

Square Pharma holds medical edn programme

Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. organised a two-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on obstetric emergencies at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chittagong from March 4 to 5, says a press release.

Prof. Syeda Nurjahan Bhuiyan, Head of the Department of Gynaec & Principal of CMC presided over the 1st day programme and Prof. M A Taher Khan presided over the 2nd day programme. Arshadul-Alam, Marketing Manager of Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd delivered the opening address.

Prof M A Taher Khan and many other renowned gynaecologists took part in the discussion on obstructed labour, post partum haemorrhage, septic abortion and hypertension in pregnancy.

At the end of the session CME certificates were distributed among the participants.

New ICAO Secy-Gen

UNITED NATIONS, Mar 8: The International Civil Aviation Organization on Thursday named a Brazilian aviation official its new secretary general, reports AP.

Renato Claudio Costa Pereira, president of CERNAI, the Brazilian government's aviation agency, will assume the new post on August 1.

He will succeed Philippe Rochat of Switzerland.

The Montreal-based ICAO, formed in 1944 to promote safe development of global aviation, is an agency of the United Nations.

Pereira, a former major general in the Brazilian air force has held various positions in the development of civil aviation in Brazil. He will assume the ICAO post August 1.

Bank scam in India

Police accuse 2 ex-bankers of fraud

NEW DELHI, Mar 8: Federal police on Friday accused two former executives of the state-owned Vijaya Bank of violating government lending rules and trying to defraud the bank of millions of rupees, a local news agency reported, says AP.

The Central Bureau of Investigation, which is similar to the US FBI, registered cases against Vijaya Bank's former chairman and former managing director, according to United News of India news agency.

Police must register a case before carrying out an arrest.

UNI quoted a CBI statement as saying the two had conspired to cheat the bank of 1.17 billion rupees (33 million dollars) by violating government rules on loans to private companies. Details of the case were sketchy.

Several state-owned banks across India are currently being probed for allegedly violating lending rules.

Last year, the CBI arrested M Gopalakrishnan, chairman of the state-owned Indian Bank is the southern city of Madras, for sanctioning what it called dubious loans to politicians and industrialists. Gopalakrishnan has denied the allegations.

The federal Finance Ministry accused Gopalakrishnan of poor management and bad loans after his bank suffered the largest loss last year among all state-owned banks.

Foundation course for Islami Bank officers opens

The inaugural ceremony of 15 day-long training on Foundation Course for the probationary officers and assistant officers of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited was held on Saturday, at the auditorium of Islami Bank Training & Research Academy (IBTRA), says a press release.

Mohammad Younus, Vice Chairman of the bank, attended the function as chief guest.

The function was presided over by ASM Fakhrul Ahsan, Director General of IBTRA.

Honda CR-V 4X4 launched

DHS Motors Limited, local distributor for Honda cars, launches Honda CR-V (Comfortable Runabout Vehicle), 4X4 in Bangladesh market, says a press release.

The Honda CR-V is a 4WD sports utility vehicle with the riding comfort and road performance of a sedan.

CR-V is equipped with 2000 cc engine and 4-speed automatic transmission. On demand (realtime), 4-wheel drive is provided automatically by means of an ingenious hydraulic system. Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) and SRS Air Bag System on both driver's and passenger's side are standard.

After the launch of CR-V by Honda, the model has been enjoying unprecedented success worldwide in the light sports utility segment of the market.

Speakers at seminar on role of pharmacists

Bangladesh attains autarky in medicines

Speakers at a seminar here Friday said Bangladesh has attained self-sufficiency in medicines, reports BSS.

The basic raw material being produced in country is now being exported to various countries of the world including the European markets, they observed.

The seminar on 'The role of pharmacists in the development of medicine industry' was arranged by a national committee of the Pharmacists at a local hotel.

Vice-President of Bangladesh Pharmacy Council presided over the seminar while Managing Director of Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd. D H Khan attended as chief guest. WHO Representative KU Mint and

UNICEF Representative Brig. (Retd) Dr. Kazi Shahjahan Halif attended the seminar as special guests.

The keynote paper on the subject was presented by WHO consultant Prof. Dr Methau and Associate Professor of the Department of Pharmacy of Dhaka University ABM Faruque.

The speakers stressed the need for playing proper role by the pharmacists to keep the pace of development of medicine industry unhampered.

They also underscored the importance of keeping vigil by the pharmacists so that the quality of medicines and good manufacturing practice were ensured as prescribed by the WHO.

The speakers observed that proper and necessary medicine services could be given to the patients only through ensuring safe use of medicines.

They underscored need for necessary expansion of the syllabus of pharmacy education for production, quality control, distribution and use of quality medicines in the country.

They also highlighted the need for necessary follow up and precaution about the side-effects and after-effects of the use of medicines in human bodies.

The speakers observed that pharmacists have a special role to play in enhancing export and sale of Bangladeshi medicines in the world market.

3-day UK trade fair begins today

A three-day UK trade fair, organised by the British High Commission, will begin here today, says BSS.

The first-ever UK trade fair in Bangladesh, will be sponsored by the South Asia Advisory Group of the UK Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

A total of 38 British companies and educational institutions are expected to participate in the trade fair at the Winter Garden at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

The 31 companies represented are already active in Bangladesh while the seven institutions' representatives will be coming from the UK.

The prime objective of the UK trade fair is to focus on the range and quality of goods and services that are available through British companies operating in Bangladesh.

Britain and Bangladesh,

with their strong historical links, continue to enjoy a buoyant and growing trade relationship with Bangladesh benefiting from a trade surplus with Britain.

