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• What's on today

Painting exhibition: A solo painting exhibition by Asma Kibria will be inaugurated. Venue: Auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5 PM. Chief guest: Noted educationist Prof Kabir Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition.

Sammilito Nari Samaj: On the occasion of the International Women's Day Sammilito Nari Samaj will hold a rally followed by a protest meeting and cultural function.

The rally will start from the front of National Museum and will end in front of DU Teachers' Student Centre (TSC). Time: 3 PM.

Dance festival: Zeela Samson will present Bharata Natyam. Venue: National Museum Auditorium. Time: 7 PM.

Indian Film Festival: The film 'Bhavni' 'Bhaval' will be screened. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road 2, House No 25, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

Rally: Ministry of Environment and Forest will hold a rally in order to create awareness to stop emission of black smoke from vehicles and to check environmental pollution. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 9 AM.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1:30 PM.

Seminar: A seminar on "Lessons from the History of Water Management Projects in Bangladesh" will be held. Venue: Women Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium.

Dr Salim Rashid, Professor of Department of Economics, University of Illinois, USA will be the key-note speaker at the seminar organised by the Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB).

'Bangabandhu's speech on Mar 7 inspired people for freedom struggle'

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the historic speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 7 of 1971 was an undrafted spontaneous address from the core of his heart which inspired the people for their freedom struggle, reports BSS.

They were speaking at a discussion at the Bangla Academy auditorium organised by the academy on the occasion of the historic March 7.

Presided over by Prof K M Mohsin, Director General (DG) of Bangla Academy, Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, Prof Syed Hayat Mahmud, Selina Hosain, Ashfakur Rahman Khan, Azahar Islam, Bhuiyan and Subrata Bikash Barua participated in the discussion.

The speakers said, the historic March 7 speech contains the guidelines given by Bangabandhu for our liberation struggle which has become an integral part of our history.

The speakers termed the speech of Bangabandhu as a 'green signal' to all to start liberating the country from the occupation army of the autocratic Pakistani rulers.

Female garment workers' rally renews demands

Female garment workers renewed their demand for ensuring their rights in and outside the workplace as the International Women's Day is observed today, reports UNB.

The female members of the National Garments Workers Federation (NGWF) came out on the streets with red flags in the city yesterday, mainly to voice their demand for security as well as equal status and same salary with male colleagues.

"Garments sector is the nation's pride... save the women workers from rape, killing and repression" was the main theme of the federation in observing the women's day.

At present, some 12 lakh women are engaged in the country's garments sector. The number of male workers is about three lakh only.

The country earns about 2.6 billion US dollar annually by exporting readymade garments. The amount is about 64 per cent of total exports.

"Besides the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, we have also every right to enjoy our just rights as the garment sector is the country's key source for foreign exchange," said Shabana Rahman, the ex-

ecutive president of NGWF.

She was delivering her presidential address at a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club before the red-flag procession by the garment workers that paraded different city streets.

The rally was also addressed by Lovely Biswas, Parul Begum, Safia Parvin, Rehana Akhter Murini, Shahida Akhter, Mujibur Rahman and Amirul Haq Amin.

Amirul Haq Amin, the NGWF general secretary, told the news agency that in general, the condition of garments workers in the country was not at all satisfactory. "The female workers are more deprived," he said.

According to the NGWF general secretary, female workers were denied their rights to work above the level of helper and operator even when they were competent.

Women's salary was also not satisfactory, he said informing that a helper gets Tk 400-500 while an operator Tk 1,000-1,400 only per month.

NGWF executive president Shabana Rahman informed that 13 garments workers, including the one in the city's Mirpur recently, were violated.

Silent march to protest alleged politicisation by AL Mar 10

Shata Nagarik Committee, a body of intellectuals, will bring out a silent procession in the city on March 10 to protest what it calls, pervasive politicisation by the ruling Awami League, reports UNB.

