

Sircar leaves for Australia

Education Minister Barrister Jamrudin Sircar left Dhaka yesterday afternoon for Australia to attend a conference of Association for Science Cooperation in Asia to be held in Sydney on November 8-11, reports BSS.

AL MP hospitalised

Prof Rafiqul Islam MP (AL-Jessore-2), was admitted into Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital Thursday, reports BSS.

He has been suffering from asthma, high blood pressure and heart ailment.

Prof Islam is now under treatment of renowned heart specialist Prof Abu Zafar.



Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) cultural evening at its auditorium at Dhanmondi yesterday.

WVA cultural evening

By Staff Correspondent

Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) organised a cultural evening Friday in the city to raise funds, specially for the Disabled Children's Rehabilitation Centre (DCRC). The DCRC located in Dhanmondi is at present nursing about 20 disabled children. At the function, among others, well known singers Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna and Sadi Mohammad performed while Jewel Aiche gave a lighter touch to the evening through his magic show.

Workshop on Debate begins

By BUET Correspondent

Second National Workshop on Debate, organised by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Debating Club began yesterday. The workshop, under the auspices of Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) and Bangladesh Debating Federation (BDF) was inaugurated by the Chairman of the Editorial Board of The Daily Ittefaq Barrister Moimul Husein at the university auditorium. The three-day workshop, attended by at least 200 debaters from different colleges and universities, will be addressed by Dr Ali Asgar of BUET, Enayet Ullah Khan, Editor of the Weekly Holiday, Anis Ahmed, Asst Prof of Dhaka University and some other distinguished persons. Dr Inun Nishat, Director of Students Welfare, of BUET chaired the inaugural-function and Hafizul Haque Babar, Director of the workshop also spoke on the occasion.

S S Mukherjee's 'Sradha' held

The 'Sradha' of S S Mukherjee, a renowned tea planter of the country and founder chairman of Hill Plantation Ltd and Bangladesh Plantation Ltd, was held at the Dhakeswari Mandir on Friday, says a press release. The ceremony was attended by politicians, journalists, elite of the city, members of the tea community and other social welfare organisation. S S Mukherjee died on October 27.

HERE and THERE

Zahir Raihan Film Society

Zahir Raihan Film Society organised a 'French Film Session' which began on November 4 and ended on November 6 at the auditorium of the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka. 'Vagabond' by Agnes Varda, 'The House of the Berries' by Jacques Doniol-Valcroze and 'Darling Caroline' by Richard Pottier were shown in the session.

Chhatra League (B-K)

Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) Dhaka Medical College Unit organised a function Friday at 11 am for introducing the panel which will contest the forthcoming student union elections of the college. The function held at the

number one gallery of the college was addressed, by University Unit leader Obaidur Rahman Chunnua, Vice-President candidate Mia Md Mortaez Amin, General Secretary candidate Humayun Kabir Palash and Literary Secretary candidate M A Muhiit, with the present General Secretary of the Union Ahmed Jahid Hossain Sobel in the chair.

BDFC Bangladesh Diabetes Forecasting Centre (BDFC) began a week-long mobile camp Thursday in memory of late photo journalist Khairul Alam Khair, according to BDFC press release here. On the inaugural day the blood of 100 persons were examined under the supervision of BDFC Chairman Aminul Haq Bhuiyan.

A dream comes true

By Staff Correspondent

River cruise, a pastime — is no longer a dream to those who want to have a taste of riverine life in Bangladesh. A private tourist company, The Guide, Friday launched its regular sightseeing and river cruising package by a traditional country boat, known as Pinish. The boat originally built for a retired military official for recreation, was refurbished to make it convenient for tourists.

Hasan Mansur, Managing Director of the Guide, said that the 60-foot houseboat with both sails and a motor engine accommodates 30 to 40 people during day trip along with sleeping facilities for 10 for the overnight weekend trip during the full moon on the river Sitalakhya. Pinish, an admixture of local houseboat and Kashmiri Shikara, was widely used in the past by the Zamindars, the rich landlords during the British Raj for recreation. It was a mark of aristocracy which any landlord in Bengal cherished to possess.

