Businessmen bodies

slate tax measures

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Babashayee Sangathan Samannaya Parishad held a press conference at the -Star photo Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Mugda dwellers hold rally today

By Staff Correspondent

A committee formed for resisting the closure of Mugda-Kamalapur connecting road in the city will hold a rally on the Biswa Road near Mugda at 9 am

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় সিনেটে ২৫ জন

রেজিস্টার্ড গ্র্যাজুয়েট প্রতিনিধি নির্বাচনের

জন্য ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিস্টার্ড

গ্র্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে তালিকাভুক্তি

বছর পূর্বে ফলাফল প্রকাশিত হয়েছে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের এরূপ সকল

গ্যাজুয়েট নির্ধারিত রেজিষ্টেশন ফি প্রদান করে রেজিস্টার্ড গ্যাজুয়েটদের

রেজিস্টারে তাঁদের নাম তালিকাভুক্ত করতে পারবেন। ১৯৯৭-৯৮ সেশনে

১৯৭৩ সালের ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের আদেশের ২০(১)(কে) অনুচ্ছেদের অধীনে

রেজিস্টার্ড গ্র্যাজুয়েটদের মধ্য থেকে সিনেটে ২৫ জন প্রতিনিধি নির্বাচন

অনুষ্ঠিত হবে ১৯৭৩ সালের ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আদেশের অধীনে প্রথম-

সংবিধির ৪৬ ধারার (১) ও (২) উপ–ধারা অনুযায়ী যাঁদের নাম আজীবন

রেজিস্টার্ড গ্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে রেজিস্টারে তালিকাভুক্ত আছে এবং ৩১শে

জুলাই, ১৯৯৭ এর মধ্যে যাঁরা আজীবন রেজিস্টার্ড গ্র্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে অথবা

একত্রে তিন শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত হবেন, কেবলমাত্র তাঁরাই নির্বাচনে

অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেণ। ৩০শে জুন, ১৯৯৬ তারিখে যাঁদের রেজিষ্ট্রেশনের

৩ বৎসর মেয়াদ শেষ হয়ে গেছে, নতুন রেজিষ্টেশন ব্যতীত তাঁরা এ নির্বাচনে

অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন না। উল্লেখ্য যে, যাঁরা ১৯৯৩০৯৪ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ৩

বৎসরের জন্য রেজিস্টার্ড গ্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে তালিকাভুক্ত হয়েছিলেন তাঁদের

(১) একত্রে তিন শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য রেজিস্টার্ড গ্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে তালিকাভুক্তি

(২)আজীবন রেজিস্টার্ড ধ্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে এককালীণ তালিকাভুক্তি

নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনপত্র এবং নির্ধারিত ফি ৩১শে জুলাই, ১৯৯৭

তারিখ দুপুর ২-৩০ মিনিটের মধ্যে সকল কার্যদিবসে জনতা ব্যাংক টিএসসি

শাখা, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে গৃহীত হবে। প্রশাসনিক ভবনের ২০৭ নং কক্ষে

এবং জনতা ব্যাংক, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাস শাখা থেকে, প্রতি কপি দুই

সত্যায়িত পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ফটোগ্রাফ অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হবে। এই

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের গ্যাজুয়েটগণ ফল প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে তিন বছর আগে ডিগ্রী

পাস না করলে দরখাস্ত করতে পারবেন না। অন্য কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের

(২) যাঁরা আজীবন রেজিস্টার্ড গ্যাজুয়েট হিসাবে তালিকাভুক্ত আছেন ৩১-

৭-৯৭ইং তারিখের মধ্যে তাঁদের দুই কপি সত্যায়িত পাসপোর্ট সাইজ

ফটোগ্রাফ অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিষ্ট্রারের নিকট পাঠানোর জন্য এতদারা

(১) দরখাস্তের সংগে ডিগ্রী সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং দুই কপি

