

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 Bangladesh Betar and Television artists.

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: Shilpakala Academy.

Drama: A drama 'Ummay Kulshum' on War of Liberation written and directed by Ashish 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: Muktijuddho 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, Dhanmondi. 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 Dhanmondi. 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.



Jagannath Hall Students' Union held a protest rally marking the day of the police attack on the hall students on January 31, '96 in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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

nutritious food for 40,000 refugees along with one refrigerator.

The government received cash Tk 19,45,435 from Indonesia and 30,000 US dollars from Thailand.

Besides, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) gave Tk 97.10.36.500, some 1,822 roles of plastic sheets, 45,000 pieces and 11.3 tons of blanket, one printer, 29 tons of medicines and sanitation, 51 vehicles, 10 units of hospital tents, one set of pat drilling machine, 42 motor cycles and office equipment, computer and photostat machines.

Islamic Development Bank (IDB) donated Tk 7.25 crore. World Food Programme (WFP) gave 1,66,029 tons of food items and other countries and agencies provided Tk 6.48.75.980 to Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugees.

Reconciliation between DU BCL factions

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

The factions, known as Bahujatik Bahini and Shariatpur-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 Ekatoni Sabuj Sangha Club Wednesday night and helped them to reach an understanding.

The two groups had quarrel for last two-and-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 Bibeknanda at Ramkrishna Mission in the city.

Rahman said Swami Bibeknanda 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.

'Govt violating principles of rule of law'

BNP leader KM Obaidur Rahman yesterday stressed the need for establishing real rule of law in the country for consolidating democracy, reports UNB.

Addressing a seminar at Jatuya Press Club in the afternoon, he accused the present government of violating the principles of rule of law in their deeds and manners.

In this connection, he said that a large number of his party leaders and workers, and even its chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia have been implicated in "false cases."

"This is an intrigue to undermine the image and position of BNP," he added.

The seminar on "Freedom of Speech and Democratic Struggle" organised by National Youth and Students Association (NYSA) was addressed, among others, by former Minister Nazimuddin Al Azad, Salahuddin Ahmed MP and Shamsul Alam Liton.

NYSA President Sayeed Hossain Sayeed presided over the function.

Dr Rezwan Siddiqui presented the keynote paper at the seminar, suggesting true application of Article 39 of the Constitution that guarantees freedom of speech and the press.

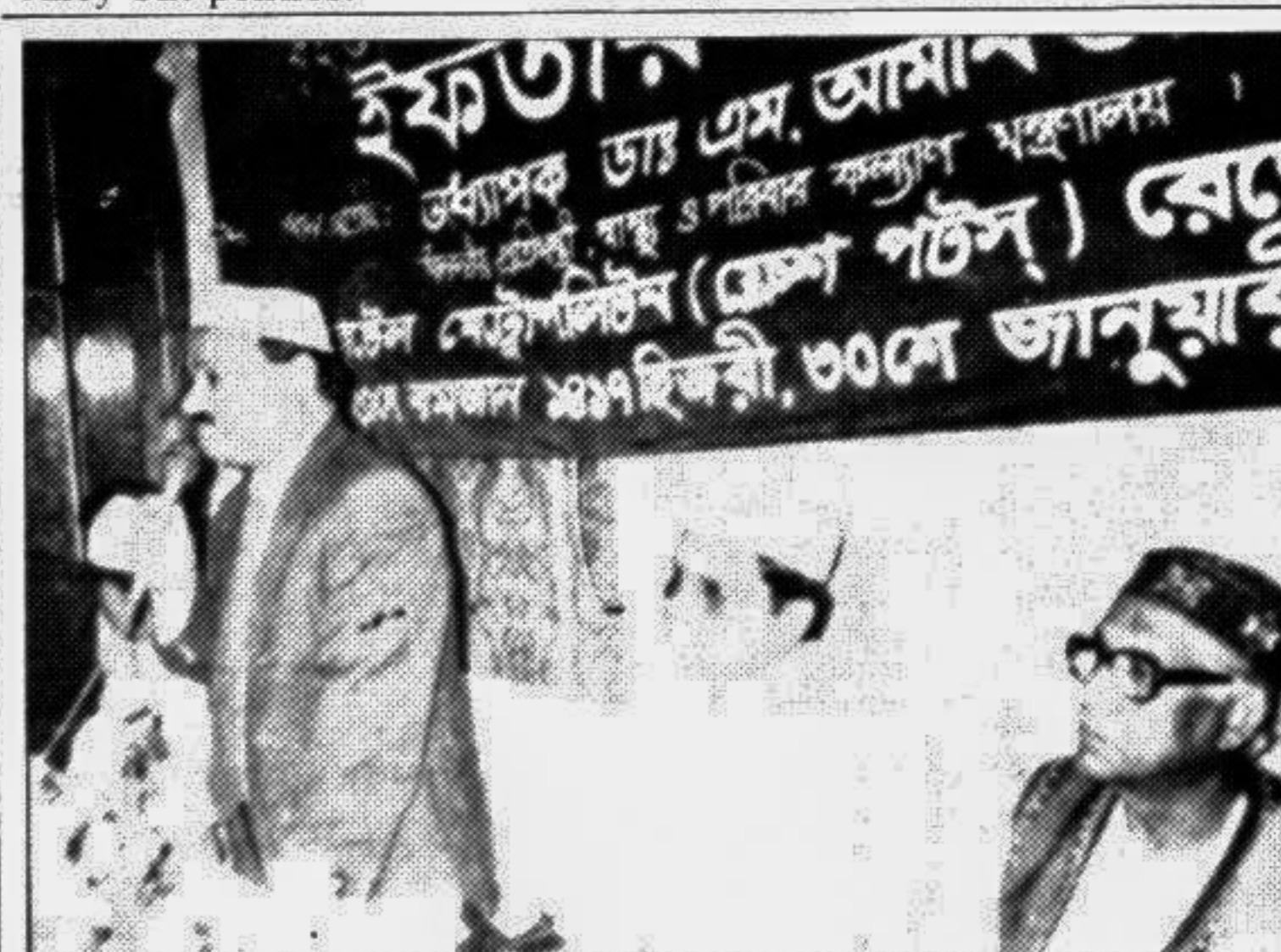
Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of an essay competition on 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh' organised by Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad was held at the Mughdipara 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 Russel 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 M Amanullah speaking at an iftar party organised by the Greater Mymensingh Jubo Samity at an 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

