



Frequent road digging causing inconvenience to the pedestrians and vehicular movement. This picture was taken from the city's Purana Paltan area yesterday. — Star photo

**Annual confce of Anatomical Society opens**

Deputy Leader of Jatiya Sangsad Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Sunday called upon the physicians to dedicate themselves to the service of the people rising above personal interests, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury was speaking as the chief guest at the first annual conference of the Anatomical Society of Bangladesh and inaugural function of the workshop on "anatomy course" at the graduate level in the capital.

Among others, Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf addressed the function.

The Deputy Leader of the House urged the doctors to extend their cooperation for proper implementation of comprehensive programmes taken up by the government to improve the medicare services. Our doctors have an important role to play for the welfare of the people, he added.

In his speech the health minister said the government has been doing everything possible for the development of medicare services in the country.

**UPE programme faces set-back in Rajshahi**

The Universal Primary Education (UPE) Programme has been facing problems in Rajshahi division due to manifold problems, reports UNB.

The main problems are shortage of teachers, lack of education materials, furniture and accommodation. Official sources said a total of 1565 posts of primary teachers have been lying vacant for a long time in 16 districts of the division.

The number of posts vacant in different districts are — Rajshahi-79, Chapamawabganj-50, Natore-63, Naogaon-127, Bogra-198, Jaipurhat-44, Pabna-87, Sirajganj-138, Rangpur-214, Nilphamari-76, Gaibandha-125, Kurigram-125, Lalmonirhat-42, Dinajpur-110, Thakurgaon-43 and Panchagarh-34.

The quota of teachers has not been maintained properly in government primary schools. Some schools have extra teachers while the others face shortage, it is learnt.

Most of the schools damaged by floods several years back, have not yet been repaired. Even some of the schools have no doors and windows.

In most of the schools, due to shortage of benches, stu-

dents have to seat on the floor. The supply of educational inputs like blackboard, chalk and duster is inadequate to meet the normal requirement.

There is no toilet, no water supply system in most of the schools causing untold suffering to the teachers and students alike.

The people of Rajshahi division urged the government to take immediate steps in this regard for making the Universal Primary Education Programme a success.

**320 bottles of Phensidyl recovered**

A special squad of Narcotics Control Directorate recovered some 320 bottles of Indian Phensidyl syrup from a Dhaka-bound bus on Saturday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, the squad stopped a bus of Noor Paribahan coming from Rajshahi at Savar checkpoint and recovered the contraband item from its rooftop.

A man identified as Karim was arrested in this connection and a case has been lodged with the Savar police.

**What's on today . . .**

**Rapport Bangladesh Ltd** — A senior management workshop on management of change begins. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9 am.

Sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh the workshop will be participated by senior executives for sector corporations, banks, multinational companies, NGOs and other private organizations in the private and public sector.

**Surya Sen Parishad:** To mark the 101st birth anniversary of Masterda Surya Sen, a reception will be accorded to elderly leaders. Venue: Dhaka University Teachers Student Centre. Time: 5 pm.

**Installation ceremony:** The installation ceremony of the newly-elected office-bearers of the Dhaka City Corporation Employees Union will be held. Venue: Nagar Bhaban premises. Time: 11:00 am. Chief guest Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif.

**Publication ceremony:** The publication ceremony of Musa Sadiq's book *Muktijoddha Hridoye Mano* will be held. Venue: Children auditorium of the national museum, Shalbagh avenue. Time: 4 pm.

**SAFA conference:** The inaugural session of the 10th conference of Asian Federation of Accounts (SAFA) on "Capital Market Development in the SAARC Region" will be held. President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be present as Chief guest in the function, jointly organised by ICMAB and ICAB. Guest of honour: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

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**Prize-giving ceremony:** The Prize giving function of the competition for children's handwriting and an Eid reservoir will be held. Venue: National Museum. Time: 6:15 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum.

**Discussion:** A discussion on the occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of Shefa-ul-Mulk Hakim Habib-ur Rahman a noted physician of the then India will be held. Venue: National Museum. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Barrister Mostafa Kamal.

**Seminar:** A seminar on "application of rubber dam technology for water conservation in Bangladesh" will be held on the occasion of World Day for Water. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in collaboration with the Bangladesh National Committee of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (Bancid) organised the seminar. Venue: Seminar room, Instt of Engineers. Time: 3:55 pm. Chief guest: Prof M Shahjahan, VC, BUET.

**Photography exhibition:** A photography exhibition by Carlos Freire will begin. Venue: Main gallery of the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Monzorul Alam Beg, President of the Bangladesh Photographic Society will be chief guest and inaugurate the exhibition. The exhibition will continue till April 2.



Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Jon J Scott called on Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majid-ul-Haq at latter's office on Sunday. — PID photo

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**Today's plays**

Following plays will be performed today at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium as part of the eight-day national drama festival for children:

**5:00 PM:** Drama — Bangabanner Shathe *Kisukkhan*; troupe — Kranti Khaleghar Ashar, Narayanganj.

**6:30PM:** *Ischhe Rajar Kischhe*; troupe — Anandam Sangtangan, Dhaka.

**8:00 PM:** Drama — Bakulpurer Shadinata; troupe — Ganojoar Shishu Bibhag, Narayanganj.

Besides, rehearsals of the groups — Ghore Baire, Dhaka; Tongi Shishu Kishore Nattya Sampradaya, Tongi; and Kishore Theatre, Dhaka — will be held at Curzon Hall cafeteria, German Cultural Centre and Russian Cultural Centre respectively from 2:30-4:30 PM.

**Theatre's drama week begins today**

By Staff Correspondent

Theatre, a leading drama group, will organise a week-long festival at the Guide House and the Mahila Samity auditoriums in the city during March 21-26 to mark the 1000th show of its productions.

Noted playwright Syed Shamsul Haq will open the festival as chief guest while Syed Hassan Imam, Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Mamatazuddin Ahmed, M Hanid and Dev Proshad Devnath will also speak on the occasion.

On the opening day, Aranyak will present "Agoonmukha" while Natyachakra will stage "Bhaddamoke" on March 22. Theatre, "Satghater Kanakori" on March 24, Dhaka Padatik "Bishad Sindhu" on March 25, Loknatyadal "Kan-jush" on March 26, Rangpur Nagorik "Maynar Biyece" and Theatre's "Juddha Ebong Juddha" on March 26.

**Friday free clinic**

A Friday Free Clinic for Daskhin Khan, Uttara and Prem Bazar areas has been set up by the Lions Club of Dhaka Shurovee, report BSS.

**Death anniversary of Kazi Idris tomorrow**

The 20th death anniversary of noted journalist, writer Kazi Mohammad Idris will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* will be held after Asr prayers at 8/12, Tajmahal road, Block-C Mohammadpur in the city.

Late Kazi Idris was editor of a number of dailies and weeklies including The Daily Ittehad. He started his career as a journalist in Calcutta in the early forties. He had to his credit a number of books, including translation from world renowned literary works.

**New body formed**

Sarojini Naidu Smriti Parishad has been formed in the city to commemorate the renowned poet, politician and social reformer of the sub-continent, a parishad press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Editor of Dainik Dinkal Sanaullah Noori and former deputy post master general Amanullah Khan were elected chairman and secretary general of the eight-member committee of the parishad.

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