রেজিষ্টেশনের মেয়াদ ৩০শে জুন, ১৯৯৬ তারিখে শেষ হয়ে গেছে।

নির্ধারিত ফি এর হার নিম্নে দেয়া হলোঃ

টাকা মূল্যের বিনিময়ে দরখান্তের ফরম পাওয়া যাবে।

গ্যাজুয়েটগণও দরখান্ত করতে পারবেন না।

তাঁদেরকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

প্রশাসনিক ভবন

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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ফি-৫০০.০০ টাকা।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য এতদ্বারা জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কমপক্ষে তিন

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the

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manding that the 20 feet wide connecting road be made 50 feet wide. They launched a movement in December last year after it was announced by the authorities that the road would be

The committee will also or-

Mr. Shawkat Ali,

Tel: 9344967

ganise a procession following the public rally on Biswa Road. A fresh programme will be announced at the end of the procession in front of the Jatiya Press Club, said a press release of the committee last night.

Bangladesh Babshayee Sangathan Samannoy Parishad, a platform of different sectorbased trade organisations, has roots level. criticised various tax measures

in the proposed budget for 1996-97 saying that these would obstruct social and economic development.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club vesterday. Convenor of the parishad Ameer Hossain Khan said the fate of small and medium industries and business organisations has become uncertain due to expansion of Value Added Tax (VAT) network.

Ameer Hossain said the government should reduce administrative expenditure, subsidies and wastages through rapid privatisation and thus increase its earnings.

He criticised withdrawal of cottage industries' facilities from small industries sector, and imposition of VAT at production and sales level. Demanding thorough reform

in VAT collection system, Ameer Hossain further said

that a chaotic situation might arise in the business arena due to imposition of VAT at grass-

Due to withdrawal of cottage industries' facilities from small industries sector, prices of various items would go up and hundreds of factories would be closed, he added.

The parishad leader de-manded withdrawal of VAT from engineering sectors; air conditioner and refrigeration parts and products of hosiery industries.

He said though the textile sector is free from VAT, the hosiery industries are being affected by the VAT.

Coordinators of the parishad Monzur Ahmed and Akhtaruzzaman Monju answered various questions from newsmen while President of Bangladesh Refrigeration and Air Condition Traders Association Delwar Hossain and President of Bangladesh Shoe Manufacturing Association Sirazuddin Malik were present, among others.

and general fitting, auto repair,

textile training and export-ori-

1996 a total number of 544 stu-

dents graduated from the three

technical schools of UCEP. Out

of them 45.4 per cent were male

panded skills training facilities

at a lower cost UCEP has intro-

duced short term skills training

programme. The students who

will be disallowed from techni-

cal school may easily get into

Para Trade Centres to learn

supported by ILO/IPEC as a

model. On pilot basis UCEP op-

This programme is being

Out of them 255 graduates

were from General School (68

per cent boys and 32 per cent

girls), 425 from Technical

Schools (51 per cent boys and 49

per cent girls) and 71 from Para

Trade Training Centres (75 per

cent boys and 25 per cent girls).

The overall ratio of boys and

Considering the need for ex-

and 54.6 per cent were female.

During the period July-Dec

ented garment.

Bangladesh will receive about Tk 587 crore from Japan under the ODA Loan Package '97 for implementing 3 projects. Dr Masihur Rahman, Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Yoshikazu Kaneko, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh signed the exchange of note on behalf of their respective governments at NEC Bhaban yesterday. - PID photo

ra, a study circle, has recently

been floated to arrange regular

study programme on Tagore's

been formed with Prof Anwara

Begum as its convenor and

Mosyud Mannan as joint con-

Khatun, Khaled Fahmi, Prof

Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Dr

Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin

Chittaranjan Saha, Wahidul

Huq, Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof

Mustafa Nur-ul Islam, Hasan

Hafiz, Abul Hasnat, Belal

Chowdhury, Sirajum Munira

International Day for Rabindra

Literature Study on July 10 at

the Russian Cultural Centre as

BCS General Edn

Association

committee of the BCS General

elected unopposed for a two-

Prof Naiyer Sultana has been

elected the President, Barisal

Government College Principal

Mohammad Kafiluddin secre-

tary general and Masum-e-Rab-

Election commissioner Proj

Rashida Begum declared all the

candidates elected unopposed

on Wednesday as no candidate

was in contest for the election,

scheduled to be held on June 30

(Monday), said an association

year term, reports UNB.

bani the treasurer.

press release.

