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● What's on today ●

Ramakrishna Mission: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the Mission has arranged a discussion meeting on Swami Vivekananda and the Youth. Chief guest: Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, Department of History, DU. Venue: Mission premises, 27 Ramakrishna Mission Road. Time: 5 pm. It will be followed by a musical evening to be participated by Bangladeshi Bata and Television artistes.

Theatre seminar: On the concluding day of the two-day international seminar on 'Women in Theatre', the following papers will be presented: 'Women in Theatre — In the New Millennium' by Dr Sonia Nishat Amin and 'Women in Theatre — Country Experiences'. Time: 10 am-1 pm and 2:30 pm-5 pm. Venue: Shilpkala Academy.

Drama: A drama 'Ummay Kulshum' on War of Liberation written and directed by Asish Khandokar will be staged. Venue: TSC auditorium, DU. Time: 7 pm.

Theatre: As part of a week-long theatre festival 'Women in Theatre' Monika Snider's 'Paglesia' will be staged. Venue: Mukti Juddho Jadughar 5, Segun Baghicha. Time: 7 pm.

Children's painting contest: As part of its fortnight long programme on Ekushey February, Bangla Academy has organised a painting competition for children, on the theme 'Shaheed Minar'. Chief guest: Artist Kazi Abul Kashem. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 9 am.

Inaugural ceremony: A Masters in Bank Management (MBM) programme, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Lutfar Rahman Sarkar, Governor, Bangladesh Bank. Venue: BIBM seminar hall. Time: 11 am.

Stipend awarding: A stipend awarding ceremony of the Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council will be held to mark the 76th birth anniversary of the late president. Venue: Biswa Sahitya Kendra. Time: 4 pm.

Dress display: A four-day display of different kinds of dresses will begin. Venue: WVA auditorium at Road No 27, Dhamondi. Time: 11 am. The exhibition has been organised by Karuz. It will remain open from 10 am to 10 pm everyday till February 4.

Saree exhibition: A saree exhibition of Henry's Heritage will begin. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 3 pm.

Certificate giving ceremony: The certificate giving ceremony of the Commonwealth English Language Institute, organised by the Commonwealth Student and Youth Organisation (CSYO), will be held. Venue: Institute premises at Dhamondi. Time: 4 pm.

Contraband worth Tk 5 lakh seized in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: A task force of Customs and BDR seized contraband worth about Taka five lakh from Patenga under port thana here today, official sources said, reports BSS.

The goods included cigarettes and foreign wine, the sources said adding that no arrest was made in this connection.

Changes in Biman's domestic winter schedule

Bangladesh Biman has brought some changes in its domestic winter schedule during February 1 to March 28, reports UNB.

The passengers who have already procured tickets for travelling during the period are requested to contact the nearest Biman Office to know the exact flight time as per the changed schedule, said a press release.

Tk 7.10 cr spent for Rohingyas: JS told

Bangladesh spent Tk 7.10 crore till date for the Rohingya refugees who had crossed into the country from Myanmar a few years ago, reports UNB.

This was stated by State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleque in parliament Thursday while replying to a written question from Mohammad Abdus Sattar (Mymensingh).

Apart from foodstuff and other essentials, he said, the government has so far received about Tk 123.04 crore from foreign countries and agencies for the refugees.

Saudi Arabia donated 1,947 pieces and 105 metric tons of tents, and 5,019 cartons and 105,36 tons of food items for the refugees.

France gave 500 tons of wheat, three tons of powdered milk, six tons of wheat powdered milk, two vehicles and

Reconciliation between DU BCL factions

Two feuding factions of pro-Awami League Chhahira League in Dhaka University have announced the reconciliation between them and said they would work together to materialise the dreams of Bangabandhu, reports UNB.

The factions, known as Bahujati Bahini and Sharifpur-Madaripur group, got together Wednesday night and brought out a joint procession on the campus Thursday.