Rabindranath Tagore made some of his best poetical compositions abroad his 'Chitra', a houseboat now preserved at Shilaidah Museum in Kushtia. Mansur said that The Guide offered two types of cruising — full day, and the weekend trip beginning from Thursday afternoon till Saturday afternoon. The full day cruising includes a drive from different

pick-up points in Dhaka city to Demra ghat, some 15 kilometers off the capital, he said. The weekend trip that starts from Demra and sails to Rupganj includes an overnight stay on Sitalakhya at Rupganj, near the police station, Mansur said. Dinner would be served in the background of the moonlit night.

From Friday through Saturday, there would be several stopovers for swimming and sightseeing at Kaliganj, Murapara Zamindar's palace, few temples and a short walk through the riverside hamlets. A full-day cruising for an adult costs Taka 750 while Taka 3,000 for a weekend trip. At the launching ceremony yesterday State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan termed the venture "a noble contribution towards the country's history of tourism."

He appreciated the entrepreneurs and suggested increased mobilisation of domestic tourists. The launching function took place at Kanchpur. The Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary, Habibur Rahman, also spoke. The Minister called upon the entrepreneurs to come forward to bolster tourism industry in the country. "The private investors have a lot of opportunity to promote tourism and uphold the country's tradition and culture to the foreign tourists," he said.

Govt fund likely for Bengali version of Tripitak

The traditional yellow robe presentation ceremony to Buddhist monks — 'Kathin Chibar Dan' was held yesterday afternoon amidst colourful religious rituals at the International Buddhist Monastery at Merul Badda, reports BSS.

The Minister of State for Religious Affairs, Prof M A Mannan, who was chief guest at a big religious gathering on the occasion said that establishment of democracy in Bangladesh is the outcome of united movement of the entire population, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Muslims. Presided over by most venerable Shilalankar Mahathero, supreme religious head of the Buddhist community, the function was held under the auspices of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation (BBF).

The function was addressed, among others, by venerable Jnasri Mahathero, Advocate S K Chowdhury, President of BBF, D P Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS, Martanda Pratap Barua and Dr Sumangal Barua. Dipankar Talukder MP from Chittagang Hill Tracts attended the function as special guest.

Monks from Chittagang, and other parts of the country took part in the religious ceremony attended by ambassador working in diplomatic missions.

In his speech Prof Mannan informed the gathering that a proposal to enhance the fund under Buddhist religious world-trust from Taka one crore to Taka 3 crore is under active consideration of the government. He hoped that the government will be able to provide funds in stages for translation of Buddhist religious scripture-Tripitak in Bengali for the first time in Bangladesh.

The State Minister said the Trust has already purchased all volumes of English and Pali texts of tripitak along with their commentaries at a cost of

more than Taka three lakh from their publishers in London. These books are now preserved in the central library being run by the Buddhist Welfare Trust. Prof Mannan hoped that translation of Tripitak in Bengali will enrich the studies of Buddhist philosophy and literature in the country. He announced a donation of Taka one lakh for the development of International Buddhist Monastery at Merul Badda.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate S K Chowdhury, President of the Bangladesh Buddhist Federation appealed to the government to provide necessary funds for purchasing three acres of land around the existing seven katha site of the Monastery. He also urged the government to allot a plot for setting up a cremation ground in Dhaka for the Buddhist.

D P Barua MD and Chief Editor of BSS referring to geographical location of Bangladesh emphasised the role of the Buddhist community in furthering cordial ties between Bangladesh and Buddhist populated countries of Asia. In his presidential address, Venerable Shilalankar Mahathero called upon all to uphold the teachings of Buddha for peace and harmony among the people.

Biman resumes Dhaka-Calcutta flight today

Biman, Bangladesh yesterday cancelled its flights No BG 091/BG 095 and BG 092/BOG 096 to and from Calcutta due to general strike in Calcutta, a Biman press release said, reports BSS.

All passengers booked to travel on these flights were adjusted on subsequent flights. Biman will resume its normal flights today, the press release added.



Khatib of Baitul Mokarram Mosque Maulana Ubaidul Huq addressing a public meeting at Motijheel demanding declaration of Qadianis as non-Muslims and punishment to the 'Murtads' yesterday.

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