Education Association has been

A 101-member executive

Dhaka College Principal

The Chakra will observe the

and Sharke Chaman Ara.

its first programme.

A 15-member committee has

Members are: Dr Sanjeeda

writings, reports UNB.

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Square Pharmaceuticals

Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd organised a two-day long Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on "Update on ophthalmology" at Islamia Eye Hospital from June 23 to 24. Prof Mustafizur Rahman, Director, Islamia Eye Hospital presided over the function Arshad-ul-Alam, marketing manager Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd delivered the opening address, says press release.

On the first day Prof Mustafizur Rahman and Dr Paul J Foster, Consultant, Singapore National Eye Centre delivered their lectures on visual rehabilitation and manage ment of glaucoma respectively. Dr Farzana Jasmine, Asstt Manager, Medical Services Dept., Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. discussed two of their recently launched products Ciprocin eye drop and Nacromin eye drop.

Society of pathologists

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday urged the pathologists of the country to put in their best efforts in improving the health care services as the government is committed to ensuring health care services to all by the year 2000, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the 15th annual conference of the Bangladesh Society of Pathologists at the BIRDEM audito-

The function was addressed among others, by the State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Prof Amanullah and secretary of the Health Ministry Mohammad Ali.

BRCS

A fortnight long basic training course on "first aid and institutional development" yesterday at the national head-quarters of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS), a BRCS press release said, reports

A total of 22 officials from different district units of BRCS participated in the training course. Secretary general incharge of BRCS A S M Akram distributed the certificates among the participants, the units attended the course are: Kishoreganj, Mymensingh, Comilla, Habiganj, Gopalganj, Jessore, Satkhira, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Barisal, Narayanganj, Rangamati, Chandpur, Gazipur and Nilphamari.

Bandhan

Bandhan, a voluntary blood donation organisation, has introduced "Esha Khan Memorial Award' to a student for his/her contribution to social welfare. reports UNB.

The award after the name of its founder member and a college teacher late Esha Khan will be given every year.

For this, a selection commit tee has been formed with Bandhan's senior Vice-president Amanullah Khan as advisor and General Secretary Ali Niyamat as convenor.

Others members of the committee include Prof M Nurunnabi, Tabas Sum Jhuma Gulshan Akhter and Ismai Hossain and Prof Dr Ahsanul

Interested persons have been requested to contact English Department of Dhaka University (room-2075) every Saturday in this regard.

BASC

A workshop on Communication Skills organised by Business Advisory Services Centre (BASC) was held at is training hall. The four-day workshop covered process of communication, verbal and non-verbal communication, listening, reading, writing and presentation skills, says a press release. SMA Chowdhuri (Baby

Chowdhuri), a noted journalist and the teacher of Deptt of Mass Communication & Journalism, University of Dhaka distributed certificates among the participants. M Lutfar Rahman Khan, Managing Director of TRIN and Hasanur Rahman Choudhury, Senior Programme Officer and Training Coordinator, BASC were present.

Participants from World Concern-Bangladesh, Micro Electronic Ltd, Module Diagnostica, Rahimafrooz (Bangladesh) Limited, World Vision of Bangladesh, Property Group, Rainbow Associates Limited Dhaka Community Hospital attended the workshop.

Rabindra Addhayana

Chakra

Pabna Edward College centenary Dec 25: Articles invited

Pabna Edward College will celebrate its centennial by holding a reunion of former and present students and a cultural programme on December 25 this year, reports UNB.

Former students living at home and abroad have been requested to send articles, features, interview and personality profile, highlighting the colege's history for the souvenir to be published on the occasion. Articles should be sent by

November to Ali Niyamat (convenor), 253 Elephant Road Dhaka 1205 (Phone: 861846), said a press release. The students have also been

asked to register their names in the scheduled membership form, available from Azad Khan (member secretary) Ramna Chinese Restaurant, Ramma Park, Dhaka-1000.

