

GVRL plant opens today

The inaugural ceremony of Gonoshasthaya Vaccine Research Laboratory (GVRL) at Savar will be held today, says a press release.

Prof K A Mansur will inaugurate the laboratory as chief guest at 11:50 am.

Annual confce of BCS (Forest) cadres held

Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain has called upon all to work with sincerity and devotion for successful implementation of the government programmes towards development of environment and forest resources, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the annual conference of BCS (Forest) cadres at the Directorate of Forest here Monday.

The minister said afforestation helped preserve environment and socio-economic progress.

He assured them of all possible government help to create a congenial atmosphere to work for preservation of environment and forest resources. Golam Habib, president of the association presided over the function.



Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) accompanied by party leaders placing wreaths at the Mazar of late President Ziaur Rahman yesterday. — Star photo

S Asian regional transport workers' convention opens

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan stressed the need for increasing cooperation among the South Asian nations to solve the labour problems in the region, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing the inaugural function of "South Asian Regional Road Transport Workers' Convention," organised by Bangladesh Road Transport Workers' Union and Bangladesh Truck Drivers' Union at the Engineers' Institute Auditorium.

Transport Minister of West Bengal, India, Shyamal Chakraborty and president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers' Federation Manzoorul Ahsan Khan also spoke on the occasion. The convention is being participated by 14 representatives of workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Vietnam and 1000 representatives of host Bangladesh.

US keen to help combat drug menace

The United States was ready to work with Bangladesh through any bilateral or local level programme to combat the problem of narcotics, director of the White House office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Dr Lee Brown said yesterday, reports BSS.

Dr Brown was discussing with participants here and in New Delhi at a worldnet symposium on "Combating Narcoterrorism in South Asia."

He said it was important for each country to look into its own narcotic problem very closely and the policy of US government was to assist them in achieving the goal.

He said narco-terrorism was a national, regional and global problem and the countries should work individually at the national level and jointly at the regional and international level against this growing menace. Dr. Brown said US home

strategy was to reduce demand for drugs through educating the young people about the dangers of the problem, taking different preventive measures and increasing treatment facilities for the drug addicts.

Referring to comprehensive programmes for drug trafficking, he said country to country cooperation was very much needed in this regard on the basis of each country's own strategy though there may be similarity in dealing with the problem.

Additional Director General of the Department of Narcotics Control in Bangladesh Syed Muniruddin and Director Operations of the same department Ali Imam Chowdhury, BSS special correspondent Shaiful Karim and journalist Samina Siddiqui participated in the live satellite discussion at the American Cultural Centre Auditorium here.



A seminar on 'Emerging trends in communication' was held at the Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. Dr Jim K Omura was the keynote speaker in the seminar organised by IBM Bangladesh. — Star photo

Salam Talukder tells Union Parishad Chairmen Mobilise more resources locally to meet expenses of UP

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder yesterday urged the union parishad chairmen to put in resolute efforts for mobilising greater amount of resources locally to meet the expenses of the Union Parishads (UP), reports BSS.

"If you rely too much on the government for fund to carry out development activities, there is a likelihood that your independence and authority will be curtailed," the minister said. Chairmen, being the democratically elected persons can assert their role fully as people's representatives only when the parishads can meet expenses from its own earnings, he opined.

The LGRD and Cooperatives Minister was speaking at a function arranged to distribute gold medals and certificates among the best union parishad chairmen.

Held at the auditorium of National Institute of Local Government at Agargaon, the function was also addressed by Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mohammad Abdul Hye and Secretary, LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury.

A total of 58 chairmen (out of the 4552 unions in the country) received awards and certificates. Forty-two got gold medals as best chairmen chosen from 42 districts, while 16 chairmen, who were sent to the Philippines and Thailand for training, received certificates.

