

**BCS (Edn) Assoc strike on Sept 28**

By Staff Correspondent

The members of the BCS General Education Association will observe a strike on September 28 to press their demands.

The decision was taken at an extended meeting of the central executive committee of the association held on Friday with Principal ABM Janab Ali in the chair.

Some 12,000 teachers of the BCS General Education cadre will abstain from work to realise their demands which include Tk 4100 scale for lecturers, selection grade for professors and associate professors and removal of anomalies in respect of seniority and promotion. They are also against any move to abolish the 21 cadre services, including the BCS Education, says a press release.

**Question bank system to go from next yr: JS told**

The Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government had decided to scrap the "question bank" system of SSC examinations from 1996, reports BSS.

In reply to a question from Mohammad Niamatullah MP, the education minister said that this question bank system was introduced in 1992 on the basis of recommendations of a task force.

Replying to a volley of supplementaries, the minister said that the decision of the task force was not well thought of and the task force could not realise at that moment the long-run implications of the decision.

The minister further said that the government, on the basis of suggestions and recommendations of the educationists and experts, have decided to scrap this ques-

tion bank system which, he said, was really a very wrong decision.

Meanwhile, Sircar yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the number of students at the primary schools had increased substantially after the introduction of Food For Education (FFE) programme.

Replying to an unstarred question from BNP member Ataur Rahman Khan (Narayanganj-2), the minister said that Tk 1,400cr would be spent for construction, renovation and repair of 39,902 primary schools during the current five-year plan period.

Replying to another question from Mohammad Niamatullah (Dhaka 12), the Education Minister said that the government is spending Tk 70.38cr each month as salary and allowances for government primary schools.

**Kamrangir Char to come under DCC soon**

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar has announced the inclusion of Kamrangir Char in the Dhaka City Corporation soon, reports BSS.

Addressing a public meeting Friday held under the auspices of local BNP, the minister said that BNP was a welfare-oriented political party and it had been making all-out efforts for the welfare of the people.

Presided over by Mahmud Ali, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Labour and Manpower Minister Meer Shawkat Ali.

The LGRD minister said that big project for the uplift of Kamrangir Char financed by the World Bank was being implemented. He sanctioned Taka 25 lakh from the LGRD Ministry for the overall development of the area.



Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury after receiving the Myanmar Minister for Immigration and Population Lt General Maung Hla on his arrival on a four-day visit to Bangladesh at Zia International Airport yesterday.

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

**Lions Club of Dhaka Diamond:** A meeting of the club members will be held. Venue: Amin Court Plaza, Motijheel. Time: 6:30 pm.

**BRTC:** Chairman of BRTC will exchange views with journalists. Venue: BRTC headquarters, Motijheel. Time: 11 am.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Guest speaker: The Ambassador of the State of Palestine.

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

**Maxim Gorky Drama Society:** The film 'Mother' will be screened at the inauguration of the society. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 6 pm.

**French film:** The film 'Le Boucher' will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 8:30 pm.

**Pedrollo dealers' confce:** The Pedrollo dealers conference '95 will be held. Venue: Jalshagar, Purbani Hotel. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: Mahbubur Rahman, former president, FBCCI.

**BIBM seminar:** The Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) has organised a day-long seminar on 'evaluation of the impact of reforms in the financial sector.' Venue: BIBM Seminar Hall. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: Khorsheed Alam, Governor, Bangladesh Bank.

**Shishu Sasthya Foundation:** The concluding session of a training course on 'Primary Healthcare' for community organisers will be held. Venue: Conference room of the foundation. Time: 4:45 pm. Chief guest: Md Fazlur Rahman, State Minister for Social Welfare.

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**Album launching:** The first CD of noted Tagore singer Mita Haq will be launched. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Ballroom. Time: 4 pm. Dr Anisuzzaman will preside the function.

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