

Metropolitan

Railway services to be modernised

Railway authorities are making train-journey quicker and comfortable providing chair-cars and sleeping berths in trains, reports UNB.

The arrangements are part of a comprehensive programme Bangladesh Railway has planned for upgrading its services to ensure speed and comfort for passengers.

A BR press release said yesterday all intercity trains would have chairs in "Shovon" class, chairs and sleeping berths in both first and airconditioned classes.

The railway coaches will have new sitting arrangements with more comfortable foams and reclining facilities, and the seats of airconditioned class will be covered with fabulous clothes.

Under the new arrangements, the present buffet-car system will also be modernised and both hot and cold foods be served to the passengers.

The facilities will be first introduced in inter-city trains and then in the other mail, express and local trains.

All arrangements to implement the programmes will be made within next

three to six months, said the release.

Meanwhile, railway authorities have already reduced the journey time of a number of trains of its eastern zone by 20 to 30 minutes, and also planned to reduce it further.

Law students meet Biswas

A delegation of Barisal Division Law Students Welfare Association called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Talking to them, President Biswas said the democratic culture of the country would be strengthened with the expansion of the study of law at higher level.

He advised the students to study law properly and seriously to prosper in the profession.

Led by Nurunnabi Taher, president of the association, the delegation was also included by its advisors Deputy Attorney General Shamsul Alam, Advocate AK Fazlul Huq and Advocate Nurul Huq Majumdar.

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No. 140/1994-95

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Students of the city's Manda Haider Ali High School wading through ankle-deep flood waters at the school premises yesterday, as neighbourhood kids take a dip. — Star photo

Enacting laws through ordnance criticised

Participants at a seminar on "Legislation by Ordinance" were critical of the tendency of successive governments in Bangladesh to resort to enacting laws through ordinances rather than through Parliament, reported UNB.

Seventeen members of Parliament and political leaders from BNP, Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami took part in the discussion at the seminar, organised by the Center for Analysis and Choice (CAC), at Hotel Sheraton on Saturday.

Col (Retd) Shawkat Ali of Awami League was the moderator while CAC Director Nazim Kamran Choudhury presented the keynote papers, said a press release yesterday.

The political leaders felt strongly that this till toward ordinances was the result of a lack of Parliamentary tradition in the country and the consequent dominance of the bureaucracy in state affairs. These factors, they said, emerged during pre-independence period and continued to influence law-making to this day.

They expressed the opinion that because of the absence of an appropriate democratic political culture, the bureaucracy sees the parliamentary law-making process as an impediment to what it considers the bureaucracy's right to run the administration as it feels best for the nation.

On the other hand, whatever opportunities the country's parliamentarians have had of ensuring a change in this practice have not been utilized properly to attain the right parliamentary culture, the speakers observed.

The seminar was informed that when an ordinance subsequently appears in the House in the form of a bill, it is rarely discussed by the Mem-

bers of Parliament. And even when such bills are discussed, the average time spent in discussion is about a day or less than two hours of debating time. Moreover, most ordinances relate to amendments of existing laws rather than to new legislation.

They suggested that the provision regarding promulgation of ordinances by the President may be retained in the Constitution with certain limitations while empowering the President to make decision on whether there really exists any situation that demands immediate legislation through an ordinance.

The discussants were very critical of subordinate legislation that the bureaucracy resorts to continuously by bypassing all scrutiny of the country's lawmakers themselves.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: Two films will be screened "Jane Eyre" (Made by Robert Stevenson) and "The Immortal Story" (Made by Orson Wells). Venue: German Cultural Centre, Road 9, Dhammudi. Time: 4:30 pm.

Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The installation ceremony of the club will be held. Venue: Sasakawa, ICDDR,B. Time: 7:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

SAARC seminar on waste recycling: A three-day SAARC seminar on waste recycling based on biogas technology will begin. Venue: The conference room of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR). Time: 8:30 am. Chief guest: Prof MA Mannan, State Minister for Science and Technology. Thirty experts from SAARC countries will attend the seminar.



The Bangladesh Workers' Party brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the killings of seven party activists by armed men in Chuadanga recently. — Star photo

HERE and THERE

Islamia High School

Labour and Manpower Minister Mir Shawkat Ali yesterday said, the guardians and teachers can build up the character and future of the children, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest at the annual prize-giving ceremony of Islamia High School at Soarighat in the older part of Dhaka.

