Notice

Our feature item *Dhaka Day by Day* could not be carried today due to space constraint. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

Two girls commit suicide at Savar

Two teen-aged girls allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents in Savar thana on Wednesday, police said, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Sultana, 14, daughter of Liakat Ali of Shyampur and Shelly, 17, daughter of Mohabbat Ali of village Yarpur.

The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately.

Donation

Officials working in Bangladesh missions abroad have donated more than Tk 9.80 lakh to the Prime Minister's Flood Relief and Bosnian Muslim Solidarity Funds, reports UNB.

Fashion show

By Staff Correspondent

A fashion show was organised by the modelling agency, Jhalak, yesterday in the city.

Models, both male and female, trained by the agency presented a collection of eastern and western outfits at the show, held at the Rajmoni Ishakha Hotel.

The show was preceded by a musical performance by Anita.

Models at a fashion show in the city yesterday.
— Star photo

Asiatic Society apex body

The sixth biennial general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh was held in the city yesterday, says a press release.

A panel of office-bearers of the executive body of the Society was declared elected for the '96-'97 term, at the meeting.

The office-bearers are: Prof Wakil Ahmed (president), Prof K M Mohsin, Prof M Harunur Rashid and Prof Sayed Giasuddin Ahmed (vice-president), Prof Khondokar Bazlul Haque (treasurer), Prof Akmal Hussain (general secretary), Dr Najma Khan Majlis (secretary) and members — Prof Fakhrul Alam, Prof Noor Jahan Sarker, Shafique Ahmed, Prof Ratan Lal Chakrabarty, Shahryar Z R Iqbal, Prof Shirin Akhtar, Abdus Salam, Prof Sharif Uddin Ahmed, Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury and Prof Md Sirajul Islam.

JCD holds rally on DU campus

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), at a rally in front of DUCSU building Wednesday vowed to resist the conspirants against democracy.

The rally was addressed by Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney, Nasir Uddin Pintu, ABM Mosarraf Hossain and Monir Hossain.

The JCD leaders said the opposition parties are creating anarchy in the country by demanding resignation of an elected government.

They urged the opposition to participate in the upcoming general elections.

93 pc success rate under Food for Edn in N'ganj

Enrolment of destitute and needy children in the free primary schools in Narayanganj has increased to 93 per cent against a target of 95 per cent under the Food for Education programme during the last two years, reports BSS.

According to primary education office sources, school admission of students was about 65 per cent during 1992.

With the introduction of the programme in compulsory primary education from July 1993, enrolment has shot up and drop-outs have declined.

About 122 free primary schools covering 11 unions in five police stations have been brought under the Food for Education programme.

They are Narayanganj sadar, Bandar, Sonargaon, Rupganj and Araihazar.

The sources said the headman of the family of each student is getting minimum 15 kg of wheat per month to encourage the underprivileged children for education.

Programme on Begum Rokeya

The Rokeya Foundation of Dhaka University will arrange a programme in observance of Rokeya Day on the university campus next Sunday, reports UNB.

Rokeya Memorial Scholarship will be awarded at a function followed by a discussion meeting to be held at the Rokeya Hall.

Present and former students of the hall have been requested to attend the function.

ICDDR,B confce begins today

The fifth annual scientific conference (ASCON V) of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B) begins in the capital today, reports UNB.

Nearly 200 experts and participants from home and abroad are expected to attend the two-day conference at the auditorium of Sasakawa International Training Centre of the Dhaka-based research centre.

The conference with the theme "Health and Development: Social and Biomedical Perspectives" will focus on the findings of researches carried out mostly on social aspects of health and the well-being of people in the developing world, including Bangladesh.

The objective of ASCON is to share research findings of the ICDDR,B with relevant professionals from government and non-government organisations, universities, and national scientific and professional bodies.

Abbas Bhuiya, a social scientist of the Centre, told newsmen yesterday that as many as 73 presentations, including 23 written papers, will be presented in 10 sessions of the conference.

Besides, an annual lecture will be given by Dr Fazle Hassan Abed, the Executive Director of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), on "Development and Health: Lessions from the Grassroots."

Officials said that for sometimes the Centre has recognised the importance of both social and biomedical aspects of health problems of developing countries, and ASCON V will examine the outcome of its collaboration among social and bio-medical scientists.

Acting director of the ICDDR,B Prof J Patrick Vaughan said the Centre is presently collaborating with health and population research centres, mainly in Japan, and in the European and African regions.

With its 1200 staff, the ICDDR,B is working in the fields of child health, family planning, and male and female reproductive health, Prof Vaughan said, informing that the Centre's annual budget is US 12 million.

ASCON, one of many efforts at the Centre to share the results of its research activities, is expected to provide an opportunities to discuss ways in which the complex interactions between health and development, particularly from a social as well as from a biomedical perspective, can be better understood for everyone's benefit.

