



Artist Shafiuddin Ahmed (3rd L) flanked by eminent personalities from the field of art and literature at a function organised to celebrate his 75th birthday at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

## What's on today . . .

**Symposium:** A day-long scientific symposium on Vitamins and Minerals will be held. Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali (near ICDDR). Time: 9 am.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka New City:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 35/1, Purana Paltan Line, Inner Circular Road. Time: 5:45 pm.

**National Rover Moot:** The fifth meeting of the organising committee of the National Rover Moot will be held. Venue: National headquarters of Bangladesh Scouts, Shams Hall. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Natyadhara :** In observance of the fourth founding anniversary of the theatre group a discussion, cultural evening and dinner will be held. Venue: Rehearsal room of Natyadhara, 4 Purana Paltan Line. Time: 5-30 pm

### ICDDR to award 'Bangabandhu Scholarship'

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR) will award a scholarship, named 'Bangabandhu Scholarship,' to an outstanding scholar of the Dhaka University (DU) for research leading to PhD degree in the field of microbiology, pharmacy, pharmacology or medicine, says a press release.

The scholarship, amounting to Taka five thousand per month, will be for a period of 3 years. In addition, other expenses involving research, foreign travel and training will also be borne by the donor.

Prof Demissie Habte, Director, and Syed Shamim Ahsan, Senior Advisor and Divisional Director of ICDDR, called on Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, DU, at his office yesterday and finalised the details of the award.

The selection of the scholar will be made by a 5-member board, to be headed by the Vice-Chancellor. The other members of the board will be director, ICDDR or his representative, the deans of the faculties of Biological Science, Pharmacy and Post-Graduate Medicine.

### CU masters exams: Fees submission date extended till June 30

CHITTAGONG, June 23: The last date for submission of entry forms and fees for Master Degree preliminary examination under Chittagong University of 1995 session has been extended upto June 30, officials said today, reports UNB.

They said the postponed 5th paper examination of 3rd year honours 1995 of Mathematics Department of the university will be held at 11 am on July 22.

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### Completion of 2 canals to ease water-logging problem in city

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday said the water-logging problem of Dhaka city would be resolved to a great extent soon after completion of the digging of Katusur and Ramchandrapur canals near Mohammadpur, reports BSS.

He was replying to a call attention notice from ruling party member Mokbul Hossain about water logging problem of the city, in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

A coordinated flood action committee is working to resolve the water logging problem of the city, he said, adding that three MPs from Dhaka will be included in the committee.

### Talukdar visits fire razed areas in Maghbazar

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleq yesterday visited the fire razed areas of Maghbazar, reports BSS.

During his visit, the state minister talked to the fire affected people and expressed sympathy to the victims.

According to an official handout, two hundred sarees and two hundred lungis have been distributed among the affected people.

It said Taka two thousand was given to each of the family of the two dead minor boys.

Talukdar directed the concerned authority to provide 16 kgs of wheat to each of the affected family per month.

Dr HBM Iqbal MP was, among others, accompanied the state minister.

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### Research Scholarship

Applications are invited in plain paper with two photographs for two scholarships: one from the Ph.D candidates in their final year and the other from the Ph.D degree holders.

1. Area of discipline : Humanities/Science/Social Science
2. Amount : Tk. 4000/00 for Ph.D and Taka 5000/00 for Post-Doctoral Research
3. Duration : One year
4. Deadline for Application : 21 July, 1997
5. Age limit : 35 maximum for Ph.D and 50 maximum for Post-Doctoral

The intending candidates for Ph. D scholarship are to submit their resume along with the report of progress supported by the concerned Department and Supervisor. Persons who avail of any other scholarship will not be eligible to apply. The candidates for Post-Doctoral scholarship are to submit their research proposals along with their applications. Candidates for both the scholarships are to take leave from their concerned Institutions/Departments while availing themselves of the scholarship.

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### Tofael informs JS Monthly demand for newsprint 4,103 metric tons

The monthly demand of newspapers for newsprint is 4,103 metric tons as per the audit bureau of circulation (ABC), Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmed told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from BNP's Nazimuddin Alam from Bhola, he said 43 different dailies and weeklies drew a total of 15,374.30 metric tons of newsprint till June 7 this year from Khulna Newsprint Mills (KNM) as against the total allocation of 32,400 metric tons during the fiscal 1996-97.

Replying to a question from Kazi Sekander Ali (AL-Khulna), the minister said newsprint of KNM was sold to 124 different organisations through special allocation from March 30, 1991 to June 30, 1996.

"No special allocation was made by any organisation for newsprint after June 30, 1996," he said adding that the organisations which got special allocations included newspapers, printing and packaging industries and publishing houses.

To a question from Moulana Delwar Hussain Sayeedi (Jamaat-Pirojpur), Tofael Ahmed said KNM was now indebted by Taka 133.54 crore.

He said KNM had been incurring losses because of selling newsprint below the production cost which led it to serious liquidity shortage. As a result, the mills had to take loans on various heads including working capital," he said adding, the government fixes and controls the price of newsprint.

The minister said the present government was now actively considering a multipurpose programme to make the Khulna Newsprint Mills a viable one through increasing production, reducing cost, raising the quality of product and rearranging the tariff system.

### Nooruddin tells JS Gopalganj dist to be brought under REP

Gopalganj district will be brought under Rural Electrification Programme (REP), Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt Gen (ret'd) Mohammad Nooruddin Khan told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from AL member Mohammad Farooq Khan, the minister said the primary work of line designing is in progress and 1740 km of distribution line will be constructed in different thanas of the district.

He further informed the House that construction of a 33/11 kv sub-station at Vatiapara during the current year has been taken up by PDB for improvement of distribution system in Moksudpur and Kashiani thanas. The sub-station is expected to be completed by December next, he added.

Meanwhile, the country received over 27 million US dollars from donors in the first eleven months of the current fiscal year for rural electrification programme (REP).

Replying to a question from Abul Alam Azad (AL-Jamalpur), the energy minister said of the 27.2 million US dollars received by Rural Electrification Board, 9.4 million is in the form of grants.

The donors include the Netherlands, IDB, Kuwait and NORAD. IDB's 10 million dollars and Kuwait's 7.8 millions are loans.

### 2 killed, 11 hurt in road mishap

Two rickshaw-pullers were killed and eleven others injured, some of them seriously, in a road accident involving a speeding passenger bus on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway near Joydevpur on Sunday, reports BSS.

Eye-witnesses said, a Dhaka-bound bus ploughed through a number of rickshaws that were standing on the side of the road. Two persons died on the spot and several others were injured. The wounded were sent to Tongi Hospital and Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

None was arrested in this connection till the writing of this report.



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