

SIAEC hangar now fully operational

SIA engineering company (SIAEC) has a new home. The long-awaited \$128-million SIAEC Hangar was completed last year, and is now fully operational in terms of the hangar, workshops, stores and others, says a press release.

Mosharraf appraises Delhi of Dhaka's energy position

NEW DELHI, Mar 21: Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Mosharraf Hossain, who is now on a 7-day visit to India, met the Indian Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Capt. Satish Sharma here Monday, says BSS.

the developing countries. Due to short supply of commercial energy about two thirds of final energy is supplied by bio-mass fuels which is being consumed beyond sustainable limit, he said, adding it indicates that the country's economy is still in traditional domain.

may dry up by the year 2020." Bangladesh is encouraging private initiatives to augment its gas resources, he said, in this context he referred to the petroleum policy enacted by the present government and the revised production sharing contract.

Prices of rice continue to fall

The prices of all varieties of rice continued to fall during the last few days in the capital and elsewhere in the country. Wholesale dealers in the capital's Badamtoli market said that the prices of rice had been falling at a rate of Taka 10 to 20 per maund everyday for the last three days.

Plea to modernise agri information base

Agri-information experts from SAARC countries began a three-day meeting here Monday with a call for modernising agricultural information base in all the South Asian states for the common benefit of farmers, reports UNB.

Executive Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Dr MSU Chowdhury inaugurated the ninth meeting of the Governing Board of SAARC Agricultural Information Centre in the SAIC conference room at the BARC complex.

benefit of the farmers. The SAIC would be made as one of the most vital agricultural information centres in the world, he said and requested all concerned to act their level best to achieve this goal.



Dr S M Sujayetullah Chowdhury, Executive Vice-Chairman of BARC, speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session of the 9th meeting of the Governing Board of the SAARC Agricultural Information Centre at the BARC Complex in the city on Monday.

Dollar recovers, gold slips

NEW YORK, Mar 21: The dollar recovered against other major currencies in New York on Monday in a quiet market, thanks largely to intervention by the Bank of Japan and cover buying, reports AFP.

Asian stock markets close lower

HONG KONG, Mar 21: Asian stock markets closed generally lower Tuesday, with the key index in Hong Kong slipping after two days of gains, reports AP.

major overseas markets. The NZSE-40 Capital Index rose 2.85 points to 1,961.36. MANILA: Share prices closed higher in light trading after a late spate of bargain hunting. The Philippines' PSE index of 43 selected issues rose 2.69 points to 2,308.60.

They will review the achievements and completed projects and also consider the new programmes, budget estimate for 1995-96 and matters related to functioning and administration of the centre.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Tangail Road Division, Tangail RHD Notice Inviting Tender No 28 (Twenty-eight) Road Division Tangail during the year 1994-95

Strikers say Kuwait crude output cut by 50,000 BPD

KUWAIT CITY, Mar 21: Kuwait's crude production has fallen by 50,000 barrels per day (BPD) because of a strike by 1,200 workers at the country's biggest oil company, a union leader said here, reports AFP.

Loans to third world defended as indispensable

WASHINGTON, Mar 21: US contributions to loans from the World Bank to the world's poorest countries, which are under attack in Congress, were called indispensable on Monday by Mark Malloch Brown, the bank's director of External Affairs, reports AP.

ADB gives \$6.3m loan to Nepal

KATHMANDU, Mar 21: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide a loan assistance of 8.9 Singapore dollars (about 6.3 million US dollars) for implementation of an irrigation project in Nepal, reports Xinhua.

The project aims to encourage private sector participation in irrigation development, promote economic growth and reduce poverty in the rural areas, according to the Finance Ministry.



The eleventh Annual General Meeting of Padma Textile Mills Ltd, a member of the Beximco Group was held at Hotel Sonargaon on Monday. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, A S F Rahman presided over the meeting.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর মৌলভীবাজার-৩২০০ এলজিইডি/মৌঃবাজার/দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-২৩/৯৪-৯৫

No alternative to milk yet as an ideal food

Prevention is better than cure - there is no greater and wiser truth than this, especially in the context of present socio-economic situation of our country. With the super advancement of medical science and technology, any disease, if detected at the primary stage, is curable, but one cannot deny, the unlimited expenses involved in the whole process.

Till now, the medical therapies for osteoporosis could not help to regain the bone that is lost rather, it only aided in retarding the rate of bone loss. Therefore, achieving a higher bone mass by increasing calcium intake should be considered a better preventive measure against the development of Osteoporosis.

By Syeda Nazneen Ferdousi. mation exceeds the rate of decay. Body calcium accrues from 309 at birth to 850-1400g in adulthood, as a result of net bone formation.

We have heard from time to time of new entrepreneurs coughing forward to invest in modern dairies in places where natural fodder is in plentiful supply. But in reality, the want of fresh milk still remains. Only four crore tons of fodder is being produced annually against the demand of 13 crore tons for country's 2.70 crore livestock.

In fact, the government need to take crash programme for self sufficiency in milk by the year 2000. At present, the country is producing 8 to 9 thousand tons of milk annually against the demand of 22,000 tons.