

What's on today

Scientific seminar: Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd. will organise the seminar on 'Role of cholera toxin in the induction of HIV-1 expression: A cross talk between bacterial infection and HIV-1 pathogenesis. Venue — Conference room of the Beximco Pharmaceuticals. House No. 19, Dhannondi R/A, Road No 7. Time 11 am.

Rotary District Conference: The district conference 1997 of Rotary International Dist 3280 will begin. Venue: Mirpur Indoor Stadium. Time 3 pm.

Film festival: The Bangladesh Short Film Forum will organise the Fifth International Short and Alternative Film Festival, Dhaka. Venue-Central Public Library Auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate.

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue Officers' Club, Bailey Road. Time 5:30 pm.

Bangladesh Mohila Parishad: A workshop on uniform family code will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Babupura, Nilkhet. Time: 9 am to 5 pm.

Grand rally: A grand rally of representatives of various voluntary organisations and social workers will be held. Venue: Parade Square. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be chief guest and lay the foundation stone of the head office of Social service complex.

Setar evening: Bandhan, a voluntary blood donation organisation has organised a solo setar evening of noted artist Sameer Das. Venue: House No 25, Road No 1. Time: 5 pm.

Conference: The eighth biennial national conference of the Roads and Highways Diploma Engineers Association will begin. Venue: Sarak Bhaban premises. Time 11 am.

Weather

Temperature may fall

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office forecasts slight fall of night temperature over the country during the period.

Country's lowest temperature 9.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 29 degrees at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5.23 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.8	12.0	73	70
Chittagong	28.5	15.2	75	63
Rajshahi	25.0	13.7	82	73
Khulna	27.2	12.4	89	66
Barisal	27.4	11.8	88	68
Sylhet	27.5	14.0	85	73
Cox's Bazar	29.0	16.2	59	74

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Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of Rafiqul Islam (Mukul), will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his residence — at House No 5, Road No 22, Sector No 7, Uttara Model Town, says a press release.

All friends, relatives have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Admission to M Phil programmes of DU

Applications for admission to M Phil programme under Dhaka University have been invited for 1995-96 session, reports UNB.

The intending candidates have been asked to submit admission forms to the Chairman offices of their respective departments by January 30.

For further details and to collect admission forms, the candidates have been advised to contact the university Stipend Section (room no 104) at Registrar Building.



Acting chairman of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury speaking at a function marking the founding anniversary of the party at the Ramna Batamul in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Books presented to Hasina

A 14-member delegation of Bangladesh Text-book Printing and Marketing Association yesterday called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official Ganabhaban residence, and presented her with some books of secondary school level, reports BSS.

The delegation, led by the association convenor Shaheed Serbnabat, apprised the Prime Minister of various aspects of printing and marketing of text books.

The Prime Minister expressed her satisfaction at the printing of the books in time. She underscored the need for improving the quality of both printing and paper so that the books become attractive to the learners.

The other members of the delegation were Rabbain Jabbar, Kazi Abdul Wadud, Naderuzzaman, Tofael Khan, Ali Haider, Alamgir, A M Shahabuddin, Nagibul Islam Dipu, Mohd Sabiuddin, A F M Shah Alam, Dilip Kumar Moitra, Amin Helali and Sayed Ahmed.

Dhaka Book Fair to continue till Friday

By Staff Correspondent

The time limit of the Third Dhaka Book Fair has been extended till tomorrow following requests from the participating organisations and visitors, says a press release of the Jatiya Grantha Kendra.

Meanwhile, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed yesterday between the "National Book Trust of India" and "Shahittaya Prokash of Bangladesh" for publishing and distributing books.

Under the MOU Shahittaya Prokash will publish Bangladesh edition of the books of the "Naba Shakkhar Shahittay-anala" series of National Book Trust of India and on the other hand National Book Trust of India has offered to extend all cooperations to the publishers of Bangladesh.

Munshirhat bridge opens

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said in Munshiganj yesterday that there was no alternative to building strong physical infrastructures in rural areas for facing the socio-economic problems and poverty alleviation of the rural masses, reports BSS.

Opening the newly constructed Munshirhat Bridge the minister said the role of the local government institutions is indispensable for strengthening economic activities of the rural people, alleviating poverty and maintaining environment.

Rahman said the matter of the formation of palli parishad was under the active consideration of the government to build a strong and truly representative local government structure at grassroots level.

Reception accorded to FF Rotarians

Speakers at a function in the city Tuesday emphasised the need for writing the real history of the Liberation War dispelling all confusions, reports UNB.