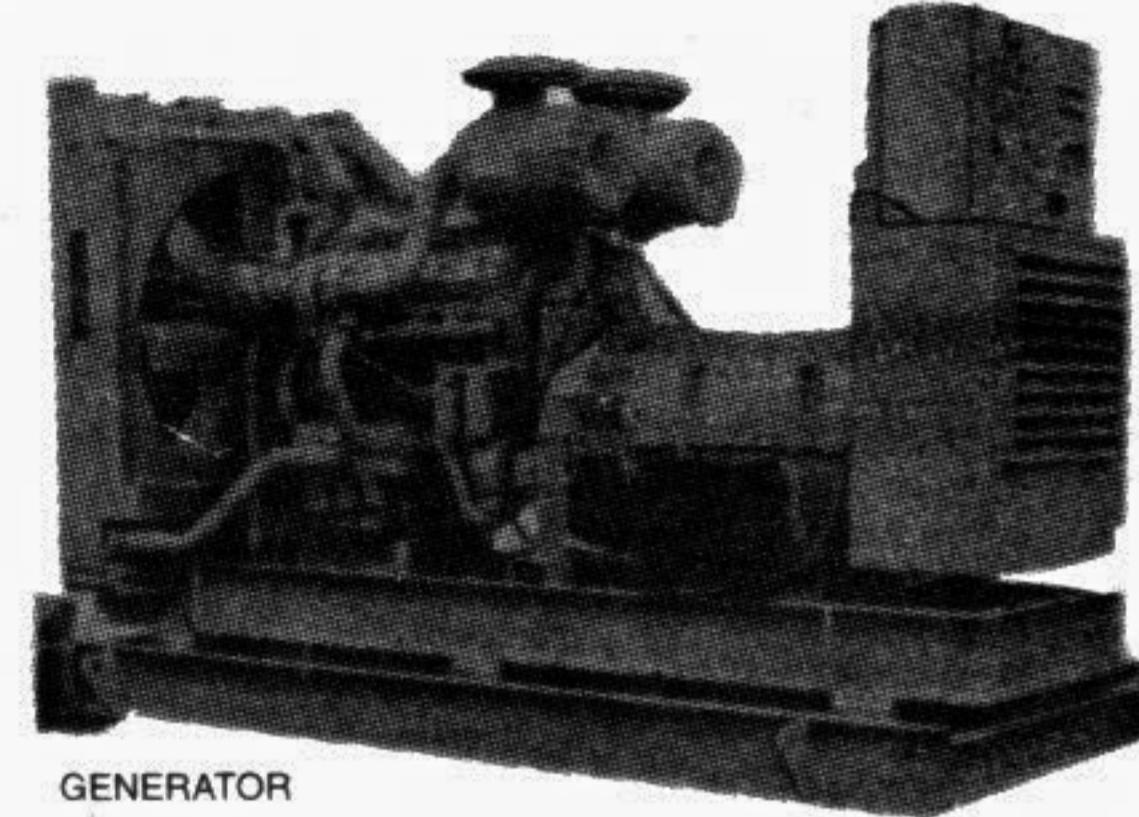
The planned protest march will begin in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 3 pm and terminate at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Announcing the programme at a press conference at the Press Club Monday, committee president Prof Enajuddin Ahmed expressed concern at the removal of important personalities like teachers, journalists and officials from their respective posts.

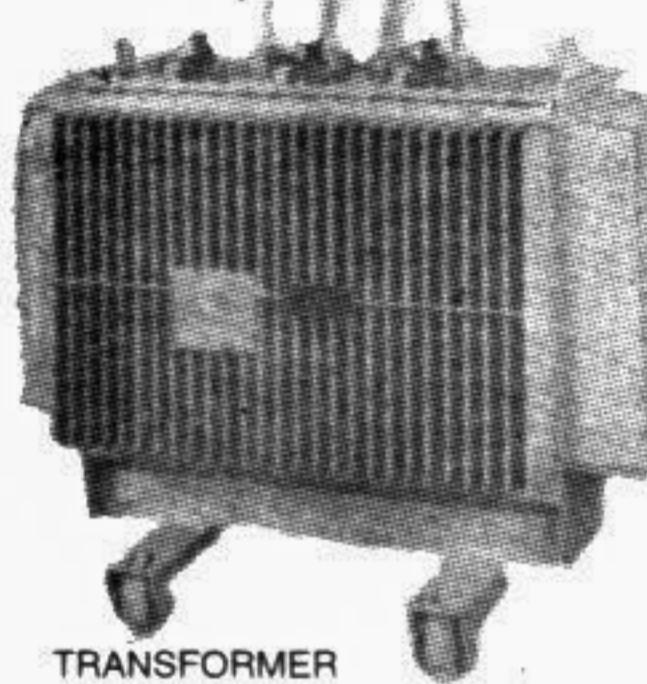
The former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University alleged that all of those who have been fired fell prey to 'the politicisation' move of the present Awami League government.