They also celebrated the reconciliation by offering sweetmeats and exchanging bouquet at Madhu's Canteen amid claps and cheers in the morning.

A leader of ruling party's student wing told UNB that a group of Jubo League leaders brought the rival groups to Eskaton Sabuj Sangha Club Wednesday night and helped them to reach an understanding.

The two groups had quarrel for last two-and-a-half years due to differences of opinion on different issues, particularly the sharing of tolls.

Students said the conflict between the two groups had caused many violent incidents on the Dhaka University campus.

Call to follow ideals of greatmen

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday called for following the ideals and principles of the greatmen to help ensure peace, stability and development in society, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion in observance of the 135th anniversary of birth of Swami Bibekananda at Ramkrishna Mission in the city.

Rahman said Swami Bibekananda had sacrificed his life for the service of the distressed and helpless people and forging of fraternity, brotherhood and harmony among the members of different religions.

The minister said the ideals of democracy and secularism were flourishing day by day worldwide and added religion should not be capitalised to carry out politics.

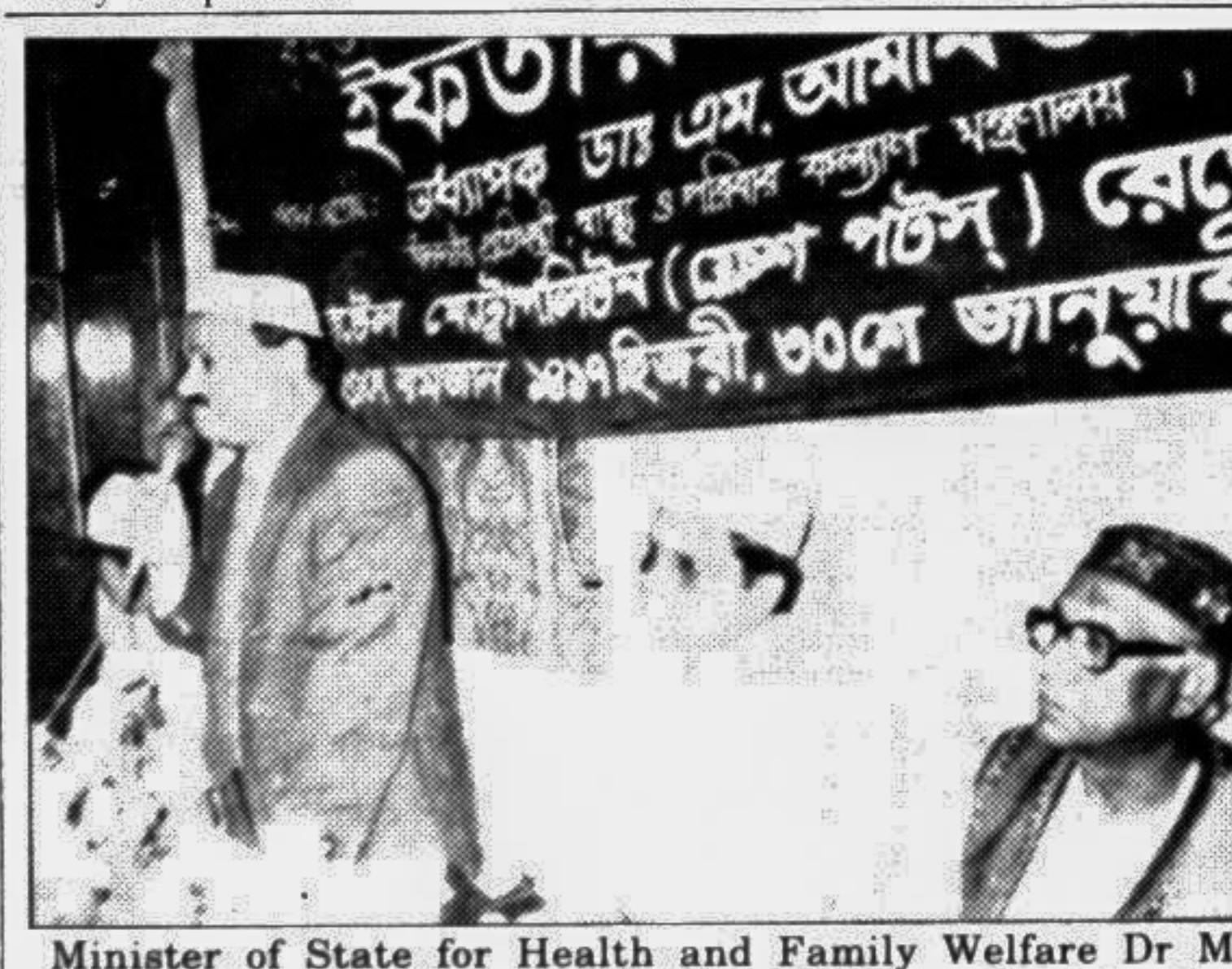
Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of an essay competition on 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh' organised by Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad was held at the Mugdhabara Community Centre in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the function, State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said "killing invites killing." He said all the killers of Bangabandhu, Sheikh Russell and others on August 15, 1975 must be brought to book to stop such killing permanently.

