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'Voluntary blood donation highest order of service'

State Minister for Establishment Aminul Hoque yesterday said voluntary blood and cornea donation is the highest order of service to distressed humanity, reports UNB.

This attitude can ease the social, regional and religious conflicts among the mankind. Aminul said while inaugurating a two-day national workshop on fresh blood collection, preservation and transfusion at the Radiology gallery of Dhaka Medical College.

The workshop, first of its kind, was organised by Sandhani, Dhaka Medical College unit of the occasion of National Publicity Week of Sandhani.

Lauding the role of Sandhani in developing mass awareness in voluntary blood and cornea donation, the State Minister urged the Sandhani volunteers to gear up their activities to cope with the increasing population and diversity of diseases.

The State Minister said giving sight to blind is an eternal joy. He declared to donate his two eyes to Sandhani and signed the contract paper. Presided over by Prof Mosharraf Hossain, the inaugural session was addressed.

Faiz elected Sangkritik Jote president. Faiz Ahmed, Golam Kuddus and Liaquat Ali Laki have been unanimously elected president, general secretary and treasurer respectively of the Sammilita Sangkritik Jote for the next two years, reports BSS.

Zia Jubo Moncha holds rally

Shipping minister M K Anwar said yesterday that late President Ziaur Rahman had appeared in the national scenario for the second time in November, 1975 to save the nation from the clutches of conspirators, reports BSS.

Zia had created a new history in 1975 the way he had declared the independence of the country in March, 1971. He told a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Organised by Zia Jubo Moncho on the occasion of National Revolution and Solidarity Day, the rally was presided over by Anisur Rahman Anis, president of the organisation.

Top names in music call the shots

MTV Asia is giving Nonie, David, Sophiya and the rest of the gang the weekend off, and calling in the biggest names in music to fill their shoes! All weekend long, MTV Asia will present VJ shifts from the top names in Asian and Western music as they sit in the hot seat and play the music videos they want to see, says a press release. A detailed list of artists and times is as follows:

Saturday, Nov 6. Rick Price: (4-6 am BST) Australian Rocker whose popularity in Asia has made 'Not A Day Goes By' and 'Heaven Knows' chart toppers, kicks off the special week.

Harlem Yu: (6-7 am BST) Taiwanese superstar who is dominating the charts this week with his single 'You Can Cry In My Arms'.

Emil Chou: (10-11 am BST) One of the top artists from Taiwan, the multi-talented Chou has recently released an all-English language album which contains the hit single, 'Songs Of Birds'.

2 Unlimited: (11am-1 pm BST) Techo band from Holland who are constants on the MTV charts and in the dance clubs. Hits include 'Faces' and 'No Limit'.

Duran Duran: (1-3 pm BST) The perennial of music videos are back, and in a big way. Hits from their 'Wedding Album' have dominated the playlist throughout most of 1993.

Jackie Cheung: (3-4 pm BST) One of the four Kings of Pop in Hong Kong, Cheung recently completed a run of twenty-five performances at the Hong Kong Coliseum.

Sunday, Nov 7. Joey Lawrence: (6/11/0000 hrs/11/2 am BST) Teenage heart-throb and US television actor who has taken Asia by storm by producing a string of hits from his debut album.

Bryan Adams: (2 am - 4 am BST) American recording artist Bryan Adams, who is a favourite among Asian audiences, is coming back with his newest release, 'Please Forgive Me'.

2 Unlimited (r): (4-6 am BST). Techo band from Holland who are constants on the MTV charts and in the dance clubs. Hits include 'Faces' and 'No Limit'.

La Boyz: (6-7 am BST) Chinese-American rap sensations who have stormed up the charts with their good looks and catchy tunes.

Alex To: (8-9 am BST) To's recent Taipei performance was one of the largest in scale to occur in the Republic of China.

Jerney Jordan: (12 noon-2 pm BST) Muscle-bound Jordan has taken the hearts of young Asian in his hands with his successful debut album.

Lenny Kravitz: (8-9 pm BST) MTV Video Music Award winner for 'Best Male Video' with 'Are You Gonna Go My Way'.

Metallica: (9-10 pm BST) Metal favourites who recently completed a tour of Southeast Asia. 'Enter Sandman' is among their hits.



The Zia Jubo Moncho organised a cultural function in observance of National Revolution and Solidarity Day in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today....

Seminar Abul Mansur Ahmad. A seminar on the 'Role of Abul Mansur Ahmad in Literature, Journalism and Politics' will be held today (Saturday) at 4 pm at National Book Centre auditorium.

Organised by the Nabab Salimullah Academy the seminar will be attended by Minister for Works Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia as chief guest while Editor of The Bangladesh Times Mahub Anam and writer M A Mohaimin will be present as guest speakers.

Women wing of National AIDS Committee. A walkathon has been arranged today (Saturday) by the Women Wing of National AIDS Committee. The walkathon will start at 3.30 PM from Niloy, 6, Hare Road, and will end at National Press Club.

Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Parliament and Chairman National AIDS Committee will lead the walkathon.

Khaled Mosharraf Smriti Parishad. The Khaled Mosharraf Bir Uttam Smriti Parishad will hold a discussion on Major General Khaled Mosharraf Bir Uttam, Colonel Huda Bir Bikram and Colonel Haider Bir Uttam today (Saturday) at 4 pm at BCIC auditorium.

Begum Sufia Kamal will be the chief guest. In connection with the current Tourism Month-93 a two-day exhibition of Jamdani Sari and fabrics will begin at Sonargaon Hotel today (Saturday).

The Jamdani Sari/Fabric Exporters' Forum under the auspices of BSCIC has organised the show. Parjatan Corporation. The Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation in conjunction with UNDP and ILO will hold a commemorative stamp release ceremony followed by a seminar on 'Importance of Hotel and Restaurant Services in the Development of Tourism in Bangladesh' today (Saturday) at 4.00 pm at the Banquets Hall of the National Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (NHTTI), Mohakhali.

Tariqul Islam, Minister for Post and Telecommunication, will be present as the chief guest while Shah Hadiuzzaman, MP as special guest. Anandadhani. A leading musical group of the country, will today (Saturday) present 'Pancha-Bhaskar', a selection of songs by Tagore, Nazrul, Atul Prasad, D L Roy and Rajanikanto at the Engineering Institute auditorium. The function is open for all music lovers and starts at 6:30 pm.

Singer Cultural Assoc. A joint meeting of executive committee, advisory committee and patrons of newly formed 'Singer Literature and Cultural Association' will be held at the Officer's Club at Bally Road today (Saturday) at 5 pm.

BMSPP. Dr Shirin Gadhia, an environmentalist of international repute will deliver a lecture on 'Environment, Sustainable Agriculture and Development' today (Saturday) at 3 pm at the Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samannaya Parishad (BMSPP) office premises 4/3 Block—E Lalmeta.

Mime show. The British Council Dhaka and Dhaka Pantomime will jointly present a mime show at the British Council auditorium today (Saturday) at 6:30 pm on the occasion of the fourth founding anniversary of Dhaka Pantomime.

HERE and THERE

UNAB. The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organised a symposium Thursday evening at UNAB's office in observance of the 47th founding anniversary of UNESCO.

Eminent scientist UNESCO kalinga winner Dr. Abdullah Al Muti Sharafuddin was the main speaker. Senior journalist Santosh Gupta, Dr. Syed Mohammad Shaheed, Assistant Professor, Dhaka University, Professor Raisuddin Ahmed and Advocate Syed Ahmad Hossain, Secretary-General, United Nations Association of Bangladesh participated in the discussion.

In his key-note speech, Dr. A M Sharafuddin spoke in detail on the gigantic and monumental role of UNESCO in the development of education, science, culture, and communication.

Melandah Samity. The biennial general meeting of Melandah Samity in Dhaka was held at WAPDA auditorium Thursday.

Presided over by samity president Al-haj Sharfuddin, the meeting was attended by Jamalpur Samity president Abdur Rashid Talukder as chief guest. BFUJ Secretary General Amanullah Kabir and noted actor Anwar Hossain attended the function as special guests.

A new committee of the samity was formed at the meeting with Hafsur Rahman Jamal as president as Mirza Abdur Razzak as general secretary.

Steps to be taken to develop ceramic industry : Lutfor

Steps will be taken to develop the country's ceramic industry which has great prospect both at home and abroad, said State Minister for Industries Lutfor Rahman Khan Thursday, reports UNB.

'Our ceramic industries have already been registered as an important foreign exchange earner and earned good name in the international market,' he said addressing as chief guest a seminar on 'Problems and Prospects of Glass and Ceramic Industries of Bangladesh', held at BCISIR auditorium.

Organised by the Bangladesh Chemical Society, the inaugural function of the seminar was also addressed by Chairman of BCISIR Dr Waliuzzaman, BCIC Director Dr Azizur Rahman and Managing Director of Usmania Glass Sheet Factory M Sadeque.

Turning to the problems of glass and glasssheet industries mentioned by some of the speakers at the inaugural function, the State Minister urged the participants of the seminar to put forward concrete but realistic proposals for solution of the problems affecting the glass industries.

He also underlined the need for fostering closer and direct link between research institutions and entrepreneurs so that output of industrial researches and experiments could reach the market place depending on investment.

Khan asked those engaged in glass industry sector to explore ways and means of designing a process aimed at manufacturing high quality glass ware at competitive price.

He also called upon all concerned to take advantage of the congenial environment and viable investment opportunities created for industrialisation of the country by the present government.

Hajj advisory committee suggested

A grand conference of olemaker and Islamic thinkers on hajj management and Hajj Policy '94 was held Thursday at the conference room of Islamic Foundation with Minister For Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

A suggestion was placed in the conference for constituting a hajj advisory committee to give guidelines about Hajj management and Hajj policy in future. The minister assured the meeting that necessary measures would be taken on the matter after taking into account legal aspects on it.

