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WVA Meena Bazar-1997
(For the benefit of underprivileged and disabled children)

10 January —Friday
From 11 AM to 5 PM

The Meena Bazar will have International and other stalls. Entry Cards are available at the following:
Video Connection, Gulshan, Aarong-Banani, Aarong-Mirpur Road, WVA Office at 405/A, Rd 27 (Old), Dhanmondi and at the venue on 10 January, 1997. S-9



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the 5th International Short and Alternative Film Festival at the Central Public Library in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today . . .

- Solo painting exhibition:** The solo painting exhibition of Poomam Patnaik will be inaugurated. Venue: La Galerie, Banani. Time: 6 pm.
- Annual Conference:** The 3-day inaugural session of the 73rd Annual Conference of Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat will begin. Venue: Ahmadiya Mosque Complex, 4, Bakshi Bazar Road. Time: 3 pm.
- Democracywatch:** The session 3 students' certificates award ceremony of Democracywatch will be held. Chief guest: Fazl Ahmad. Venue: At 15 Escaton Garden. Time: 3 pm.
- Reception:** 'Anannya' a fortnightly magazine will accord a reception to ten top women for various contributions to society. These eminent women are: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (Politics), Dr Najma Chowdhury (Research), Mahmuda Haq Chowdhury (Diplomacy), Flora Jaibun Majid (Science), Dr Sultana Zaman (Social Service), Dr Sufia Ahmed (Education), Sayda Khanam (Photography), Kethrin Masud (Cinema), Faria Hossain (Drama) and Kanak Chandra (Song). Venue: Nat'l Museum Children's auditorium. Time: 4 pm.
- Alliance Francaise de Dhaka:** A 2-week long solo painting exhibition of Masuma Khan will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5 pm. Chief guest: Prof Muhammad Yunus.
- Discussion:** On the occasion of 22nd death anniversary of Shiraz Shikdar a discussion meeting will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3 pm.
- Divine Art Gallery:** A week long painting exhibition by Gabriela Gina Towhid will begin. Venue: Divine Art Gallery (inside Sonargaon Hotel). Time: 5 pm.
- Sufi conference:** The 9th World Sufi Conference will be held. Venue: Babe Rahmat Conference Square, Motijheel. Time: 7 am.
- Reception:** Nabadhara Natta Sampradai will accord a reception to some theatre personalities. Venue: Indian High Commission cultural centre auditorium (opposite Abahani Ground). Time: 4.30 pm.
- Foundation Day:** The 45th Foundation Day of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be observed. Venue: At the auditorium of the Society. Time: 4 pm.

'Country has thirty lakh infertile couples'

There are about thirty lakh infertile couples out of a total number of over 2.3 crore in the country, convention was told in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The Second Annual Convention of Bangladesh Fertility Society (BFS) was further informed that there are now an estimated eight crore infertile couples in the whole world and that majority of them are victims of acquired infertility.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Salahuddin Yusuf inaugurated the day-long convention at the auditorium of BIRDEM. Prof. Myo Thwe, representative of World Health Organisation (WHO) in Bangladesh and Khairuzaman Chowdhury, were special guests of the inaugural session which was chaired by Dr. Abed Ali Malik, President of BFS.

Describing the huge number of infertile couples in the country as a major socio-economic problem, the health minister

said serious efforts had to be taken to identify the causes that leads to unfortunate state of affairs along with finding suitable methods for its resolution. He said lack of adequate number of standard medical facilities, the people who are suffering infertility depend mostly on indigenous methods thereby land into complicated situation.

The convention was addressed, among others, by Dr MA Bashed, Secretary General of BFS and Dr. Shahla Khatun. Renowned gynaecologist Dr. Shahla Khatun chaired the scientific session.

Salahuddin Yusuf asked the Non-Government Organisations and voluntary associations like BFS to extend their activities and supplement government programmes so that more infertile couples could have necessary treatment and care.

Referring to health-care facilities being provided by the present democratic government, the minister said: "We are laying stress on giving nutrition to the children and other mothers aimed at attaining planned growth of population."

Jasim Palli Mela opens

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak has laid emphasis on the full flourishing of Bengali heritage and culture by resisting the alien one by following the ideals of poet Jasimuddin, reports UNB.

The Minister was inaugurating a fort-night long Jasim Palli Mela at Ambikapur Jasim Ground in Faridpur on Wednesday.

Jasim Foundation in cooperation with BSCIC-Faridpur, organised the Mela in observance of the 94th birth anniversary of the late poet, said an official handout.

Terming the late poet as one of two prides of Bengali nation Razzak said as the independence of the country could not be possible without Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the flourishing of country's folk-culture was not possible without Jasimuddin.

Urging to arrange Jasim Mela nationwide every year to pay respect to the late poet, he said the Mela can play a vital role in developing and marketing the handicraft items and products of rural based cottage industries.

DU Philosophy Dept programme Feb 27

The 75th anniversary programme of Philosophy Department of Dhaka University has been shifted to February 27 from January 3 for unavoidable circumstances, says a press release yesterday.

The programme will now be held on February 27 at Teachers-Students Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University and time for registration has also been extended till January 31.

DPRK envoy calls on President

The ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dr Kim Ki Duk, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the ambassador, President Shahabuddin said the friendly relations, that exists between Bangladesh and the DPRK, will be further strengthened in future, said a Bangabhaban press release.

The President emphasised on increased cooperation between the two countries in the fields of trade, commerce and exchange of visits of official delegation and cultural troupe.