The black laws debarring the trial of killing of Bangabandhu have already been scrapped from the Constitution, he added.

Obaidul sought all out co-operation of the people in this regard.



Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Amanullah speaking at an iftar party organised by the Greater Mymensingh Jubo Samity at a hotel in the city Thursday. Sitting beside him president of the samity Mahfuzur Rahman and former MP Amanullah Chowdhury.

CCC to execute 70 development projects

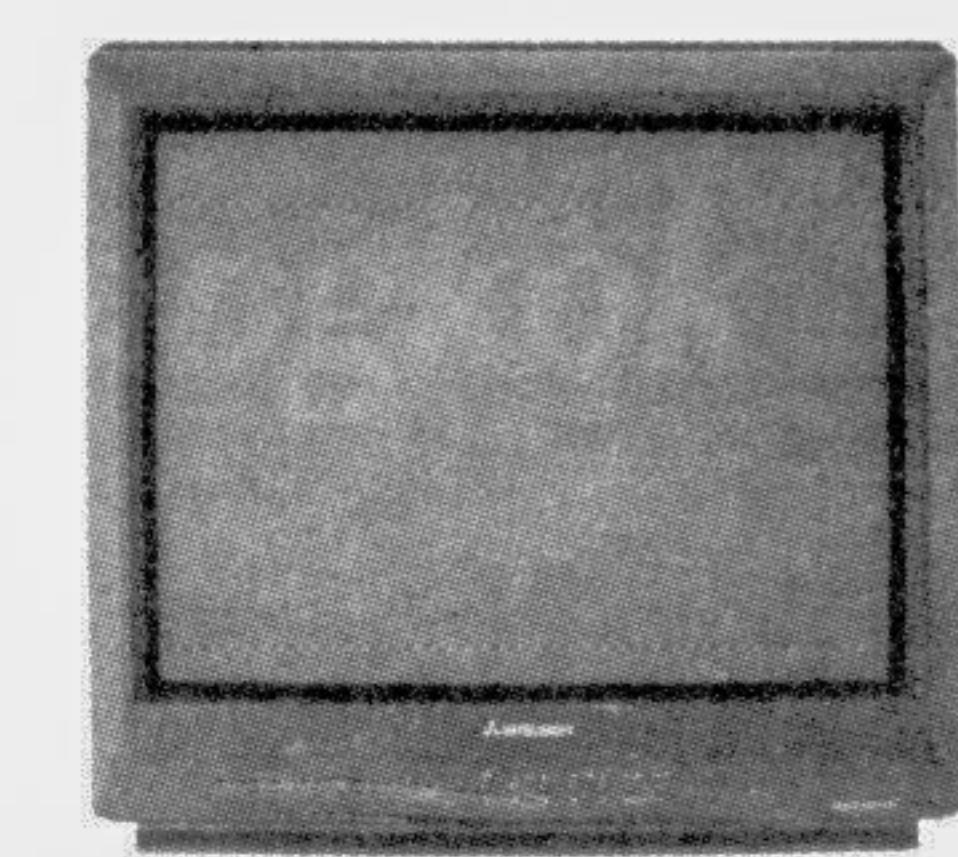
CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) will execute some 70 development projects in the city at a cost of Taka 3.30 crore during the current financial year, reports BSS.