Renowned Islamic thinkers and ulama-e-keram of Bangladesh including members of Parliament Alhaj Syed Nazibul Basher Maiz Bandari and Moulana Ataur Rahman Khan attended the meeting. Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Abdul Awal was also present in the meeting.

Detailed discussions were held regarding advance hiring of houses at Makkah, Birman fare, selection of Hajj welfare team, Hajj medical team, Hajj volunteers and other allied matters. Besides, discussion also took place with regard to quickening of establishing a permanent Hajj Camp in Dhaka.

Revolution, Solidarity day programmes

RAJSHAHL Nov 5: Elaborate programmes have been planned by district administration to observe National Revolution and Solidarity Day '93 in the city in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

The programmes include hoisting of national flag, milad mahfil, special prayer at mosque and other place of worship, supplying of improved diets to the inmates of hospital, jail and orphanages, exhibition football match, cultural function and documentary film show.

District and city units of BNP and JSS also planned different programmes to mark the day which include hoisting of national and party flags, playing of late Zia's speech on mike, discussions and cultural functions.

72 arrested on various charges

Detective branch and thana police, on the 28th day of their joint drive in the city, yesterday arrested 20 people for their alleged involvement in serious crimes, reports UNB.

Besides, police rounded up another 52 people from different parts of the city on various charges in last 24 hours, a DMP press release said yesterday.

No T & T employees at thana level to lose job: Tariqul

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam said in the capital Thursday that the efforts to develop telecommunication sector would be continued in line with the changing world on the basis of open market economy, reports BSS.

The minister said that T and T exchanges at the thana level would continue to operate and there was no apprehension of losing job of any employee.

The minister was talking to the leaders of Bangladesh T and T Sramik Karmachari Federation Union at the conference room of the ministry. Post and Telecommunication Secretary, Dr Shawkat Ali, Chairman of Bangladesh T & T Board Fazlur Rahman and senior officials were present at the meeting.

Islam said that Bangladesh could not remain isolated from the fast developing world, so, henceforth, the government would encourage private investment side by side public sector endeavours to improve the telecommunication sector. He said that the number of telephone subscribers would increase by two to three times within next two to three years to cope with the increasing demand for telephones. The government would have to invest about Tk 3,222 crore for the purpose, he added.

The minister stressed the need for increasing revenue of the T and T department through rendering better service to the subscribers.

President of T&T Sramik Karmachari Federation Union Abdul Hamid and secretary general Mostafa Jamaluddin discussed various issues including improvement of the subscribers' services with the minister.



Saturday 6th November (A) programmes in local time



Table listing BBC programmes from 6 am to 5:25 am, including World Service News, Computing For The Terrified, and various news and entertainment segments.



Table listing PLUS programmes from 6 am to 5:30 am, including Kidstreet, The Children's Room, and various news and entertainment segments.



Table listing TV programmes from 7:00 to 9:30 am, including MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Asia, MTV Sports, and various news and entertainment segments.



Table listing PRIME sports programmes from 6:00 to 10:00 am, including WWF Wrestling Spotlight, The Asian Football Show, and various sports events.

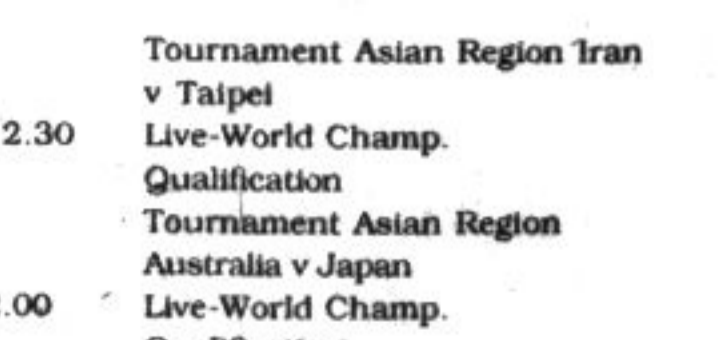


Table listing Zee TV programmes from 2:30 to 10:00 am, including Cartoon B, Commander, Khusoorat, and various news and entertainment segments.

Advertisement for UNDP VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT. A SUPER EFFICIENT SECRETARY CUM-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A SENIOR OFFICER IN THE UNDP OFFICE IN DHAKA. The advertisement lists various qualifications and requirements for the position.

Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Tender Notice. The notice invites sealed tenders in Local and Foreign currency for various items including Micro Computer, Toilet Paper, Glass Cloth, Cloth Asbestos, and Spare Parts for Port Main Engine Type 12V-150CA.

Advertisement for UNAB (United Nations Association of Bangladesh) celebrating its 47th founding anniversary of UNESCO. The notice mentions a symposium and a mime show, and congratulates the government for banning the manufacture of polythene bags.

Advertisement for the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) regarding the 1993-94 season. It mentions the national team's performance and the upcoming series against the West Indies.