

Tk 488.43cr agri projects to be implemented this fiscal

A total of 54 agricultural development projects at a cost of Taka 488.43 crore will be implemented throughout the country during the current financial year, an official release said Sunday, reports BSS.

This was disclosed at a review meeting on the progress of on-going projects of the Agriculture Ministry held at Bangladesh Secretariat with Agriculture Minister M. Majid-ul Haq in the chair.

Speaking on the occasion Haq laid emphasis on sustaining the prices of increased production.

He said the objectives of the government is to fulfil the basic needs of the people. Increased production of food would help in fulfilling all our basic needs, he said.

Majid-ul Haq directed the officials to complete the projects on schedule time.

Agriculture Secretary A. N. M. Eusuf and officials of the ministry and concerned departments were present.

NCC Bank training workshop begins

A three-day officers' training workshop on 'Monetary System and Banking Datum Reporting' was inaugurated Friday, says a press release.

The National Credit and Commerce Bank in collaboration with Bangladesh Bank organised the workshop.

Twenty five officers from different branches participated in the course.

The programme was inaugurated by Fariduddin Ahmed, Managing Director, NCC Bank. Nurul Islam, General Manager of Statistics Department of Bangladesh Bank, Statistics Division, is on his right. Ghulam Rahman, Executive Vice President & Mohammed Ali, Sr Vice President & Secretary are also seen on his left.

Mannan calls for quality production in mills

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiya Sunday stressed the need for increased production in mills and factories with improvement of quality to penetrate into today's competitive world market, he said.

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Kohl sees Asia as leading continent of next century

BONN, Sept 26: A four-day first Asian regional meeting on Rural Transport and Development begins here at Badarpur on Monday, reports UNB.

It is being organised jointly by Local Government Engineering Department, International Forum for Rural Transport and Development, UNDP and ILO.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Tahukder will inaugurate the meeting as chief guest.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibn Yusuf and Deputy Minister for LORD Abdul Hye will attend the inaugural session as special guests. Local Government Division Secretary Moshfiqur Rahman will preside.

At least 50 experts in the field of rural transport from India, Nepal, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, UK and host Bangladesh are scheduled to attend the meeting. Representatives of IFRTD, UNDP, ILO and World Bank are also expected to be present, organisers said.

A dynamic Asia policy ... therefore serves our elementary

Bankers' club formed

A new organisation 'Bankers' Club of Bangladesh' was formed in Dhaka on Friday, says a press release.

It was launched at a meeting of the executives of the nationalised and private banks with Md. Tahmidul Islam, AGM, Janata Bank head office in the chair.

Md. Tahmidul Islam was elected President of the club while Md. Hafizur Rahman, AGM, Agra Bank and Chowdhury Mohammad Samsuddoha were made General Secretary and Finance Secretary respectively.

The government will keep in close touch with this commission to harmonise foreign policy and overseas trade, Kohl said.

Kohl said he first devised his 'Asia concept' — The official term for the new strategy — in

The Labour and Manpower Minister said the government had adopted market economy and introduced certain structural reforms to make our products more competitive and responsive to the market demand. I hope this would lead to positive results to make the economy buoyant and vibrant.

He said a Labour Law Commission had been set up to update the labour laws to meet requirement of the current situation. The work of the commission is progressing well and it is expected to submit its report within December next, he said.

Mannan said a tripartite committee comprising the government, employers and employees had also been set up to find out ways and means of measuring productivity and linking it with wage on the basis of the committee report which is expected to be submitted soon. The government would take necessary steps to fix minimum wage for 14 sectors on priority basis, he added.

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