According to a Corporation press release the projects to be executed in 41 wards of the City

Corporation includes construction of roads, culverts, footpaths and development of drainage system.

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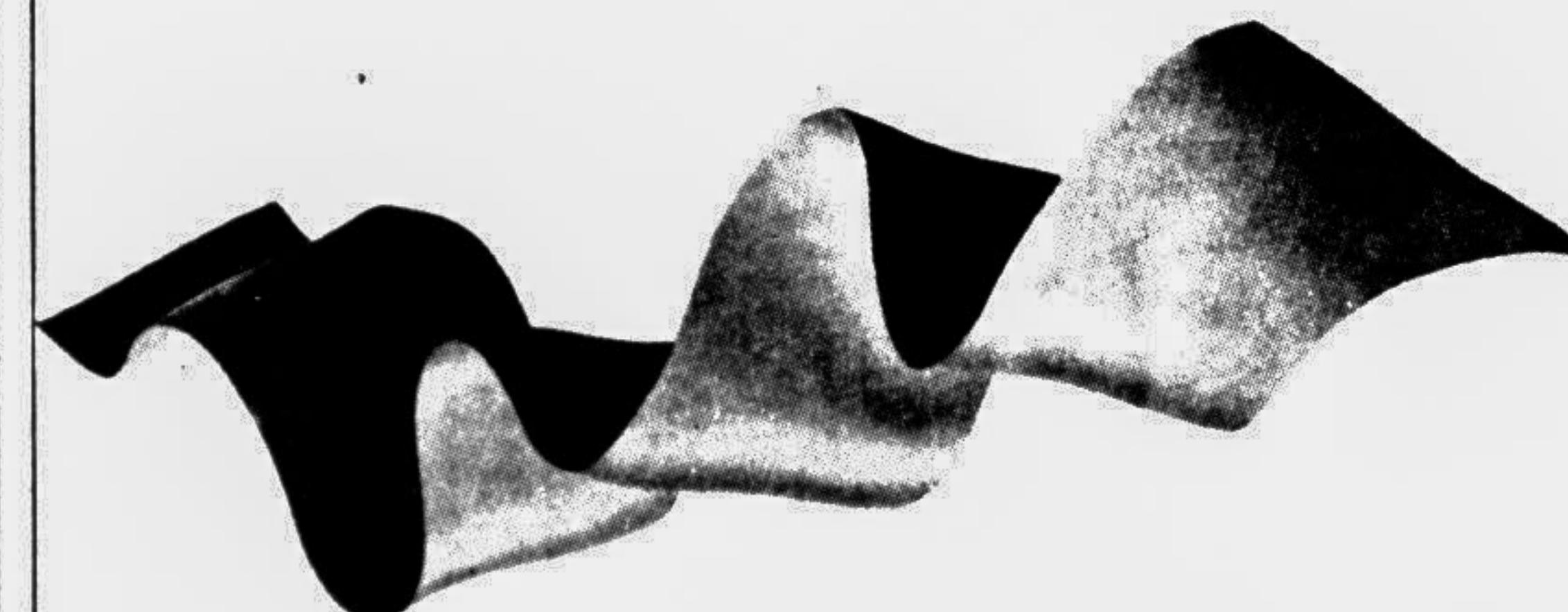
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