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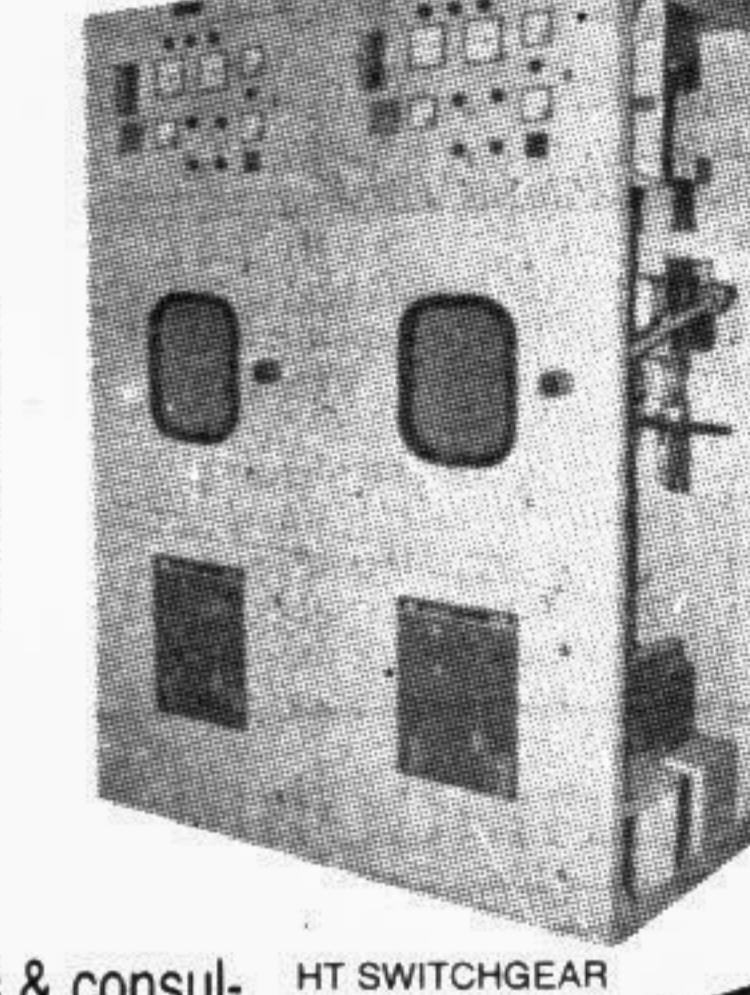
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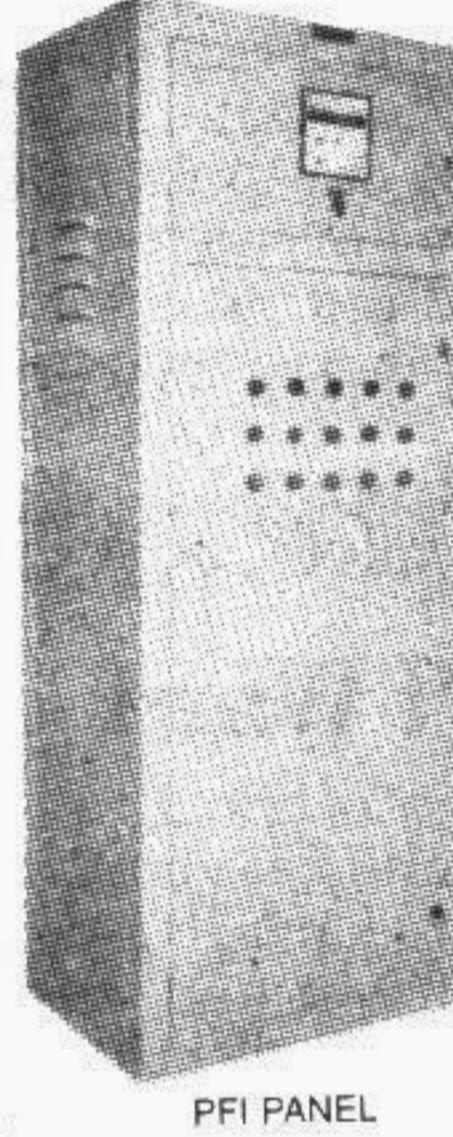