Chief Physician at Clinical Science Division of the ICDDR,B Dr Mohammad Abdus Salam and Research Immunologist at Laboratory Science Division Firdausi Qadri also spoke at the press conference.

Biswas lauds ASB's role

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the need for extensive research work to enable the country to attain progress and prosperity, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the sixth biennial general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB).

Chaired by Prof Sirajul Islam, the Society president the function was also addressed by Prof Harun-or-Rashid, general secretary and Prof Dalem Chandra Barman, a member of the council.

The President said as a nation we have to be prepared and able to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Knowledge of science and technology has to be utilised for the advancement of society, he added.

President Biswas lauded the activities of the Society since its inception in 1952 saying that it had been carrying out various research activities on the life of the people of Asia and its nature. He was happy to note that the society has so far published 71 research books and is going to publish a national encyclopaedia of Bangladesh.

President Biswas referred to the awarding of six national fellowship to the Society last year by the government and assured continued government support and cooperation.

Prof Harun-or-Rashid earlier presented general secretary's report which was adopted by the house.

On the occasion of the 25 years of Independence, Dhaka Jubo Foundation accorded a reception to the noted personalities in the cultural arena in the city yesterday.
— Star photo

MANIPAL COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
POKHARA, NEPAL

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1995-96 MBBS COURSE

Applications for the MBBS Course at the Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Pokhara, Nepal are invited from eligible candidates for the 1995-96 academic year which begins on January 30, 1996. This will be the second batch of students admitted to this college.

The Manipal College of Medical Sciences is a unit of the Manipal network of professional colleges in India and abroad. The college is affiliated to Kathmandu University and is provisionally recognized by the Nepal Medical Council.

The college is located on a scenic campus in Pokhara, about 200 km east of Kathmandu. The academic and support facilities for the basic sciences studies are complete and the faculty have been appointed and are in residence. The first batch is a cosmopolitan group of students from Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, South Africa, USA, Canada, Australia and other countries.

Candidates who have obtained at least 50% average marks in physics, chemistry and biology in the qualifying examination (eg. Inter Science, CBSE, ISC, PUC or equivalent) are eligible to apply. Admissions will be made on merit and shortlisted candidates may be called for an interview. Tuition fees are based on a self-financing scheme. Candidates from SAARC countries may pay the fees in their own currency.

For application form and prospectus, please write or phone to the address below. The last date for receiving completed applications is January 25, 1996.

Director, Admissions
Manipal Education and Medical Group
University Building, 6th Floor, Manipal - 576 119
Phone: 91 8252 71201, 71000 Fax: 91 8252 70062, 70061

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Weather

Light rain forecast

Temporary light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

Night temperature is likely to fall by 1 to 3 degrees Celsius over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions, and 1 to 2 degrees Celsius over Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected over Chittagong division.

In its outlook for the subsequent two days Met Office forecast marked fall in night temperature. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen predicted little change.

The country's lowest temperature 11.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and the highest 27.8 degrees at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5:31 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.44 am.

The minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	16.7	25.5	80	73
Chittagong	14.2	26.5	86	82

The Cosmos Open Scout group yesterday observed guardians' day and accorded reception to the awardees at a function at North Brook Hall Road in the city. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain was present as the chief guest while Secretary of the Rover Regional Scout, Sayeedur Rahman and D R C, Programme of Rover Scout Dr Nizamuddin were the special guests.

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No. : 5/K, WD-2/95-96.
2. Name of work : Repair and maintenance of various regulators & dams under head 163-Irrigation Water Extraction & Flood Control under Kurigram Water Development Division for the 1995-96 financial year.
   Group No-1, Repair and maintenance of Segunchhara 3-Vent RCC Regulator under district-Kurigram, thana-Fulbari.
   Group No-2, Repair and maintenance of Kachichhaara 3-Vent RCC Regulator under district & thana-Kurigram.
   Group No-3, Restoration of Dharala river left bank flood control dam from km 30.844 to km 32.974.
   Group No-4, Restoration of Dudhkumar river right bank flood control dam from km 31.04 to km 31.695.
   Group No-5, Restoration of Dudhkumar river right bank flood control dam from km 38.550 to km 38.725.
   Group No-6, Construction of a 290m long cross dam at km 09.365 of Dudhkumar river right bank flood control dam.
3. Estimated cost : Group No-1: Taka = 3,97,926/=
   Group No-2: Taka = 4,03,027/=
   Group No-3: Taka = 1,23,748/=
   Group No-4: Taka = 1,63,637/=
   Group No-5: Taka = 2,29,816/=
   Group No-6: Taka = 1,40,809/=
4. Security money : 2½ (two and a half per cent) of the estimated cost.
5. Tender to be had at : 1. Sonali Bank, Kurigram Branch, Kurigram.
   2. Rupali Bank, Kurigram Branch, Kurigram.
   3. Janata Bank, Main Branch, Betpatti, Rangpur.
   4. Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
6. Name of offices to receive tender : 1. Executive Engineer, Kurigram Water Development Division-2, WDB, Kurigram.
   2. Executive Engineer, Standard Control Division, Project-4, WDB, Alamnagar, Rangpur.
   3. Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-2, 156-157, Rupali Sadan, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
   4. Sub-Divisional Engineer, Lalmonirhat Water Development Sub-Division, WDB, Lalmonirhat.
7. Date & time of receiving tender : 21/1/96, 22/1/96 (during office hours) and 23/1/96 up to 12.00 Noon.
8. Opening date of tender : 23/1/96 at 12.30 PM.
9. Eligibility of contractors : 1994-95 BWD Board enlisted D-class contractors/contractor firms.
10. Time limit for completion of work : 45 (forty-five) to 75 (seventy-five) days according to work.
11. Name & address of the advertiser : Rais Uddin Ahmed, Executive Engineer, Kurigram Water Development Division-2, WDB, Kurigram.

