr Haq observed.

A K M Amjad Hossain, Director of Horticulture Research Centre said that the jackfruit has immense possibilities it has multipurpose other than uses as fruit.

Govt urged to solve issues on consensus

By Staff Correspondent
Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik Friday said that development efforts and poverty alleviation programme could not be successful without curbing terrorism in the country.

Addressing a rally organised by the CPB Uttara thana unit in the capital Manik demanded that the government be resolve the national issues on the basis of understanding and combat price spiral and improve law and order situation.

Presided over by Uttara thana unit President Col (Retd) Sarfuddin Ahmed, the rally was also addressed by General Secretary of the CPB city unit Muniruzzaman, and members Gazi Nazrul Islam, Dr Abdus Rahman, Mia Box and Abdul Hamid.

Manik in his address also said that the current budget had no direction for industrialisation and development.

LG recovered in Ctg, 1 held
CHITTAGONG, July 24: BDR personnel recovered one LG from the possession of a passenger of Dhaka bound bus at Dohajari checkpoint here on Wednesday last, reports BSS.

The following TV programmes are brought to you by
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Saturday, July 25

STAR TV
BBC
WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION

00:00	World Headlines
00:25	Timewatch
01:00	World News
01:25	News from London
02:00	World News
02:25	Question Time
03:00	World News
03:25	World News
04:00	World News
04:25	News from London
05:00	World News
05:25	Timewatch
06:00	World News
06:25	News from London
07:00	World News
07:25	Business Matters
08:00	World News
08:25	Newsnight
09:00	World News
09:25	TBA
10:00	World News
10:25	Japanese Language and People
11:00	World Headlines
11:25	Where on Earth...
12:00	World News
12:25	Network East
13:00	World News
13:25	Business Matters
14:00	World News
14:25	TBA
15:00	World Headlines
15:25	The Late Show
16:00	World News
16:25	How Do You Manage
17:00	World News
17:25	Spain on a Plate
18:00	World News
18:25	Network East
19:00	World News
19:25	Crime Ltd
20:00	World News
20:25	The Late Show
21:00	World News
21:25	World News Week
22:00	World Headlines
22:05	Great Railways of the World
23:00	World News
23:25	Network East

STAR Plus

00:00	Lou Grant
00:50	Hollywood Stars
01:00	Jackie Chan Special
02:30	Movie: Crime of Defeat
04:00	White Shadow
05:00	Annie McGuire
05:30	Runaway with the Rich & Famous
06:00	Matchhorn
07:00	Garfield
07:30	Terrahawks
08:30	Thunder Sub
09:00	Cartoon Classics
09:30	Smoggies
10:00	Family Spectals
11:00	Animated Classics
12:00	Insight: The Living Forest
13:00	Noisy Parker
14:00	Mattinee Classics: Fallen Idol
15:30	Beyond 2000
16:30	Ignance Theatre
18:00	Videofashion
18:30	White Shadow
19:30	Annie McGuire
20:00	Tattinger's
20:50	Hollywood Stars
21:00	Jackie Chan Special
22:30	Movie: The Watcher

PRIME SPORTS

00:00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Europe
02:00	VJ Danny McGill
05:00	The Day in Rock
05:10	VJ Sophia
05:30	Just Say Julie
06:00	MTV Party Zone
09:00	VJ Norie
11:00	MTV Mon Amour
12:00	VJ Andy Ingkavet
15:00	Australia Weekend
18:00	MTV Top 20 Countdown USA
20:00	The Week in Rock
20:30	Best of Saturday Night Live
21:00	MTV Party Zone

What's on today

Seminar on human development

The inaugural session of the seminar on "Human resources development: strategy & action plan", organised by the Human Resource Development forum today (Saturday) at the Sheraton hotel beginning at 10 am.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be the chief guest and Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuyan will be the special guest on the occasion.

NAP public meeting

National Awami Party (Bhasani) (NAP) will hold a public meeting near the New Market overbridge (today Saturday) at 5pm on the occasion of its founding day. Party Chairman Professor Nur Muhammad Kazi will preside the meeting.

Seminar on environment

A seminar on "Environmental improvement in Bangladesh", organised by the Institution of Engineers, will be held today (Saturday) at the seminar room of the institute at 5:30pm.

Abdullah al Noman, Minister for Environment, Forests, Fisheries and Livestock will be the chief guest on the occasion.

DMCH students sports

The annual sports competition organised by the Dhaka Medical College Students Union will be held today (Saturday) at the Engineering University field.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will attend as the chief guest while State Minister for Textiles Major (retd) Abdul Mannan and BUET Vice-Chancellor Dr Muhammad Shahjahan will be the special guests.

Ramkrishna Mission training centre

The inaugural ceremony of the new vocational training centre set up by the Ramkrishna Mission, Dhaka will be held today (Saturday) at 4pm in the mission premises.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain will be the chief guest on the occasion while it will be presided over by Justice Sri Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya.

PIB workshop

A six-day workshop for woman journalists on "Environment and development" will begin today (Saturday). Prof M Muniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University will inaugurate the workshop at PIB institute.

It is organised by PIB in collaboration with Panos institute of England.

Workshop at BMDC

The inaugural ceremony of the 'International workshop on computer modeling for jute market analysts' will take place today (Saturday) at 4.30 pm at the Bangladesh Management Development Centre (4, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road) in the city.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan and Jute Minister Brig (retd) Hannan Shah will grace the occasion as chief guest and special guest respectively.

BMDC and Economic and Social Institute of Vrije Universiteit of the Netherlands have jointly organised the workshop.

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ICTVTR meet

The opening session of the board of directors meeting of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR) will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at the Sonargaon hotel at 10am.

Abdul Mannan Bhuyan, Minister for Labour and Manpower will be the chief guest on the occasion.

Protest rally by textile mills owners

Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Powerloom Industries Association will hold a protest rally tomorrow (Sunday) in front of the National Press Club at 10am.

Discussion meeting

Narigrantha Prabartana will hold a discussion meeting tomorrow (Sunday) at its Shamoly office at 3:30pm.

Seminar on use of jute

Bangladesh Association of Scientists and Scientific Professions will organise a seminar on "Multiple use of Jute" tomorrow (Sunday) at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium beginning at 9am.

Brigadier (retd) ASM Hannan Shah, Minister for Jute, will be the chief guest on the occasion while it would be presided over by the President of the Association Dr MA Wazed Mian.



নানা প্রকার রাসায়নিক ও পারমাণবিক পরীক্ষা-নিরীক্ষা, বৃক্ষ নিধন, অতিরিক্ত জ্বালানী কাঠ ব্যবহার, যানবাহন, কলকারখানা, তৈল শোধনাগার ও তেলকূপ সমূহে অগ্নিকাণ্ড ইত্যাদি কারণে পৃথিবীর ওজন স্তরের ক্ষতি হওয়ায়

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