In the first 11 months of 1996, British visible exports to Bangladesh totalled 67.3 billion pound sterling (Taka 471 crore) while Bangladesh's exports to Britain amounted to 263.4 million pound sterling (over Taka 1,844 crore), a 24.1 per cent increase during the same period in the previous year.

Britain has one of the largest foreign investor presences in Bangladesh with more than 47 companies. Britain is Bangladesh's third largest export market.

Bangladesh is the second largest recipient of British bilateral aid, receiving a total of 56 million pound sterling (Taka 364 crore) in 1994-95.

Coming AGMs

Company	Book Closure	AGM/EGM	Date	Venue & Time	Dividend Proposed
Chittagong Cement	01/03/97-20/03/97	AGM	20/03/97	Hotel Agnabati Clg 10 am	1R:2.20
National tube	01/03/97-25/03/97	AGM	25/03/97	Factory Premises 11 am	1R:2.15
Eastern Cables	01/03/97-20/03/97				1R:5
BD Luggage (dtb)	20/02/97-04/03/97				10
The Ibis	25/02/97-06/03/97	AGM	06/03/97	Factory Premises Salipur, Gazipur 10 AM	12
Rowick Japewar	Adjusted AGM		05/03/97	BDC Auditorium, Dilkusha 11 AM	35
Eastern Lubricant	13/03/97-19/03/97	AGM	19/03/97	—	18.5
City Vegetable	20/03/97-26/03/97	AGM	—		3R:1 (Pr: Tk 50)
Bengal Biscuit	15/03/97-20/03/97	AGM	28/03/97	Hotel Sonargaon,	18.5
Alfab Automobiles	22/03/97-25/03/97	AGM	—		2R:1 (Pr: Tk 50)
Benimco (dtb)	25/03/97-19/04/97				25
Urmia Glass	02/03/97-21/03/97	AGM	21/03/97	Reg. Office 10:30 AM	

PEREGRINE BANGLADESH INDEX

Saturday's market comment

The PBI plunged 4.5% for the day to close at 745.21 on low volume. Market sentiment was extremely bearish as 24 issues suffered losses over only one winner. Eastern Housing led the losers as it dropped 8.9% under retail selling pressure. The financial stocks fell significantly as ULC and IDLC dropped 8% and 7.2% respectively. Singer shed 5.7% following announcement of bonus and dividend last week. Apex Foods was the only winner of the day as it added 0.3% on thin retail demand.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels As on 8.3.97.

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Leaving
J/1	St of A Predeash/48	GI/GL	Mojo	SSL	5/3 8/3
J/2	Mare	GI (Coppa)	Sing	IPL	19/2 B Bay 7/3 9/3
J/3	Mighty Tide		K Dia		
J/4	Bismilata-La	Wheat (P)	Argen	OWSL	22/2 12/3
J/5	Maripuri	Wheat (P)	P Kel	AASS	19/2 11/3
J/6	Hemlock	Wheat (P)	Dar	OWSL	19/2 11/3
J/7	Jin Jiang	GI	Sing	Prog	23/2 10/3
J/8	Yi Yang	GI	Xing	Prog	15/2 10/3
J/9	Banglar Doot	GI	Viza	BSC	3/3 9/3
J/10	An Da	C Clink	Sing	NBL	28/2 25/3
J/12	Chang Ping	Urea (G)	Bonk	Seacom	20/2 8/3
J/13	Meng Yang	Cont	Sing	AML	6/3 10/3
CCT/1	Kota Bintang	Cont	Sing	PIL (BD)	6/3 9/3
CCT/2	Fong Shin	Cont	Sing	BDSH	6/3 9/3
CCT/3	Freesia	Cont	Mong	BDSH	7/3 10/3
RM/14	Al Salma (48)	GI (Idle)	Bomb	ASLL	7/3 10/3
CCJ	Peng Xiang Ling	C Clink	Delmure	28/2 9/3	
GSJ	Banglar Robi	Wheat (G)	BSC	R/A	12/3
RM/3	Global Jupiter	CPO/RBD	Male	TSL	7/3
RM/4	Normar Spirit	CDSO	Mada	Seacom	22/2 8/3
RM/5	Destiny	HSD		ECSL	8/3
RM/6	Kapitan Nagonyuk	L Oil	Mad	IPL	5/3 9/3
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	BSC	R/A	12/3
DDJ/1	Tanary Star	Idle	Para	PSAL	7/6
DDJ/2	Banglar Shobha	Repair	Marc	NSC	11/1 12/3
RM/8	Banglar Asha	Ballast	Mong	BSC	6/3
RM/9	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	BSC	R/A	10/3
CUFLJ	Blue North	Cement	Qing	PSAL	3/6 15/3
Kafeo (U)	Trade Dawn	Urea (C)	Switch	Litmond	16/2 14/3

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of	Last Port Arrival	Local Call	Cargo Agent	Loading Port
Gregory Kavachuk	8/3	Sing	BDShip	GI	
New Brooklyn	8/3	Kota	JP	Scraping	Sing
Meng Kiat 20/2	13/3	Sing	AML	Scrap	Sing
Consistence 1/3	9/3	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Moni 24/2	10/3	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Kota Pusaka 27/2	10/3	Sing	PIL (BD)	Cont	Sing
Qc Pintail 1/3	11/3	Sing	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Sea Master 1	10/3		Oil	GI	
Fong Yun 24/2	12/3	Sing	BDShip	Cont</td	