

Metropolitan

Health centre opens at Uttara

Begum Rokeya Health Centre for Women was inaugurated on Friday at Uttara Model Town, says a press release.

Brigadier (ret'd) Prof MA Malek, was the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony while Begum Zeba Rashid Chowdhury presided.

Justice ATM Masood, JR Chowdhury former adviser of the caretaker government, Ayesha Khanam, secretary general of Mohila Parishad, among others, were present.

JB's special credit programme

Janata Bank (JB) in addition to its normal credit programme has taken up special credit programme for agricultural and socio economic rehabilitation in the recent cyclone affected areas, says a press release.

Special allocation to the tune of Tk 48.90 crore has been provided for cyclone affected districts. To achieve the target, field offices of Janata Bank will prepare eligibility list and extend loan accordingly.

Fujimori lauds BRAC programmes

President of Peru Alberto Fujimori described the programmes of BRAC as "excellent" for alleviation of poverty. Fujimori was happy to know that the percentage of people living below poverty line has been reduced substantially by the concerted efforts of private organisations and the support of the government, says a press release.

Fujimori visited the BRAC head office at Mohakhali in the city yesterday and discussed at length its programmes with its Executive Director Faez Hasan Abed.

Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is the Minister in Waiting was also present. Keiko Fujimori, daughter of the Peruvian President who is the First Lady of Peru, and Sonia Goldenberg, Executive Coordinator, MIBANCO Peru and other members of the entourage also accompanied the President.

While briefing the Peruvian President, Abed said that 19 lakh families were now covered under BRAC's micro-credit programme for poverty alleviation, over one crore people under its basic health care programme and 12 lakh children, coming from poor families are studying in BRAC's over 34,000 non-formal primary schools. He said that BRAC will meet about half of the 100 million US dollar budget this year from its own resources.

Fujimori visited BRAC's Aarong shop at Lalmatia and went round its various sections. He evinced keen interest in the variety of handicraft products and was happy to see that the rural artisans of Bangladesh have found a marketing outlet through this institution.



President of Peru Alberto Fujimori discussing BRAC's poverty alleviation programmes with F H Abed, Executive Director of the organisation, at BRAC head office in the city yesterday.

World Peace Prayer Society team meets DU VC

A delegation of the New York-based World Peace Prayer Society called on Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on various issues, particularly on world peace.

They also decided to arrange a prayer meeting at Dhaka University campus on September 29, 1997 with the slogan "Let Peace Prevail in the World."

The Society presented a peace symbol, inscribed with "Let Peace Prevail in the World" to the VC.

Weather

Day temp may fall

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet and Khulna divisions and at a few places across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may fall slightly throughout the country.

Country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 21.2 degrees at Satkhira.

Meantime, Chittagong experienced the highest 69 mm rain in the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Barisal had 56 mm shower, Cox's Bazar 36, Rangpur 17, Mymensingh 12, Jessore 11 and, Khulna and Dhaka 10 mm each during the period.

The sun sets today at 6:39 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

What's on today....

Seminar on history research: A seminar on the system and tradition of history research organized by the Islamic and Culture History Department of the Dhaka University will be held. Venue: Teacher-Students' Centre (TSC) of the university. Time: 10 am.

Asiatic Society: The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will organise a special talk on Ancient Buddhist of Bangladesh (CA 5th to 12th AD). The talk will be delivered by Dr Bikkhu Sunthananda, an ASB research scholar. Venue: Seminar room of the society. Time: 5 pm.

President of the society Prof Wakil Ahmed will preside.

Workshop: Standard Chartered Bank has organised a workshop on Foreign Exchange and Funds Management. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 9 am.

Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Finance will inaugurate the workshop.

Nazrul's birth anniversary: On the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and the founding anniversary of the Nazrul Academy, two-day programmes have been organised by the Nazrul Academy beginning today. As part of its programmes a cultural function will be held. It will be participated by the artists of the Nazrul Academy. Venue: Auditorium of the academy. Time: 6-45 pm.

Chief guest: Justice Mostafa Kamal. President of the academy Khondaker Shahdat Hossain will preside.

DU Political Science Deptt: The Political Science Department of the Dhaka University will hold a seminar on Governance and Development: Singapore Perspectives. Venue: Auditorium of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka. Time: 11 am.

Prof Ataur Rahman, Department of Political Science, will present the key-note paper.

Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Chairman, Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) will be the chief guest.

Sayefullah Bhuiyan, Chairman of the department, will preside.

Photographic exhibition: Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA) will hold a three-day long Chinese photographic exhibition from today. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11 am.

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bangladesh Wong Chungui will inaugurate the exhibition.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Bailey Road. Time: 5-30 pm.

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