A national museum on the Liberation War should be set up to preserve the genuine history for the new generation, they said while addressing a reception accorded to the freedom fighter Rotarians at CIRDAF auditorium.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman attended the function as chief guest while UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan was present as special guest.

Organised by the Rotaract Club of Lalbag Fort, the function was presided over by its president SM Humayun Kabir. It was addressed, among others, by Rotarian Shamsul Alam Lion, Rotarian Jamaluddin, Advocate Wazzer Farook, M Rakib Sardar and Golam Mostafa.

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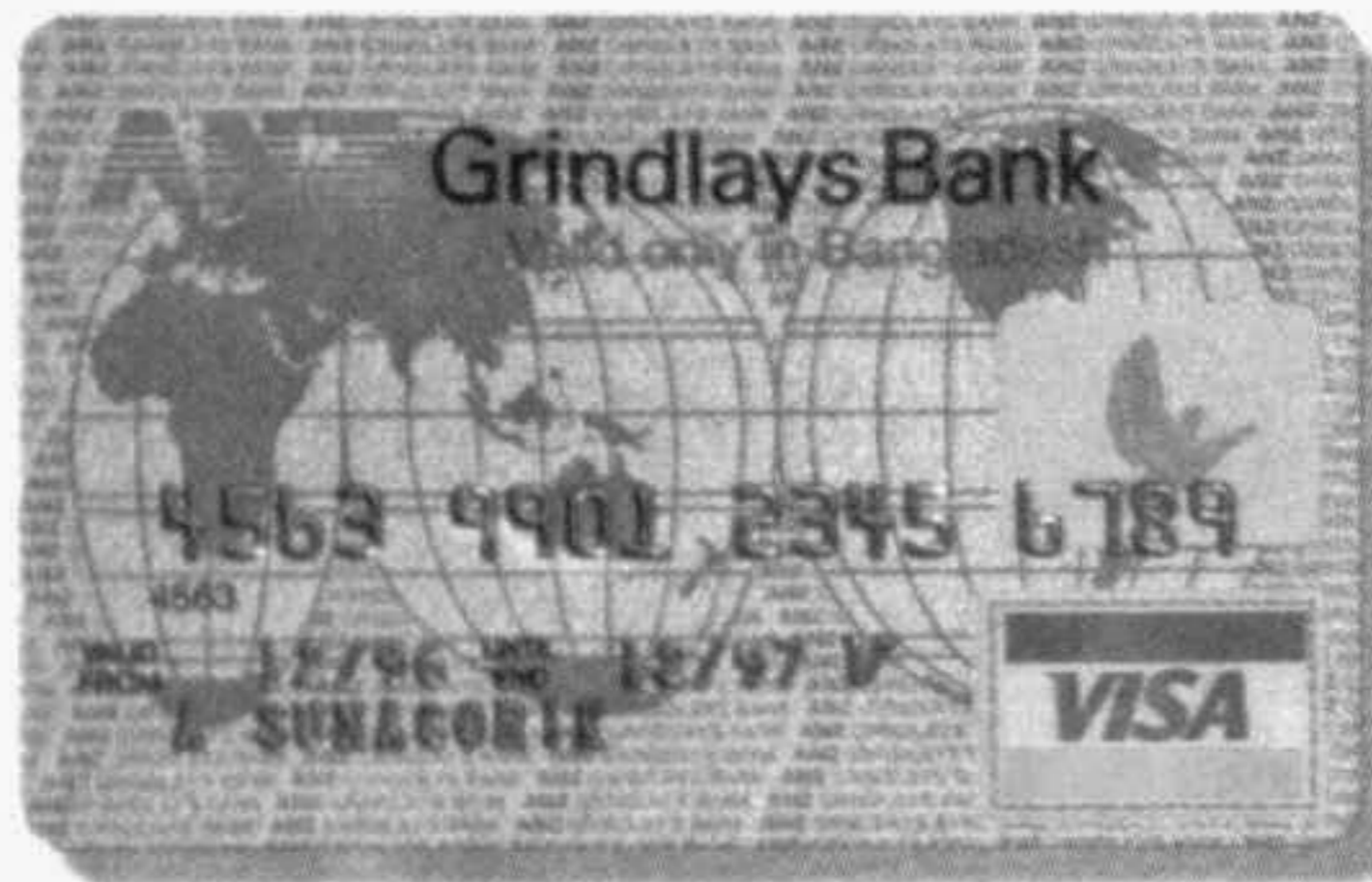
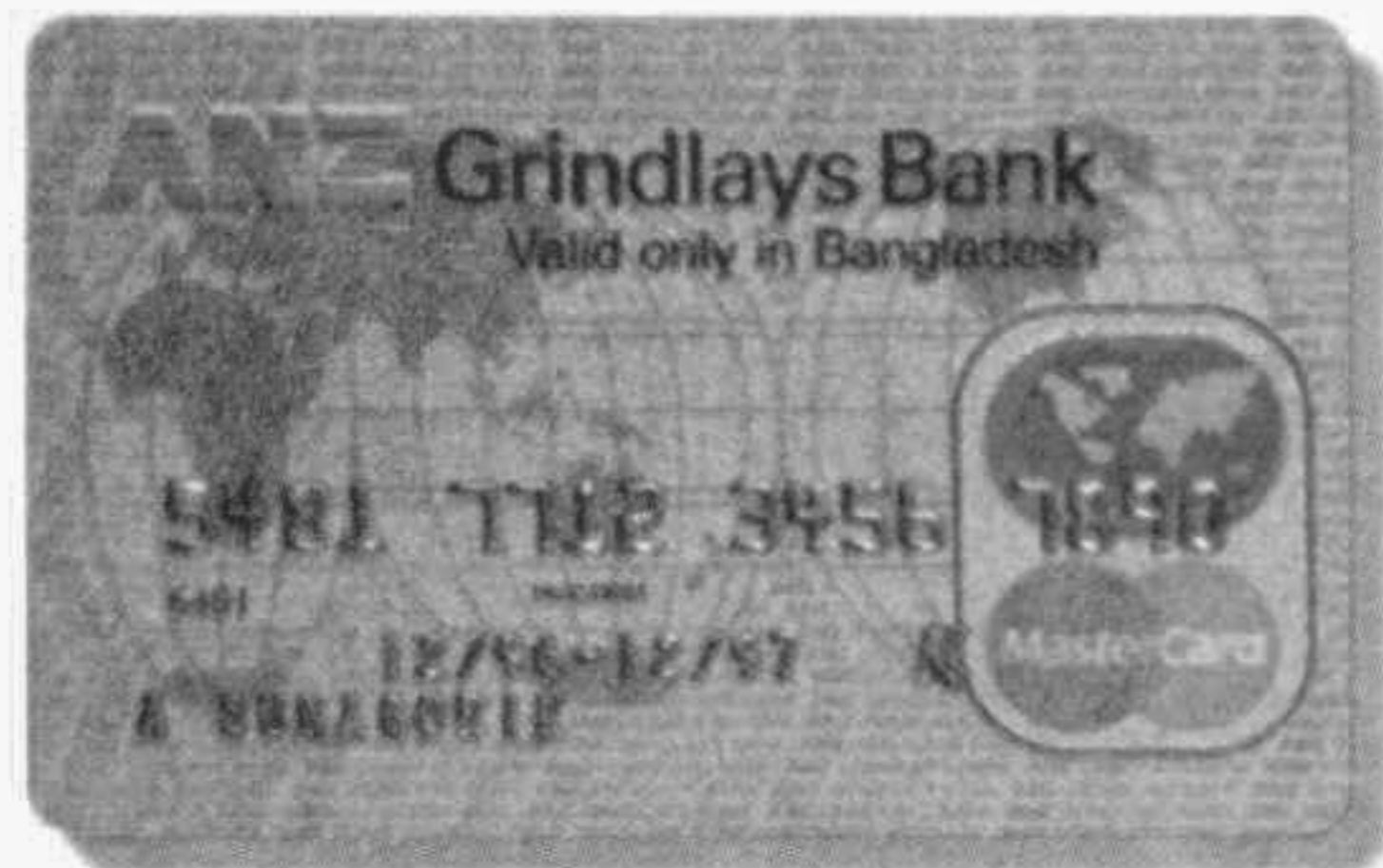
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1997 FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

- 19-22 January RALLY OF MONTE CARLO
- 7-10 February RALLY OF SWEDEN
- 1-3 March SAFARI RALLY, KENYA
- 23-26 March RALLY OF PORTUGAL
- 14-16 April RALLY OF SPAIN
- 5-7 May RALLY OF FRANCE
- 22-24 May RALLY OF ARGENTINA
- 8-10 June RALLY OF GREECE
- 2-5 August RALLY OF NEWZEALAND
- 29 Aug.-1 Sept. RALLY OF FINLAND
- 19-21 September RALLY OF INDONESIA
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