

Workshop on environment today

A day-long workshop on Environment Education Training in Agriculture will be held at the auditorium of Agriculture Extension Department at Khamarbari here today, reports UNB.

Graduate Training Institute of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) and Institute of Postgraduate Studies in Agriculture (IPSA) jointly organised the workshop with the assistance of FAO, Bangladesh, said a press release.

Agriculture Secretary M. Akbar Ali will attend the inaugural session of the workshop as chief guest while BAU Vice Chancellor Dr. Shah Mohammad Faruk and Dhaka DAE Director General Mohammad Abdus Sattar will be the special guests. IPSA Rector Prof. Abdul Halim will preside.

DMP's mass contact for arms recovery

Newly appointed Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner Mohammad Salam yesterday said the DMP had started mass contact programmes in different city areas, seeking public cooperation in the current arms recovery drive, reports BSS.

Talking to the press at the DMP headquarters Salam said this mass contact drive would also help in building the confidence of people in police administration.

He said the DMP personnel were working hard day and night for the recovery of illegal arms and arrest of the criminals to ensure free and fair polls in a peaceful atmosphere.

The police commissioner sought cooperation of the press in making the arms recovery drive a success and said any constructive suggestion in this regard would encourage the police.

He said that from April 1 to May 7 the DMP had recovered 232 illegal arms consisting of 14 rifles, 34 guns, 33 revolvers, 13 pistols, 4 shutter guns, 49 pipe guns, 85 daggers and chapati. DMP also recovered 1650 rounds of cartridges, 398 live cocktails and materials for making cocktails weighing 5 kgs and arrested 284 persons in this connection.

In reply to a question he said a high-level government decision would be taken regarding the holding of public meeting on June 10 at Manik Mia Avenue where both BNP and Awami League had announced their programme on the same day and at the same venue. He said the DMP had nothing to do in giving permission for the meeting except giving permission for using loud speakers.

Instruction to increase berthing facilities at Mongla Port

The adviser in-charge of ministries of Shipping, Communications, Post and Telecommunication, Civil Aviation and Tourism and Housing and Public Works, Syed Manzur Elahi, has instructed the port officials to take measures for enhancing berthing facilities of ships at Mongla Maritime port, a PID handout said, reports BSS.

He suggested immediate formulation of massive dredging programme to be carried out in the River Passur to make Mongla Port more use-worthy and viable.

The adviser was presiding over a joint meeting of port users and port office here at port conference Monday. Syed Manzur Elahi said that the significance of Mongla Port would be increased to a great extent in the near future after completion of Jamuna Bridge. Therefore, he said, full potentiality of the port had to be utilised along with increasing new facilities, he added.

The port users in the meeting put forward some demands which included dredging programme in Passur Channel, setting up salvage unit, ensuring accountability of labourers and increasing berthing facilities at the port.

Earlier, the Adviser visited the port area and port channel. The chairman of Mongla Port authority, Rezwanul Huque, was present during the visit.

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershower with temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office forecast moderately heavy rain fall at places over Chittagong division during the period.

Day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 35 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and the lowest 22.5 degrees at Rangamati.

The Sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:31 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:22 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Dhaka	33.0	26.6	76	77
Chittagong	31.5	26.5	68	86
Rajshahi	34.6	25.3	79	-
Khulna	31.5	27.3	-	90
Barisal	34.5	24.8	-	95
Sylhet	33.0	25.0	80	72
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.8	77	-

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Executive body of Mahila AL meets today

An emergency meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Mahila Awami League will be held today at 11 am at the central office of Bangladesh Awami League at 23 Bangabandhu avenue, reports BSS.

Professor Khaleida Khanam, general secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Awami League, has requested all the members of the executive committee to attend the meeting on time.

The Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Monday put forward a 9-point suggestion to stop repression on women and establish rule of law in the country.

A delegation of the Parishad during a meeting with Adviser for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr. Najma Chowdhury submitted a memorandum containing the suggestions and urged her to take necessary steps to implement their demands during her tenure.

Citing some specific cases of repression on women across the country, the seven-member delegation called upon the Adviser to take effective measures to develop law and order situation, ban fatwas under existing laws, establish a full-fledged family court and implement the working plan adopted in the fourth international women conference.

The Adviser assured the delegation to look into the matters, said a press release.

The delegation members include Ayesha Khanam, Selina Akhter, Chitra Bhattacharya, Bela Nabi, Rina Helal, Advocate Masuda Rehana Begum and Rakhi Das Purakasta.

BSD nominates 17 more candidates for coming polls

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) in the second phase of its nomination finalised the list of 17 more candidates to contest the coming polls, a party press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The candidates are: Bazlur Rashid Firoz-Dhaka 9, Dharendra Nath Karmaker-Rangpur 4, Shamsul Alam Badal-Kurigram 1, Abul Bashir Manju-Kurigram 4, Shamsul Alam Dulu-Bogra 6, Abu Bakr Bhuiyan-Sirajganj 2, S M Abdullah Al Mamun-Sirajganj 5, Advocate Anwar Hossain-Sirajganj 7, Tahera Begum Joly-Jhenaidah 2, Mahbubur Rahman Ismail-Narayanganj 4, Advocate Md. Nur Rahman Mogru-Moulvibazar 3, Mujibur Hossain Maruf-Habiganj 2, Nurul Huda Choudhury Shibbi-Habiganj 3, Siddiquillah Kabir-Luxmipur 3, Syed Abdul Hadi-Luxmipur 4, Nurul Abdur-Cox's Bazar 1, and A B Siddiqi Badal-Naogaon 2.

CUJ confce today

CHITTAGONG, May 7: The two-day annual conference and election of the Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) began at the Chittagong Press Club here tomorrow, a union press release said, reports BSS.

Mohammad Abed Ali Mia, father of Shaheed Abdur Rab, first general secretary of Chittagong University Central Students' Union (CUCSU), will inaugurate the conference while Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and M. Shahjahan Mia, president and secretary general respectively of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will attend as special guests.

The election of the union will be held on Thursday.

Notice

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

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