Stands 1st class 4th

Rasheda Khatun secured first class and was placed in the fourth position in the MA final examination of the academic year 1993-94 of Islamic Studies Group held in 1996 under the Dhaka University.

She is the wife of Iktedar Ahmed, Director of Judicial Administration Training Institute, said a press release yesterday.

'Complete fisheries policy soon'

The government will soon formulate a complete fisheries policy for better management and development of fisheries resources, State Minister for Fisheries and Live Stock Shoush Chandra Roy said yesterday, reports UNB.

He was addressing a seminar on 'Finned Shrimp Population and its Collection Process in the Bay of Bengal' at the Zoology Department of Dhaka University.

The State Minister said the fisheries sector has potentials to help accelerate the country's economic development. "By developing the fisheries sector we can create employment opportunity as well as fasten the socio-economic development."

He emphasised the need for creating public awareness to check the destruction of fish fry.

Indian envoy meets Anwar Hossain

Indian high Commissioner Dev Mukherjee called on Communications Minister Anwar Hossain at his office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed various matters relating to mutual interest and hoped that the relations between the two friendly countries will further be strengthened in the days ahead, said a PID handout.

Found

A telephone guide book with some papers have been found. The owner may collect the guide and papers from Bhojon Bilash Hotel, 26, Green Road, Dhaka after proving himself.

9th Biennial Botanical Confce begins Jan 8

The Ninth Biennial Botanical Conference, Bangladesh organised by Bangladesh Botanical Society will begin on January 8 at TSC, Dhaka University, reports BSS.

The theme of the conference is "Plant diversity and conservation" at least 300 plant scientists including 50 from UK, Germany, Japan, Mongolia, Egypt, China, Nepal, Pakistan, India will participate in the two day conference, a press release said yesterday.

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman who was Chief Adviser of the Care Taker Government will be the chief guest while Prof. A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka and M Fazlur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology will be the special guests.

The plenary session of the inaugural day will be held in the Department of Botany, Dr G T France, Director, Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, Richmond, UK will address plant diversity and conservation. In the first scientific session two Indian scientists, Dr G Panigrahi and Dr R K Chakrabarty, will give special lecture on plant taxonomy.

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানান যাচ্ছে যে, "প্রথম বিএসআবএস মিউচুয়াল ফান্ড"-এর ৫০টি সার্টিফিকেটের জন্য আবেদনকারীদের মধ্যে বরাদ্দ নির্ধারণের নিমিত্তে আগামী ০৪ঠা জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৭ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৩:৩০ ঘটিকায় ইনস্টিটিউট অব কম্পিউটার এন্ড ম্যানেজমেন্ট একাডেমি অব বাংলাদেশ, নীলক্ষেত্র, ঢাকা-১২০৫-এর অডিটরিয়াম কক্ষে লটারী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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Weather

Dry weather likely

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

Met office forecast slight fall in night temperature over the country during the period.

Country's lowest temperature 10.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 27.7 degrees at Majdee Court and Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5.24 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	26.0	14.0	65	69
Chittagong	26.4	15.4	75	58
Rajshahi	25.0	13.6	76	75
Khulna	26.8	12.8	79	-
Barisal	27.2	12.2	92	77
Sylhet	27.2	14.0	73	57
Cox's Bazar	27.7	15.5	62	69

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Subject: Appointment of Short-Term National Consultants

- Location : At the SEC, Jiban Bima Tower, 10, Dilkusha C/A. Duties will be discharged to the Chairman, SEC.
- Duration : The appointment will be for 3 months initially.
- Eligibility : Atleast 10 years of experience in senior position in any reputed/established organizations in the areas of relevance. Firms having experience in the relevant field may also apply. The candidates should possess good command over English language, ability to write analytical reports, evaluation and documentation. Candidates with computer literacy will be preferred. Persons who are Directors of Companies listed with the DSE/CSE or any Securities Company or any Brokerage House will not be eligible. These are described below:
 - A. Consultant : Mass Awareness**
 - to prepare Company profiles for guiding the Investors;
 - to develop publicity materials/educational/documentary films to raise awareness about share market affairs among the Investors through TV, Radio and Newspapers.
 - As a part of the above assignments, he would also prepare
 - (i) a Job Report within 1 week, which will contain an Evaluation of current information outflow from SEC.
 - (ii) a detailed Work Plan for strengthening information flows for creating mass awareness with organogram and personnel requirement, budgetary estimates and a time-frame for continuous implementation by SEC.
- Qualification: The candidate should have a Master's degree (Ph.D preferred) in Journalism/Mass Communication from any recognized University. Previous experience of promoting financial instruments will be an advantage.
 - B. Consultant : Training & Certification**
 - to develop training courses and curriculum for the capital market intermediaries;
 - to organize courses for capital market intermediaries through institutional links and TV/distance learning;
 - to develop proficiency test for stock and share market operators and arrange certification.
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 - C. Consultant : Issues**
 - to review present disclosure requirements and suggest improvement;
 - to prepare checklist for submitting application and monitoring the applications for new Issues & Prospectuses;
 - to review existing guidelines for Right Offer;
 - to assist SEC in scrutinising cases of public issues and develop a system for independent advice.
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 - to assist SEC in scrutinising proposal for registration/licensing of market intermediaries and develop standard procedures and guidelines;
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Interested persons should apply in confidence to the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission along with a CV and other related papers by 10 January 1997.

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Executive Director