

**RU announces Tk 49 cr budget**

RAJSHAHI, June 24: Rajshahi University authorities Sunday announced Tk 48.78 crore budget for the fiscal 1996-97, reports UNB. Of the total amount, Tk 46.43 crore will be provided by the government and the rest amount will come from university's own fund. The budget session was held at the 17th Senate meeting with RU Vice Chancellor

Prof Yusuf Ali in the chair. Treasurer of the university Prof Makbul Hossain, earlier presented the budget at the Senate session. The Senate meeting also recommended that Syndicate should approve the revised budget allocation amounting to Tk 42.24 crore as fixed by the University Grants Commission against the demand of Tk 44.54 crore.

**BIWTA O-D survey begins**

Planning Commission and BIWTA have launched a week long Origin-Destination (O-D) survey programme for inland water transport from yesterday a BIWTA press release said. This survey programme is an integral part of Bangladesh Transport Sector Study (BTSS) for providing systematic basis for integrated investment planning in transport sector. The study inter alia would

generate data on inter-district regional commodity flows and related traffic counts through two rounds of country wide Origin-Destination (O-D) survey. The first round of survey is being conducted from June 23 through June 29 at 51 selected stations where all water crafts will be boarded for a little while to enable the enumerator to collect data from respondent crew members.

**Blood donation**

A voluntary blood donation programme was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre yesterday, reports BSS. Held at the centre's auditorium, the programme was inaugurated by the Rector of BPATC AZM Shamsul Alam. Around fifty persons including participants of the seven-month foundation course, officers and employees of BPATC donated their blood voluntarily on this occasion, a press release said.

**Hasina sixth woman PM in Subcontinent**

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina is the sixth woman head of government in the mainly dynastic rule in the Subcontinent, reports UNB. Before her, Srimavo Bandarnayake, Indira Gandhi, Benazir Bhutto, Khaleda Zia and Chandrika Kumaratunga had been elected heads of government in their respective countries. Benazir Bhutto is now leading the Islamic Republic of

Pakistan for the second time and Chandrika's mother is also the present Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for the second term. Sheikh Hasina is the fourth in the Subcontinent whose fathers were the heads of government in their respective countries. The first in the row was Indira Gandhi of India. She was elected Prime Minister after the death of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru.

The two other examples were set by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's daughter, Benazir Bhutto, in Pakistan and SWRO Bandarnayake and Srimavo Bandarnayake's daughter, Chandrika Kumaratunga, in the island-state Sri Lanka. In Myanmar, President Aung San's daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, was elected in the general election in 1990, but could not assume power because of military crackdown.

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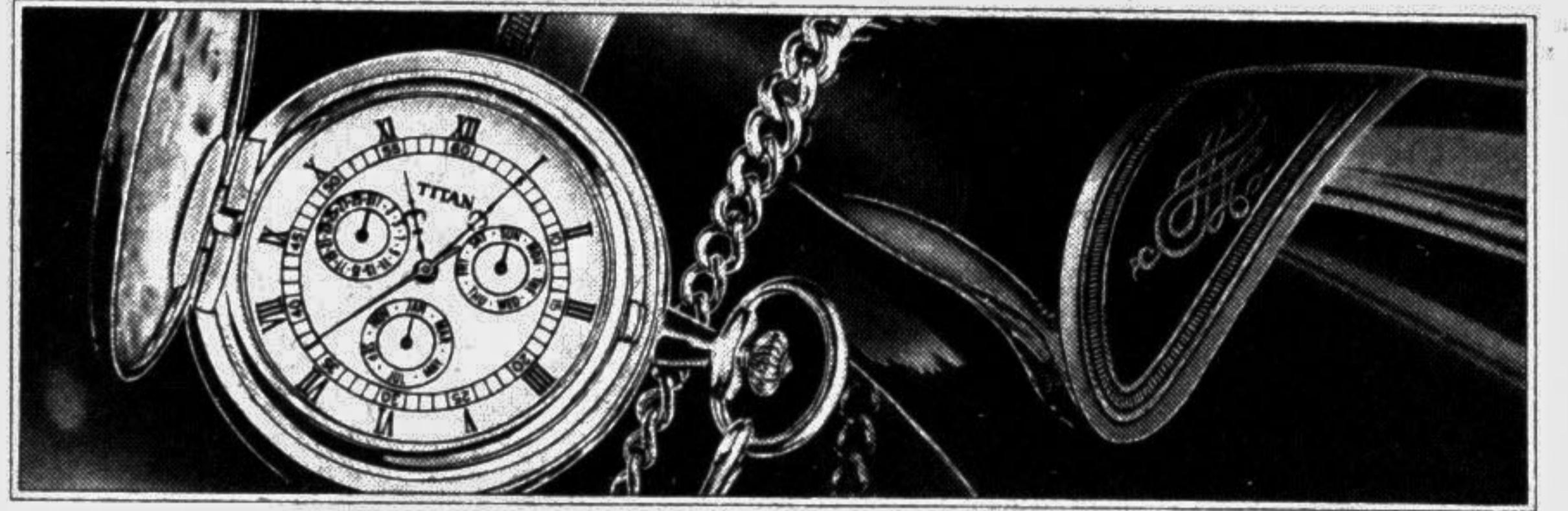
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