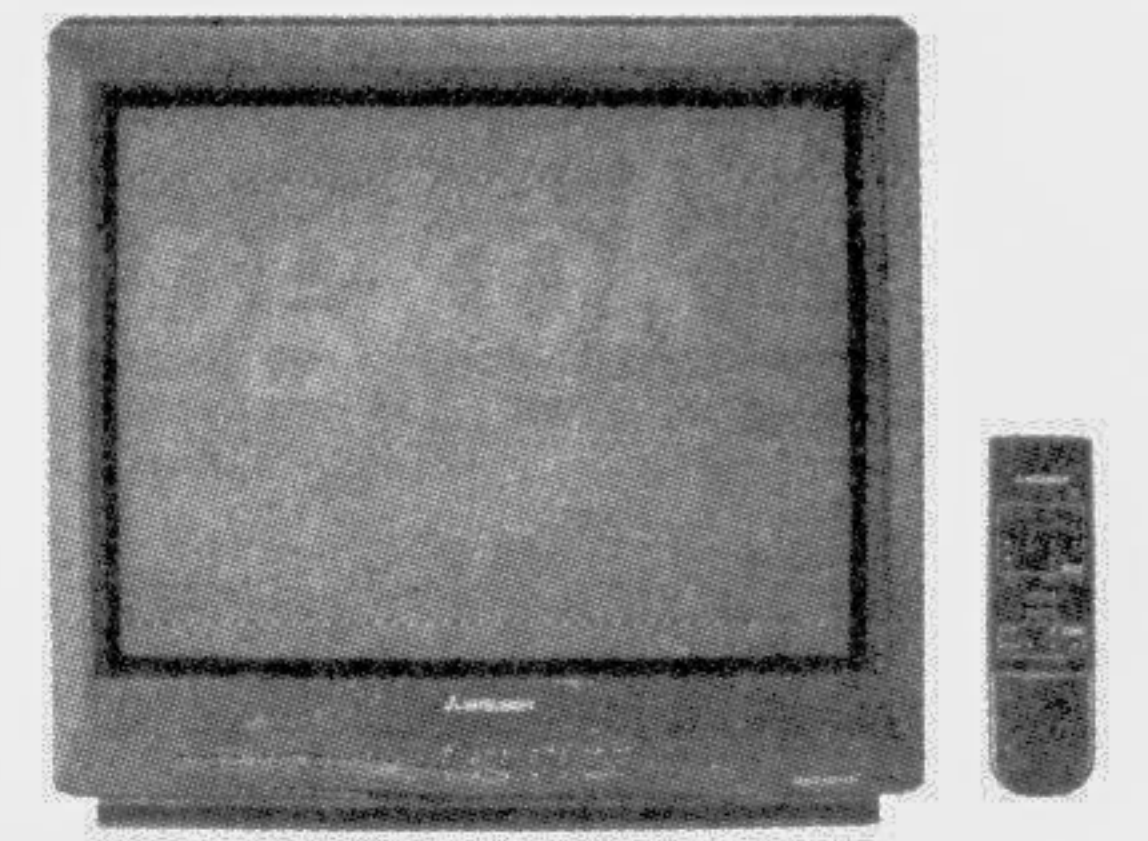
CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) will execute some 70 development projects in the city at a cost of Taka 3.30 crore during

