

Metropolitan

What's on today....

Inauguration: The inauguration of the XII meeting of the National AIDS Programmes Managers of WHO South-East Asia Region will be held. Time: 11:30 am. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Salahuddin Yusuf, Minister of Health and Family Welfare will be chief guest.

Seminar: A seminar titled 'Bangladesh's National Security, Sovereignty and Transit Issue' will be held. Time: 3 pm. Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

AGM: The annual general meeting of the general body of Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) will be held. Time: 5:30 pm. Venue: ABC head office, 167, Green Road.

Workshop: A five-day country-level workshop on 'Financial/Economic Appraisal of inland Water Transport Project' jointly sponsored by ESCAP and BIWTA, Ministry of Shipping will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Management Development Centre, 4, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur. Time: 9:30 am.

Sandhani: A discussion on 'A Decade of the Movement of Posthumous Eye Donation'. A review will be held. Time: 10 am. Venue: VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club. It has been organised in observance of the 12th founding anniversary of the organisation.

Rashed Mosharraf, Minister of State for Land will be chief guest while David Walker, British High Commissioner in Bangladesh will be special guest.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 7 pm. Venue: Lazeez Restaurant, 66, Gulshan Avenue.

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



The *namaj-e-janaza* of Iskander Ali, president of Jatiyatobadi Sramik Dal, the labour front of BNP, was held yesterday in front of the BNP central office at Nayapaltan. — Star photo

Utsav programmes

Today's Utsav — The India Festival '96 programmes are:

— Bharati Natyam: Alarmel Valli. Venue: National Museum. Time: 6:30 pm.

— Violin: Prof N. Rajam. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

— Theatre: Sopanam Theatre Group. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 6:30 pm.

— Writers seminar. Venue: Bangla Academy. Time: 10 am and 4 pm.

Hanif visits Bashabo

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif yesterday visited the under-construction Bashabo community centre to see for himself the progress of the work, reports BSS.

The centre is being constructed at a cost of Taka 2 crore and 64 lakh.

Later, the mayor inaugurated the newly-constructed *eidgah* at the premises of Abdul Aziz High School at Madartek.

Hanif also visited a number of other places and addressed spontaneous gatherings. Local MP, Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Ward Commissioner, Rahmat Ali accompanied him.

Indian cardiac surgeon due in city today

By Staff Correspondent

Dr K M Cherian, renowned Indian cardiac surgeon and director of the Madras Medical Mission's Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases at Chennai, India will arrive in the city today, on a four-day visit to attend an international conference on cardiac surgery, says a press release.

One of the pioneers in pediatric cardiac surgery, he has so far successfully performed over 12,000 cardiac surgeries. He is the recipient of many awards including government of India's Padma Shri.

During his stay in India, he will visit the houses being built at Makkah for accommodating Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims for the 1977 Hajj season.

The state minister will be accompanied by Abdul Halim, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs.

They are expected to return home by December 5.

Nurul Islam off to Saudi Arabia

State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Mohammad Nurul Islam leaves for Saudi Arabia today on a nine-day official visit, reports BSS.

During his stay in Saudi Arabia, the state minister will visit the houses being built at Makkah for accommodating Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims for the 1977 Hajj season.

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Bangladesh wins 5 prizes in ACCU photo competition

Bangladesh has earned five prizes, including a special one, in the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) photography competition, reports UNB.

The winners are: Abu Taher Khokon — The prize of the Secretary General of the Thai National Commission for UNESCO (Special), Mohammad Zia Zahir — Japan Airlines Prize, Mohammad Abdul Monavem — Fuji Film prize, Paul David Barikdar — ACCU prize and Salahuddin Azizi — Saison Group prize.

Eighty-nine Bangladeshi photographers with 269 photographs participated in the competition titled "Children at Play" this year.

Regional meeting of anti-drug NGOs

A regional coordination meeting of anti-drug NGOs in Chittagong was held recently at the auditorium of CARTAS organised by National Coordination Council of Anti-Drug NGOs (NCCADN) in cooperation with CODEC and VHSS. Fifty representatives of NGOs and GOB attended the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to strengthen anti-drug activities of the government through coordinated efforts of NGOs engaged in anti-drug activities, says a press release.

AKM Rafiqul Hoque, Convenor, NCCADN presided over the meeting which was addressed by Mominul Huq Bhuiyan, Director, NGO Affairs Bureau, Enayet Hossain, Joint Commissioner-Customs, Ctg, Manjoor Hussain, ADC (Dev. Chittagong), Dr. Khurshid Alam, Executive Director, CODEC, Rafiq Ahmed Chowdhury of Mananta (on behalf of ADAB), Mrs Farida Akhter of BMS (N'ganj) and attended by Abdul Mutaleeb, Superintendent, Department of Narcotics Control, Ctg.

Later, a 20 member convening committee for NCCADN (Chittagong) was formed with NGOs and GOB. The committee includes — Proshika, Grameen Bank, CODEC, GSS, Diganta, Nari Pragot Shangha, World Vision of Bangladesh, ADAB, NGO Forum, BITA, FPAB, UCEP, Prottashi, Image, Upakar, CWPP, MAMTA, IPSA, Chittagong Customs and Dept. of Narcotics Control (Ctg). The first meeting of the committee will be held on Dec. 10 at 3 pm at the CODEC office, Chandaon, etc.

Office of the Executive Engineer
BIWTA, N'ganj Division, N'ganj

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Sealed tenders in prescribed Form No. 2911 are invited from all class of enlisted contractors of Engineering Division of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority for the undermentioned work:

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