While assuring the chairmen of the governments continued support for the development of villages, Barrister Talukder said since its coming to power, allocation for infrastructure development has been increased manifold. From a mere Tk 15 crore in 1991-92, the allocation in the current

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fiscal year has shot up to Tk 100 crore, the minister said. The minister expressed his happiness at reviving the system of honouring the best chairmen which was introduced by late President Ziaur Rahman. The system which was in the cold storage during the autocratic regime, has been reintroduced to encourage the good workers in rural Bangladesh who are putting in their both physical and mental labour for the welfare of the common people and development of the nation, he added.

Dwelling on the role of the chairmen, the minister said they can work as agents of great change in rural Bangladesh where eighty per cent people live. He called upon the chairmen to encourage people in planting trees, which the minister felt would be beneficial for the individual and also society.

BIBM workshop concludes

A three-day workshop on 'credit risk analysis and decision making' concluded in the city yesterday, reports BSS. The Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) conducted this workshop for the first time with a view to familiarising the participants with the concept of credit risk.

The workshop contents included, interalia, preparation, interpretation and application of financial spread sheet and credit scoring system, identification and categories of risk factors.

AHM Nurul Islam Choudhuri, Director General, BIBM presided over the concluding session of the workshop and gave away the certificates among the participants.

What's on today

Suryasen birth centenary: A meeting of the convening committee of the council of the birth centenary celebration of Masterda Suryasen will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:00 pm at the Paltana Club, Dhaka. Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka South will be held at 5:30 pm today (Wednesday) at Hotel Purbani International. Rtn PDG Itekharrul Alam will speak on "Magazine Month."

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Lecture on Gender Equality: A lecture on "Gender Equality" followed by a discussion will be held today (Wednesday) at 4:00 pm at the American Cultural Centre Auditorium, Jiban Bima Bhaban, 10, Dilkusha C/A Dhaka. Judge Marge Meacham, County Court Judge of Carbon County, Wyoming.

The United States Information Service, Dhaka has arranged the lecture co-sponsored by the Bangladesh Women's Judges Association.

JAGPA: The 14th founding anniversary of the Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) will be observed today (Wednesday). In this connection JAGPA will hold a discussion meeting and a reunion at the Hotel Metropolitan at 4:30 pm.

Art exhibition by Laila: The first fortnight long solo exhibition of prints and mixed media by young artist Laila Sharmeen is going on at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise at 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmandi. The show is open for all from 3:30 pm to 8 pm everyday. The exhibition will run until April 7.

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Seminar on 'united Germany': A seminar on "united Germany and the new European order" will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the German Cultural Centre, 23, Dhanmandi Road No 2.

JBC earned Tk 15.25 cr from premium in '93

Jiban Bima Corporation (JBC) earned Taka 15.25 crore from the premium of new insurance policies in 1993, which was 15.35 per cent higher than that of the earnings of 1992, reports BSS. Moreover, the corporation earned about taka 44 crore in 1993 from the income of renewal premiums which was 9.59 per cent more than that of 1992.

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam speaking at the meeting, stressed the need for simplifying the system of insurance coverage so that it could attract the common people. The present government, he said would provide all possible cooperation to modernise the insurance industry within the present context. From group insurance premium the corporation earned Taka 6 (six) crore in 1993 which was 17 per cent more than that of the year 1992.

This was stated at a meeting on overall development activities of Jiban Bima Corporation at the Commerce Ministry here yesterday.

Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Tender Notice

- 1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with DGDP) for supply of various signal items (07 line) for the Army. 2. Tender schedule with detail specification will be available on payment of Taka 10/- (Not refundable) from 30-3-94 to 19-4-94 on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened on 20-4-94 at 1000 hours in presence of tenderers (if any).