the current financial year, reports BSS.

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

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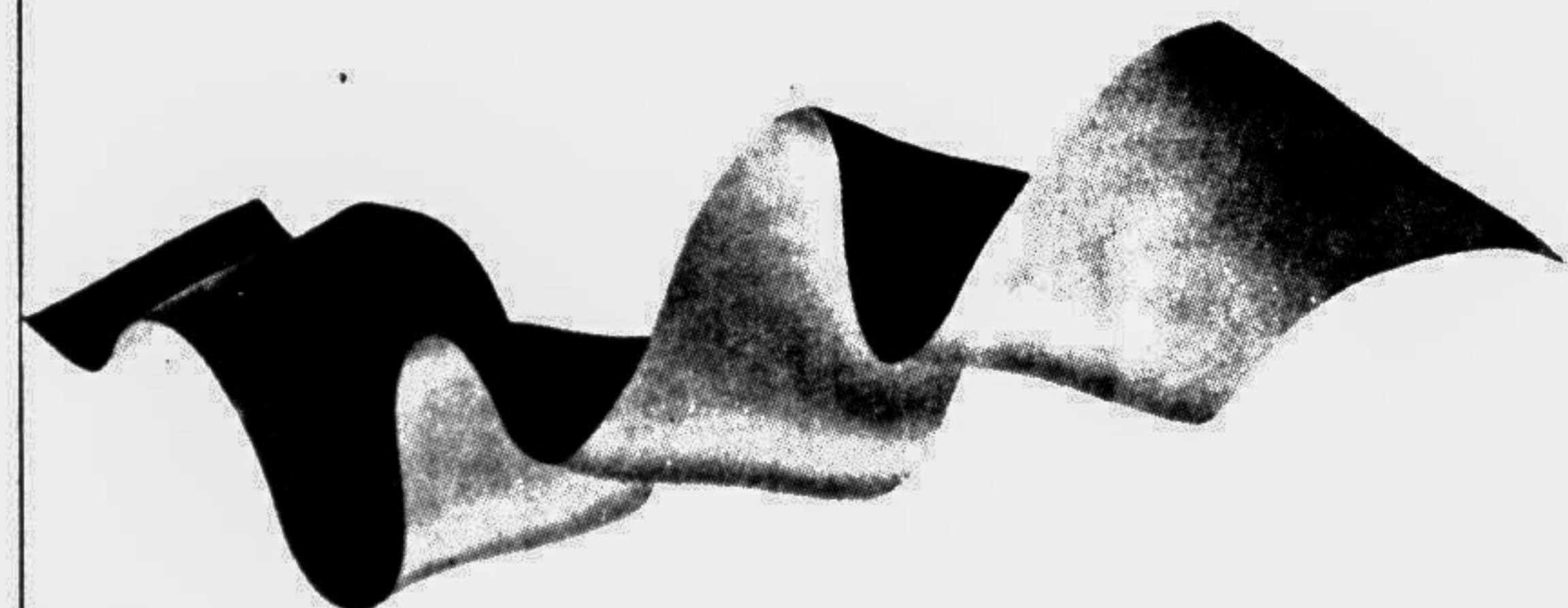
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..... Defendant.

By this notice the above named defendant is hereby informed that the plaintiff Bank has filed the above suit for realisation of Tk. 5,56,658/- (Taka five lac fifty six thousand six hundred and fifty eight) only as on 30-6-95 against you. Therefore you are notified to appear in the court in person or through advocate on 25-2-97 and to reply if any, otherwise the suit will be disposed to exparte.

Given under signature and seal of this court this the day of 5.1.97

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Sub-Judge Artharin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka.