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Course on medical edn begins Friday

A week long course on medical education begins at Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA) at Boro Maghbazar on Friday at 9 am, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Kamaluddin Yusuf will be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the course, organised by BPMPA under the joint auspices of Health Directorate and World Health Organisation.

BMA Secretary General Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Prof Shah Monir Hossain and the WHO Representative in Bangladesh will be there as special guests.

BPMPA acting president Dr Md Abdus Shahid will preside over the function, said a BPMPA press release.



Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury presiding over the meeting of the JS Business Advisory Committee at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was also present in the meeting. — PID photo

Law to stop advertisement may be enacted
'Govt contemplating ban on note books upto class ten'

Education Minister ASHK Sadique said yesterday that the government was thinking of banning note books upto class ten and also enacting a law to stop advertisement of note books in the radio and television if necessary, reports BSS.

Making his observation at an open discussion on the national education policy, where editors of the national newspapers participated, the Education Minister said the national committee on education policy is an independent committee and its draft recommendation will be placed in the Jatiya Sangsad, so that all political parties can take part in discussion for adopting an acceptable and timely education policy for the nation.

Sadique said there has to be a drastic change in the existing education system. Citing an example, he said, there are many institutions where teachers are less than students, but there are others too, where teachers are more than students.

Daily Aker Kagoj Editor Kazi Sahed Ahmed stressed the importance of education in mother tongue, suggesting that there should not be any compulsory foreign language for students. He observed that students can learn about religion at their homes. The editor, however, did not oppose giving religious education in schools.

Bangla Bazar Patrika Editor Matur Rahman Chowdhury stressed the need for introducing computer education in educational institutions. He suggested that the computerised system should not be linked with internet. Chowdhury also gave stress on primary education, and wanted the government to look into the affairs of the schools run by private sector.

New Nation Editor Alamgir Mohiuddin said the students of the country are not taught patriotism. He pointed out that thana education officers did never visit primary schools. Alamgir alleged that there was corruption in the education offices.

Daily Bhorer Kagoj Joint Editor Abdul Quaium Mukul observed that maximum stress should be given on English education from primary level to make the country's education more time-bound.

He, however, criticised over-stress on English in kindergarten schools. Mukul said religious education and Arabic education are not the same thing.

Prof Shamsul Huq, chairman of the national committee on education policy, presided over the session. He said the draft national education policy might be prepared by next July.

Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, member-secretary of the committee and acting secretary of the Science and Technology Ministry and other members of the committee were present during the open discussion.

10 mobile hydraulic trucks distributed

The government yesterday gave 10 mobile hydraulic beam lifter trucks to 10 pourasavas of the country for emergency relief works, reports UNB.

The pourasavas are Chandpur, Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Chapainawabganj, Jamalpur, Tangail, Jessore, Sirajganj, Noakhali and Barisal.

The trucks will be used in emergency repairing of 2,000 volt power lines in mufassil towns and rural areas, maintenance of road lights in poura areas, fast removal of trees uprooted by tornado and other natural calamity and rescuing people from fire incidents.

The ultra-modern trucks, each costing about Tk 24 lakh, were procured with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman distributed the trucks among the chairman of the 10 pourasavas at a function at the Local Government Engineer Department (LGED) in Dhaka.

The minister said steps have been taken to improve the standard of living in mufassil towns by modernising the pourasavas and extending civic amenities there.

PM's office regrets

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday regretted for not reaching timely the cheque for Taka 50,000 allocated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to ensure the treatment of Nazmin Begum of Kurigram, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The handout said the prime minister allocated the money for the treatment of Nazmin, daughter of Nurul Hossain of Professorpara, at Khalilganj in Kurigram on the basis of a letter without date.

Necessary measures have already been taken to hand over the cheque for the said amount to her near relative under a special arrangement.

The cheque was not attached with the letter inadvertently, the handout added.

Press Sramik Fed meets tomorrow

An emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Press Sramik Federation will be held at 11 am at the Ittefaq Bhaban tomorrow (June 12), a press release of the federation said yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting will discuss organisational issues and implementation of the Fifth Wage Board Award.

All office bearers and executive council members of the federation including presidents and general secretaries of all the affiliated unions have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

Juba Union observes Demonstration Day

Bangladesh Juba Union yesterday observed "demonstration day" demanding recovery of outstanding loan and employment for youths, reports UNB.

As part of its countrywide programme, Juba Union, the youth front of CPB, held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon. It was addressed by Helaluddin and Ruhin Hossain Prince.

Later, they brought out a procession that paraded different city streets.

146 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 146 people on various charges from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours, said a DMP press release yesterday, reports UNB.

Of them, 20 were held on warrants, 42 others on charges of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism, and 42 under the DMP Ordinance.

Microcredit programme creates interest worldwide: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the "Friends of Microcredit," a group of representatives from all the regions of the world had been formed in the United Nations under the initiative of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Answering a question from opposition member Harunur Rashid Khan Monnu (Manikganj-2), the prime minister said the Microcredit Programme initiated by Bangladesh, had created widespread interest and great enthusiasm across the world. "This model of Microcredit has received international recognition," she added.

Sheikh Hasina said one of the main purposes of the visit by the President of Peru was to see for himself the success of Microcredit Programme in Bangladesh.

Describing the steps so far taken as follow-up of the Microcredit Conference held sometime back in Washington, the prime minister said D-8 (Development Eight) countries have decided to assist one another in 10 sectors, of which rural development and Microcredit Programme have been identified as the major ones. She said because of experience in the successful implementation of rural development and Microcredit Programmes, Bangladesh has been given the responsibility for coordinating the D-8 group.

The prime minister informed the House that the recently held Ninth SAARC Conference in Male had approved Bangladesh's proposal for the successful implementation of the Microcredit Programme in

the region. The SAARC leaders in the conference were unanimous in their resolve to strengthen the efforts in their respective countries for the successful implementation of the objectives of the programme, she said.

Sheikh Hasina said due to the active role of Bangladesh, the 12th Foreign Ministers' Conference of Non-Aligned Movement had endorsed the workplan of the Microcredit Conference.

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Confce of BCL JU unit today

By JU Correspondent

Annual conference and council of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held today.

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DU confers PhD, M Phil on 22

The Dhaka University Syndicate has conferred Ph D and M Phil degrees on 22 researchers of the university, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the DU Syndicate according to the recommendation of Academic Council recently, said a press release yesterday. Among the researchers, 14 obtained Ph D degree and 8 got M Phil degree.

The Ph D recipients are: Sayed M Iqbal Moz (Chemistry), Nilufar Farhat (Mathematics), Mohammad Mozaffar Hossain (Applied Chemistry), Mohammad Nurul Islam and Tofael Ahmed (Statistics), Mohammad Khairul Alam (Botany), Mohammad Joinuddin, Fakir Abdur Rasheed, Sayeed Zamil Ahmed and Bimal Kanti Guha (Bengali), Mohammad Ruhul Amin (Islamic Studies), AKM Nurul Alam (Arabic), Nigar Sultana (Nutrition and Food) and Mohammad Abu Taher (Social Welfare).

The M Phil recipients are: Shamsi Faruq Simki, Dr Mohammad Mushtaq Hossain and Mohammad Mostafa Kamal (Nutrition and Food), Madhury Das (Physics), AKM Ahsan Habib (Chemistry), Shahnaz Arefin and Kabir Uddin Ahmed (Public Administration) and Sunip Dev (Bengali).

What's on today

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'The Budget Framing Process' jointly organised by Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA), Prashika and Shamunnay will be held. Venue: Auditorium of Academy for Planning and Development, Nikhet. Time: 8:30 am.

CRA seminar: The Centre for Research and Analysis (CRA) will hold a seminar on State Security of Bangladesh: Thoughts of the present and the next century. Venue: VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club. Time: 8 pm.

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