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3 pc people suffering from glaucoma

Speakers at a symposium titled 'Glaucoma Update' said three per cent of the population of country above 35 years of age are suffering from glaucoma and of them 86.4 per cent patients are not aware of their ailments, reports BSS.

About 150 leading eye specialists from home and abroad at the symposium at M A Ispahani Institute of Ophthalmology and Islamia Eye Hospital auditorium yesterday discussed the latest treatment of glaucoma, and eye disease caused by increased pressure in the eyeball, which leads to gradual loss of sight.

They observed that 10 per cent of the country's population are prone to glaucoma and may be affected by the disease

any time. Elderly eye specialist Professor M Mobarak Ali presided over the symposium while eye specialist from Scotland Dr G R Gupta, ophthalmologist from Japan Dr Sabbir Reza Hoq and leading eye specialists of Bangladesh including Professor M Mustafizur Rahman, Professor Humayun Kabir, Professor A Q S M Harun, Dr Nazrul Islam presented technical papers on glaucoma treatment.

The speakers laid stress on creating awareness among the people about glaucoma and suggested regular eye-check-up of individuals after 35 years of age.

What's on today....

Shradhanjali: Tributes will be paid to two famous personalities of the soil — Jahanara Imam and Sheikh Lutfar Rahman — at a programme in the month of victory.

The programme will be held as part of the Victory Day programme of the Sammilito Sangskritik Jote. Venue: Bakul Tala, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Time: Seminar at 4 pm and cultural programme at 5:30 pm.

JICA seminar: A seminar on 'Education and Sustainable Development' will be held under the auspices of JICA Alumni Association of Bangladesh. Venue: Hotel Abakash, Mahakali. Time: 3:30 pm. Chief guest: Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar.

ALRD seminar: A seminar titled 'Land reform agenda in the 1990s' will be held under the joint auspices of the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) and the OXFAM, Dhaka. Venue: Caritas auditorium (2, Outer Circular Road, Shantibagh). Time: 10:00 am.

Munir Chowdhury memorial meet: The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a discussion and a drama show in memory of shaheed Munir Chowdhury. Two plays — *Dandadhar* and *Marush* by Munir Chowdhury — will be staged. Venue: Auditorium of the academy. Time: 5:30 pm. Chief guest: Prof Anisuzzaman.

Rotary International: A reception will be accorded to the surgeons and physicians of first ever intra ocular implant eye camp under the auspices of the Rotary International District 3280. Venue: Rotary District Secretariat. (7/13, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi). Time: 4 pm.

....and tomorrow

Painting exhibition: A fortnight-long painting exhibition of TA Kamal Kabir will be inaugurated. The exhibition will remain open for all from 3 pm to 8 pm till December 30 excepting Saturdays. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi). Chief guest: Rafiqun-Nabi, Director, Institute of Fine Arts, DU.

Selim-Al-Din awarded Ph D

By JU Correspondent

Renowned dramatist Selim-Al-Din has been awarded Ph D degree recently. The Jahangirnagar University syndicate with the JU VC Professor Amirul Islam Chowdhury in the chair decided to confer the degree on Selim for his thesis on "Bengali Drama Style of the Middle Ages".

Prof Abdul Qayum of the Jahangirnagar University conducted the research while Prof Ahmed Sharif and Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman were the external examiners.

Experts said Selim's research will contribute significantly to discover the unknown history of the Bengali drama of the ancient and middle ages.

In his research, Selim-Al-Din has shown that there were many styles in Bengali drama before the Eighteenth century.

He also showed that a great portion of drama of Nepal, Assam, and Orrisa have been influenced by Bengali drama.

Death anniversary

The 23rd death anniversary of Shaheed Professor Giasuddin Ahmed of the History Department of the Dhaka University will be observed tomorrow, say a press release.

Prof Ahmed was killed by the collaborators of the Pakistan occupation forces on that day 1971.

A *mild mahfil* will be held tomorrow at 4 pm at 4/3, Block-E, Lalmoni.

The sun sets today at 5:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:32 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded yesterday at different parts of the country were:

City/Town Temperatures Humidity in
in degrees Celsius percentage

Max Min 6 am 6pm

Dhaka 26.5 16.4 48 62

Chittagong 28.8 15.8 86 77

Rajshahi 24.6 10.6 58 70

Dinajpur 24.0 09.0 60 69

Sylhet 27.4 15.0 73 63

Khulna 26.0 16.8 96 63

Barisal 26.5 16.0 76 80

Biswas attends SC

Bar Assoc luncheon
President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday attended the annual breakup luncheon of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, reports UNB.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, former Presidents Justice A M Sayem and Justice Ahsanuddin Chowdhury, ministers, Chief Election Commissioner, judges of the Appellate Division and High Court Division, MPs, Attorney General and members of the bar also attended.

President Biswas exchanged pleasantries with the dignitaries and enquired of their welfare.

Earlier, on arrival at the Supreme Court premises President Biswas was received by Attorney General Amlul Huq, president of the Bar Association Hafizullah and general secretary Mohammad Wozair Farooq.

Newspaper holiday

All newspaper offices will remain closed on December 16 on the occasion of Victory Day, according to a Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad press release here yesterday, reports BSS.



The Cuba Friendship and Solidarity Association brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the US economic sanctions against Cuba. — Star photo

JUTA polls Dec 22

By JU Correspondent

The elections to the executive committee of the Jahan-girnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) for the year 1995 will be held on December 22. Teachers will cast their votes from 9 am to 1 pm at the teachers' club to elect a 11-member JUTA committee.

WB mission chief visits IUB

World Bank Resident Mission Chief Pierre M Landell Mills visited Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) at Baridhara yesterday, reports UNB.

President of IUB Dr A Majed Khan apprised Landell Mills of the mission and goals of the university and later took him round the academic campus.

Pak envoy meets Speaker

The out-going High Commissioner of Pakistan, Anwar Kemal, made a farewell call on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali at his Jatiya Sangsad office yesterday, reports BSS.

They exchanged views on bilateral and parliamentary matters.

2 killed in road mishap

A truck driver and his helper were killed as the truck dashed a road side tree at Bishmole in Savar on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the ill-fated truck hit the tree after the driver lost control over the steering at about 6 am.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Commemorative stamps on martyred intellectuals

Bangladesh Postal Department will release commemorative stamps on shaheed intellectuals (third phase) on December 14 on the occasion of Martyred Intellectuals' Day, an officials handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

A set of 16 separate stamps of Taka two denomination each will be issued on 16 shaheed intellectuals.

On this occasion the Postal Department will release two first day cover of Taka five each.

Launch social campaign to establish HR

By Staff Correspondent
Speakers at a seminar on human rights Sunday called upon the people to launch a social campaign for restoring democratic values and human rights.

Without concerted efforts, human rights cannot be established in the country, they observed.

Organised by the Coordination Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB), the seminar on 'Human Development, Democracy and Human Rights' was held at the Women's Voluntary Association auditorium at Dhanmondi in the capital.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, a Senior Research Fellow of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, presented the keynote paper at the seminar, presided over by CCHRB president Brother Jarlard D'Souza.

Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Chief Assistant Editor of the daily Ittefaq Habibur Rahman Milon Executive Director of the Gana Sahajya Sangstha Dr F R Mahmood Hassan, took part in the discussion.

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