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**What's on today . . .**

**Zahir Raihan Film Society:** The Society has arranged a retrospective of Golden Palm Award winning films to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Cannes Film Festival. Today's films: 'Kagemusha' by Akira Kurosawa (Japan) and 'Taxi Driver' by Martin Scorsese (USA). Venue: Goethe Institut, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm and 8 pm respectively.

**Bulbul Lalitakala Academy:** In observance of the first death anniversary of Mahmud Nurul Huda, founder director of the Academy, a discussion meet and musical programme have been arranged. Venue: Academy premises, 7 Waizghat. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Ramna:** The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Family lounge, Dhaka Club. Time: 5 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka New City:** The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 35/1 Purana Paltan Line (4th floor), Inner Circular Road.

**NCCADN meet:** A general meeting of the National Coordination Council of Anti-Drug NGOs (NCCADN) will be held. Venue: Voluntary Health Services Society, 273 Baitul Aman Housing Society, Rd: 1, Shyamoli. Time: 9:30 am.

**'Cardiac problems can be managed surgically'**

Dr Devi Shetty, a leading cardiac surgeon of the sub-continent, yesterday said many cardiac problems could be managed surgically with success rate of 98 to 99 per cent due to present development in technology, reports BSS.

"The expense to manage cardiac problems has now come down to Taka 80,000 to 90,000 from the level of several hundred thousand taka," he said.

But, Dr Shetty remarked, the present level of expense could be further reduced and treatment could be reached to the poorer people if the richer people come forward with help for development of this specialty in different parts of the country.

Dr Devi Shetty was addressing a seminar on 'cardiac problems in Bangladesh,' organised by the University of Science and Technology (USTC) in Chittagong yesterday.

National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, founder-president of the USTC hoped that with the help and cooperation of Dr Shetty and his team members, the USTC would be able to make cardiac surgery affordable to the lower income people.

**TB claims 80,000 annually**

**'New strain of TB making treatment difficult'**

A new strain of the killer disease tuberculosis (TB), called 'multi-drug resistant tuberculosis,' is making the traditional treatment of the disease difficult, reports UNB.

This was disclosed by Dr Iqbal Hasan Mahmud, a specialist of chest diseases and former superintendent of TB Control Centre, in his book 'Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis and its Management.'

The book was launched at a press conference in the city yesterday.

"The disease turns into a multidrug resistant one due to non-completion of treatment-course by TB patients," Dr Mahmud said, adding that as a result the number of tuberculosis patients is increasing alarmingly.

"There are about 5.7 lakh tuberculosis patients in Bangladesh and about one and a half lakh new patients are being recorded each year," Dr Mahmud said.

He further informed that about 80 thousand people die of the disease every year in the country.

About 50,000 people die of tuberculosis globally every week, he stated, saying that TB and AIDS have close relation to each other. "About one crore people have been affected by the two killer diseases," he said.

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**Body to formulate new drug policy to be formed soon**

The government has taken necessary measures to constitute a high-powered committee to formulate a new drug-policy in the country, Parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Deputy Minister for Health Prof Dr M Aman Ullah said the committee will be formed with officials and personalities of all levels so that the drug policy could be formulated more effectively.

It is expected that the task to frame the new policy could be started shortly with the formation of the committee, he replied to a starred question from Haji Mohammad Selim of Awami League.

Responding to another question from Syed Ashrafur Islam of the Treasury bench, Prof Aman Ullah said that formulation of a health policy is now under active consideration of the government.

A high-powered committee is working to draft a people-oriented and acceptable-to-all health policy, he said adding that the matter is at final stage.

Replying to Harunur Rashid Khan Monno of BNP, the deputy minister informed the House that the government is considering to allow foreign physicians to practice in Bangladesh.

**Newspaper holiday May 18**

All newspaper offices will remain closed on May 18 on the occasion of Holy Ashura, said a Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

No newspaper will be published on the following day (Monday). Any newspaper organisation, however, may publish newspaper under its own arrangement, the announcement added.

**2 killed in road mishap**

By Staff Correspondent  
Two persons were killed when a minibus hit an auto-rickshaw near Mohakhali bus stand under Gulshan thana in the city yesterday.

Police said a passenger of the auto-rickshaw, 25-year-old Monir Hossain, and the driver of the vehicle, Billal Hossain, died on the spot.

Gulshan police seized the minibus. However, the driver managed to escape.

The bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

**Body of young man recovered**

Police recovered the body of a young man, aged about 25, from the gate of the Wooden Floor Gymnasium at National Stadium No 1 in the city yesterday morning, reports BSS.

A UD case was filed with Motijheel police in this connection.

**GONE ABROAD**

Dr Salim Shakur, Associate Professor and Senior Consultant at Dhaka Shishu Hospital has been invited to attend an international seminar on "Child Nutrition and Intestinal Diseases" in Beijing, China, from May 10th to May 16th. D-575

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