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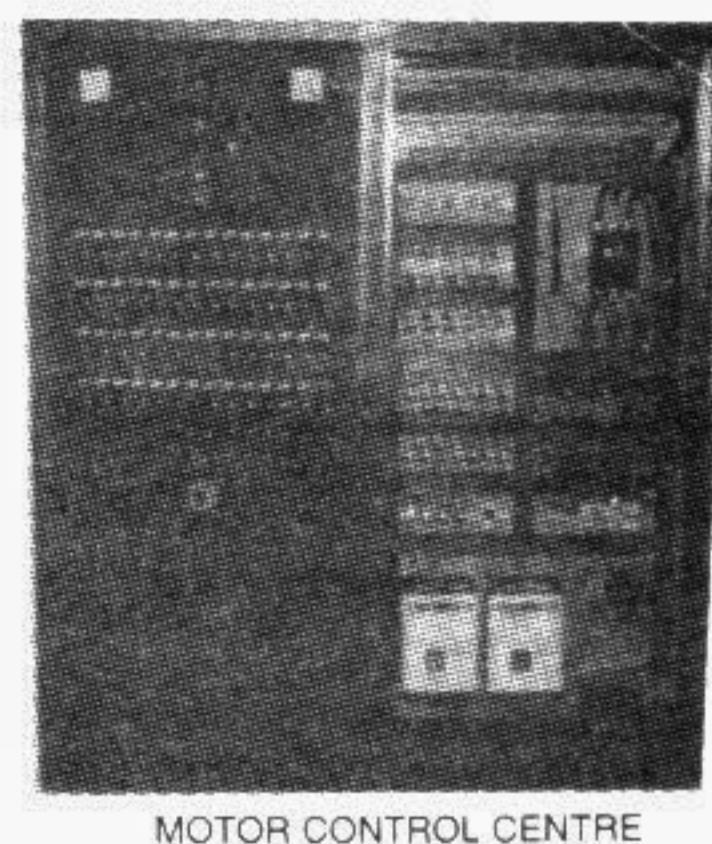
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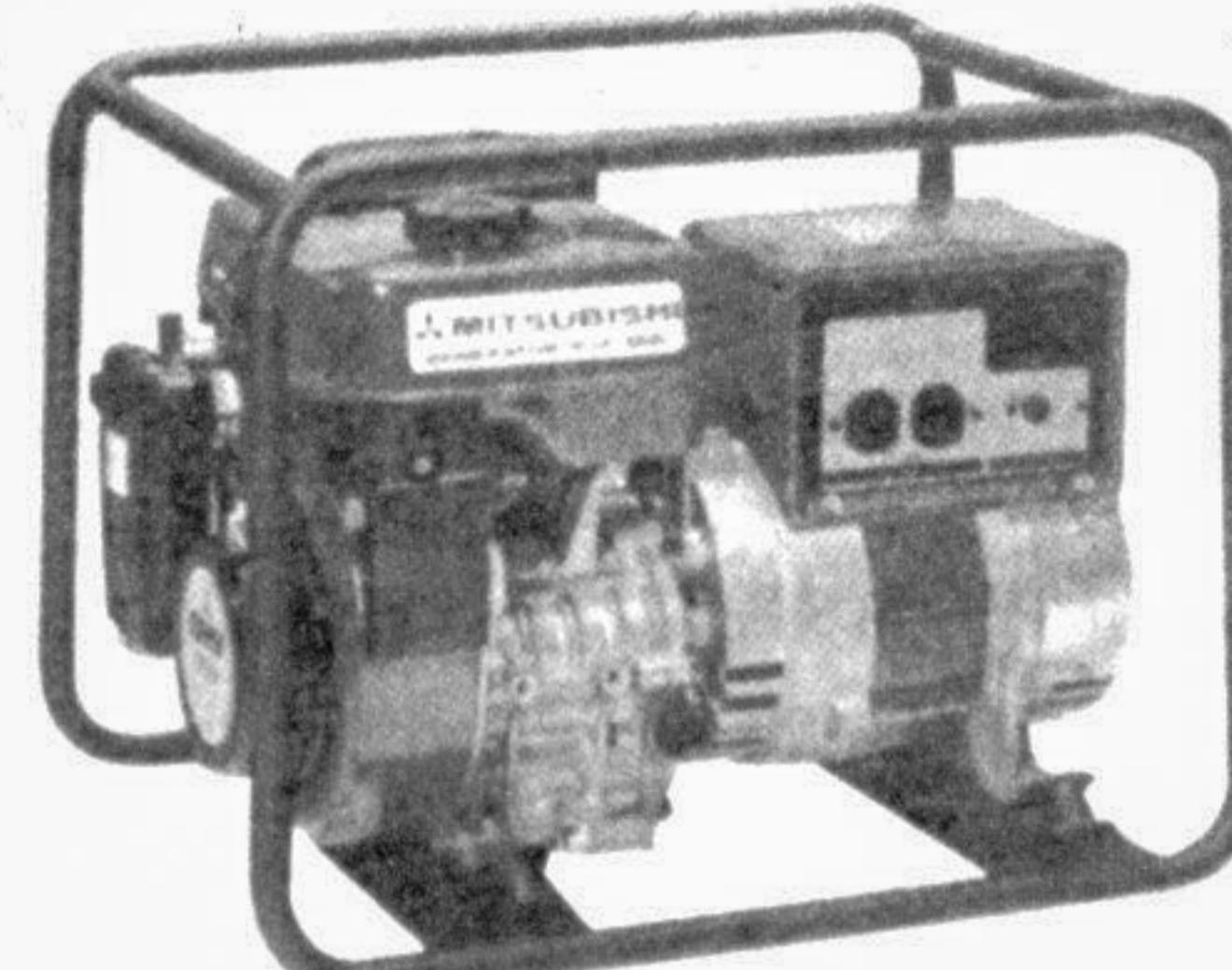
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