

Enrichment of zoo stressed

The fifth meeting of the advisory committee on zoo was held in the Pagoda house inside the Mirpur Zoo Thursday, reports BSS.

Minister for Environment, Forest and Fisheries-Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman presided over the meeting.

Local MP Harun-ur-Rashid Mollah, Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock AZM Nasiruddin, Director of Livestock Dr Nazir Ahmed, Chief Conservator of Forest NAM Katibi, representatives of the ministries of Agriculture, Home, RAJUK and City Corporation and SE Kabir and F Karim were present in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress of various development and beautification projects of the Mirpur Zoo and emphasised the need for enrichment of the zoo by collecting rare species from home and abroad. It was also decided to transfer the excess animals of the same species from the zoo in different process.

The meeting decided to develop fisheries in the thirty acres waterland in the zoo on commercial basis, plantation of fruits tree and cultivation of crops eatable to the zoo incumbents, re-plantation of the shops inside the zoo in a decent way and taking effective steps to get possession of the acquired land with the help of the local MP.



Begum Sufia Kamal addressing the fourth conference of the Jubo Union at the Institution of Engineers auditorium yesterday. Also seen in the picture Jahana Imam, Faiz Ahmed and Shamsuzzaman. — Star photo

Commercial extraction of minerals under study

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 28: Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharruf Hossain yesterday said that the government was now actively considering to commercially extract, produce

and utilise the mineral resources available in the seashore of the coastal areas of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of the national committee for the development of the mineral resources available in the seashore here. Committee members former Minister Dr RA Gani, Journalist Glas Kamal Chowdhury, Arefin Badal, O H Kabir, Lutfar Rahman and Chowdhury Bufad Ahmed were present at the meeting. Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Dr M A Mannan was also present.

The meeting was informed that there are about 18 lakh prospective mineral resources including zircon, monaite and magnetite in 17 pockets of Cox's Bazar district.

It was also informed that these mineral resources being used on a limited scale in some industries of the country. Due to paucity of funds the planned extraction and production of these mineral resources are not being possible.

Earlier, the committee members visited some mineral resourceful areas in Cox's Bazar and Teknaf.

An official handout said BNP government had set up a project at Cox's Bazar in 1979 to extract mineral resources from the coastal areas but during

the autocratic regime the project was closed down in 1986 all on a sudden.

The present BNP government assuming power has again initiated the process to reopen the project. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has formed a national committee led by Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharruf Hossain for this purpose and the committee is now making on the spot survey. The committee is expected to submit its report to the government very soon.

Engineers asked to work for uplift

Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Resources and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Huq said here yesterday that the people in the last general elections had given their verdict in favour of nationalist forces as a result of which the BNP got the majority, reports BSS.

Addressing the general meeting of the Association of Engineers, Bangladesh (AEB) at the Institution of Engineers, the minister said the wave of democracy and the spirit of nationalism had gripped the world and such development was evident in the eastern Europe where new countries emerged on the basis of nationalism.

Presided over by engineer L K Siddiqui MP, the meeting was addressed among others by Manzurul Ahsan Munshi MP, MA Razzak, Chairman of Water Development Board and Kazi Fazlul Karim, General Secretary of Engineering University, Central Students Union (EUCSU).

Majid-ul-Huq welcomed the initiative to establish AEB.

He urged the engineers to work for national development with a total commitment.

The minister cautioned the engineers against the anti-nationalist forces who, he said, were out to disrupt social peace.

Referring to the demands of the engineers the minister said the government was aware of their problems but, he added, steps were being taken to redress those gradually.

A Flare of Fashion

By Staff Correspondent

Husneara Begum, 56, originally from Sonargaon, Dhaka, held a day-long successful show of her boutique "Designer Line" at the Sheraton hotel in the "Melonee" hall, yesterday.

The entrepreneur — who works with her granddaughter Rumana, 22, a 1st year student of English, Dhaka University — had 100 entrees. There were clothes for all ages, ranging from over 10 to 50 years and over, considering the cotton "saris" of varied hues with satin stitch and "patti work" (applique).

The entrepreneur employs two Bihari tailors and two Bengali embroiderers. Speaking about the problems that she faced at work, she said that all the workers could not work in time, due to unscheduled "hantals"; the employees' so-called "sudden illnesses"; and the constant state of present unrest in town, as regards transport. Husneara said that she must supervise all the work herself or the work would go away.

What inspired her to go into the boutique business? All the girls and women wear such beautiful shalwar-kameez that I got inspired into trying my own hand, she replied.

Did she believe that she was unique in any way with her "kurta" and "kameezes" — with and sans "kallis" — along with her other assortment of accoutrements? "It is my personal belief that every designer is different, and has something new to offer," she replied.

Going by the prices of most of the clothes, which ranged from Tk. 1,400 and less to Tk 2,000, one found the prices reasonable. The designs and materials were also glamorous.

The designers' favourite item for sale was a 4-piece set. The "kameez" had 4 "kallis" with cutwork. The slip beneath, in cotton, had black dots on white, and the overall effect was gorgeous — as the main dress was a sophisticated black one. The cotton "dupatta" that



A view of the Designer Line show held at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. — Star photo

She furthermore said that shopping for three days a week at Chandni Chowk and Gulshan markets; and dealing with the catalogue hawkers; as well as obtaining the silk and "zari" from Mirpur, where Biharis dwelt, and the prices were cheap, were not easy tasks.

Being a widow, however, she enjoyed extending her hobby of hand embroidery to a boutique; working from the house — despite having four sons and three girls, and numerous obliging grandchildren — as it helped her tide over the vacant hours. She also liked to be independent, and who does not welcome some extra

went with it had block print with applique work.

There were cattles in black carts, along with human beings, presented in a geometrical manner. It had a high Chinese collar, with round matching cloth buttons, gracefully trailing right down to the hem. The price of the set was Tk 2,500.

Another pride item of the fashion designer was a synthetic, pinkish-brown "kameez" with fabric print, circle patterns and geometrical designs in pink, purple, silk and human figures in geometrical forms.

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Tender Notice. Includes details about the work, sealed tenders, and contact information for Md Faruque Hossain.

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Tender Notice. Sealed Tenders in T-I Form under reference PDD-15/92/407. Details about the tender process and contact information for the Chief Engineer.

Garments Sramik Karmachari Federation. A new organization formed for garment workers, with details about its objectives and leadership.

Biotech Research Centre seminar. Details about the inauguration of the second seminar at Dhaka University.

Chemical Workers' conference. Details about the central council session of the Bangladesh Chemical Workers' Federation.

Film show at German Cultural Centre. Details about a documentary film on political refugees.

Painting workshop at Shilpakala Academy. Details about a month-long workshop for artists.

Obituary. Details about the death of Abdul Karim Khan alias Karim Member, a philanthropist.

Executive Engineer. Details about the position and contact information for the Executive Engineer, Dist. Divn. PD Board, Patuakhali.