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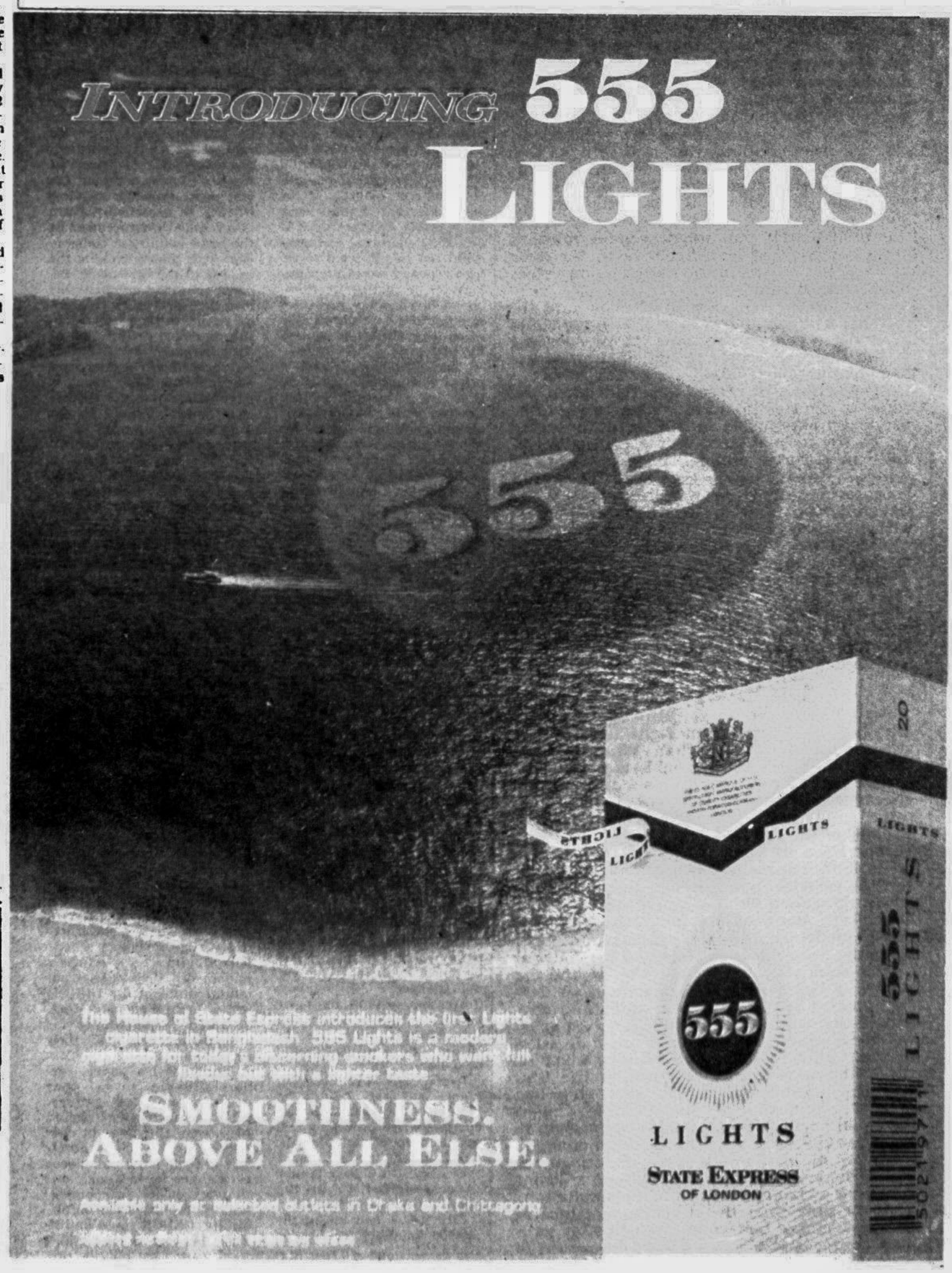
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