ISPR (Misc) 94675 DFP (G) 5943-28/3 G-561 Major for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Third Fisheries Project, Department of Fisheries Matshya Bhaban, Park Avenue, Ramna Dhaka

Corrigendum

Notice of Invitation for International Bids Lot No. 18 B: Survey Equipment Following corrections are made in the Notice No. TFP(Pro) 22-93/PA-856 dated 20 February 1994 for supply & delivery of Survey equipment under Third Fisheries Project of the Department of Fisheries. 1. The selling date of tender documents of the Lot No. 18 B: Survey equipment will be upto 8th April 1994 instead of 6th April 1994. 2. The receiving date of Bids will be on or before 10th April 1994 instead of 7th April 1994. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

MD. Liaquat Ali Additional Director (Project Director) Third Fisheries Project Matshya Bhaban, Dhaka DFP (G) 6344-3/4 G-568

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission International Affairs Division Ramna, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed manufacturers/suppliers for supply of Spare & repair of Photocopier Machine, Model No. RX-1012 of International Affairs Division, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka. Tender documents will be available during Office hours upto 13.4.1994 at a cost of Tk. 50/- (Taka fifty) only (non-refundable) from the Senior Accounts Officer (Pre-Audit), Accounts Branch, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka on written request. Tenders with 1% (one percent) earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank in favour of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka will have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Office of the undersigned upto 11:00 hours on 14.4.1994 and will be opened at 11:15 hours on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representative who wish to be present. Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Principal Administrative Officer BAEC/SID-4(13)/82-106 DFP (G) 6101-30/3 G-559

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide stockists, suppliers, local assemblers, sole agent and sale distributors for supply, installation and commissioning of 2 ton capacity split packaged type ceiling mounted Airconditioner at Biman Cockpit Crew rest room at Zia International Airport, Dhaka.

Tender papers with terms and conditions will be available in cash and banking section at the 2nd floor in Biman Bhaban, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk. 500/- only (non-refundable) per set on all working days upto 18-4-94 during office hours.

Tenderers shall have to submit with their tenders 2 1/2% (two and half percent) of total quoted value as earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Biman Corporation in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft.

Tender will be received in the office of the Dy. General Manager (B&W), 7th floor, Biman Bhaban, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka upto 1330 hrs. Lt. on 19-4-94 and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hrs. Lt. in presence of Tenderers (if any). Biman Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP (BA) 2800-3/4 G-564 Dy. General Manager (B&W)

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Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Pabna Road Division, Pabna Notice Inviting Tenders

- 1. Tender Notice No: 34 PRD of 1993-94. 2. Name of work: Construction of flexible pavement at different KM of Kashinathpur-Kazirhat Road in 2 (Two) groups as per group list under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1993-94. 3. Chargeable head: As per group list. 4. Estimated cost: As per group list. 5. Earnest money: As per group list. 6. Time allowed for completion of work: As per group list. 7. Eligibility of contractors to submit tender: As per group list. 8. Last date for selling tender documents: Up to 16-4-94 Eng/3-01-1401 Beng. during office hours. 9. Date and time for receiving tenders: 17-4-94 Eng/4-1-1401 Beng. up to 12-30 PM. 10. Date and time for opening tender: 17-4-94 Eng/4-1-1401 Beng. at 12-45 PM. 11. Name of offices where tender will be received: i) Add. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi. ii) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. iii) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Circle, Pabna. iv) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj. 12. Name of offices where tender documents will be sold: i) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj/Rajshahi. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. iii) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II, Pabna/Isurdi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Pabna.

Group List: Group No, Name of work with location, Head of A/C, Estimated cost, Earnest money, Time allowed, Eligibility of contractors. 1. Construction of flexible pavement at 8th (P) & 9th (P) KM of Kashinathpur-Kazirhat Road during the year 1993-94. 219, 24,87,081/-, 49,742/-, 50 days, 'A' to 'C' general category of RHD. 2. Construction of flexible pavement at 9th (P) 10th (P) KM of Kashinathpur-Kazirhat Road during the year 1993-94. 219, 24,87,081/-, 49,742/-, 50 days, -Do-

Md Abdul Wadud Executive Engineer, RHD Pabna Road Division, Pabna DFP (G) 6384-3/4 G-570

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Table of TV programmes for Wednesday 6th April, including BBC World Service News, World Business Report, Newsnight, etc.

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