The minister said that sanctions would be made for the expansion and promotion of each educational institution of Lalbagh thana.

Presided over by former MP Harun Ar Rashid, the function was also addressed by Prof Shafiqullah of Dhaka Central Law College, Principal Chowdhury Shahidullah of Dr Shahidullah College, headmaster of the school Tofazzal Hossain and Dhaka City Chhatra Dal president Nasiruddin Ahmed Pinto.

Later, the minister distributed prizes among the outstanding students and winners of the annual sports competition.

Shibchar Thana Samity

An executive meeting of the Dhaka-based Shibchar Thana samity was held in the city recently, says a press release.

M A Hakim, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, presided.

The Samity decided to award scholarship to the meritorious college and university students.

Stipend forms can be obtained from the Samity's office at House 60/D, Road 131, Gulshan on or before July 31.

The last date for sending the filled-in forms is August 15.

Speakers at the meeting also iterated their demand from the construction of a bridge over the river Padma.

They also called for converting the Madaripur-Sheekhpur-Shibchar-Panchar road into a regional highway.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

FPAB

The Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) in cooperation with the Care Bangladesh distributed relief materials in the flood-hit Sunamganj and Jamalpur districts, says a press release.

Relief goods worth Tk 11 lakh were disbursed.

The relief materials included biscuits and water purifying tablets.

Humayun Kabir accredited to Colombia

Bangladesh for the first time accredited an ambassador to the Latin American country of Colombia, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Humayun Kabir has been accredited as ambassador to Colombia. He presented his credentials to Colombian President Dr Ernesto Samper Pizano on Thursday.

Receiving the credentials, the President said he was looking forward to meet Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia during the coming NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) summit.

President Pizano lauded the government's reform initiatives in economic management to stimulate the private sector growth and foreign investment.

Obituary

BK Momen, Deputy General Manager, Biman, Dubai, died of a massive heart attack Thursday night in a Dubai Hospital. He was 56, says a press release.

The mortal remains of Momen will be flown back to Dhaka today by a Biman flight. He will be buried at Mirpur Shahid Mukti Joddah graveyard.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Qatari official meets Keramat

The Director of Qatar Charitable Organisation Sayfuddowla Solaiman called on Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali at his secretariat office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of bilateral interest specially the unity and solidarity of Muslim ummah.

Sayfuddowla Solaiman also showed keen interest in extending help and assistance in rehabilitating the orphans and in repair and reconstruction of Muslim religious institutions in Bangladesh.

Advisory council of dist gazetteer meets

Education Minister and President of the advisory council of the Bangladesh District Gazetteer Office, Jamiruddin Siraj yesterday stressed on inclusion of the correct history of Liberation War of 1971 in the district gazetteer to give a right guidance to the posterity, reports BSS.

He was presiding over the meeting of the advisory council of District Gazetteer in the city.

The meeting discussed writing of the chapter of Jessoro district for the gazetteer. The minister called upon

the writer to write ancient history and personalities of Jessoro who played a vital role in the Liberation War.

The minister said, the 19-point programme of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had contributed a lot to the rebuilding of the country. He called for the inclusion of a review of that subject in the district gazetteer.

Joint secretary, Education Ministry, Khademul Islam, member secretary of the advisory council AFM Mazharul Huq took part in the discussion.

Star Entertainment Guide

Monday 17th July

Local programmes in local time

BTV

5:00 Opening announcement

5:10 Quran programme

5:10 Recitation from the Bible

5:15 Animation Film: Wind in the Willows/ Bananas in Pyjamas

5:45 Drama series: Retelecast of Selected Drama 4:45 Esbo Gan Shikhi: Children's Musical Programme

5:50 News in Bangla 5:25 Nazul songs 5:50 Sports programme 6:30 Shikhhagan: A variety show with the participation of University Students

7:00 Open University 7:25 Unis Bish: Quiz Programme 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Documentary programme: Jannabum: 8:40 Package programme

10:00 News in English 10:30 Sukher Thikana: Family Planning programme

10:55 Mini series: Lonesome Dove 11:30 khabar: 11:40 Tomorrows programme summary 11:45 Closing

BBC

9:00am BBC World

9:25am BBC News 10:00 Time Out: Tomorrow's World

10:00 BBC Newsday

1:00 BBC World News 1:15 Relative Values

2:00 BBC World News 2:25