Jamaat to hold rally against budget today

Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh will hold rallies and demonstrations throughout the country today to protest the budget proposals and for demanding withdrawal of new taxes, reports BSS.

The party declared June 28 as protest day to raise its voice against what it termed as "anti people" budget demanding the authorities to lift new taxes proposed in it.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh 5, Old Secretariat Road (Nimtali) Ramha, Dhaka 1000

Phone: 9560500

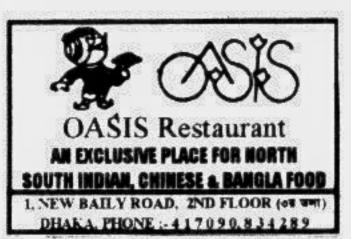
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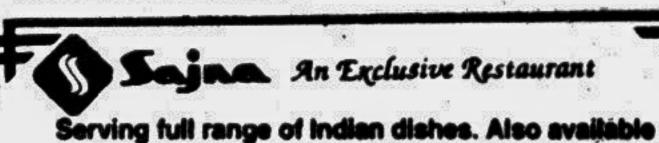
ATWAR HUSAIN GOLD MEDAL

Atwar Husain Gold Medal will be awarded to a woman researcher for scholarly work in Humanities or Social Science published within the period from July 1995 to June 1997. The content of the work should be related to 'Man and Nature of Asia'. Please enquire for further details to Professor Akmal Hussain, General Secretary, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Phone: 9560500. Last date: August 31, 1997.

Eating Out



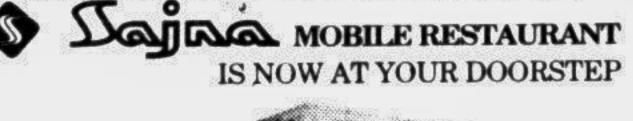
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UCEP shows poor children have talent to change their lives

By Sadia Afroza Nazmi

Nadira, a 15-year-old girl born and brought up in a filthy slum in Dhaka, never thought of going to school. Not to speak of a career to earn a livelihood. "I've seen well-dressed children going to school. But thought schools were not for us.

We are too poor to get education," said Nadira sitting in a classroom at the UCEP school at Dhaka's Segunbagicha, where she learns tailoring in addition to normal education. Nadira was proved wrong by Underprivileged Children's Educational Programme (UCEP), a

non-government organisation that provides education to the poor children besides helping them learn a meaningful trade for a career. Like Nadira about 7,336 other underprivileged children

of four major cities of the country are being transformed into productive human resource under the UCEP way every year. UCEP is serving for the children and adolescents of very

poor families living in urban slums and squatter settlements. It started work on the basis of a research work on child workers in Dhaka city in 1972. The study described and analysed the living condition of urban poor children who did not have any schooling and instead were engaged in selling physical labour to earn livelihood and

support their families. The education here is different from the non-formal education offered by some other NGOs as the students are also required to learn a trade such as

tailoring and carpenting.
The UCEP picks up the children mainly from the slums. These are the children who earn for their families doing various odd jobs ranging from selling drinking water to pulling rick-

each session having 135 school days. Less schooling period increases the efficiency. A total of 14,500 children - 45 per cent are girls — are enrolled in its

non-formal education. The general schooling consists of 30 general schools, 14 of them located in the slum areas of Dhaka, 8 in Chittagong, 6 in Khulna and 2 in Rajshahi districts. Each school runs three shifts a day so the working children can choose their own convenient time.

A 3-year course of basic learning brings the children to an academic standard equivalent to Grade-5 in the public school system. Plus there is another one year spent as a bridging course to prepare the students for UCEP vocational training or higher regular education. This course is considered equivalent to Grade-7 under the public school system which includes English, Bengali, Mathematics, Social and Physical Science with an introduction to employment prospects in various trades.

According to a UCEP per-

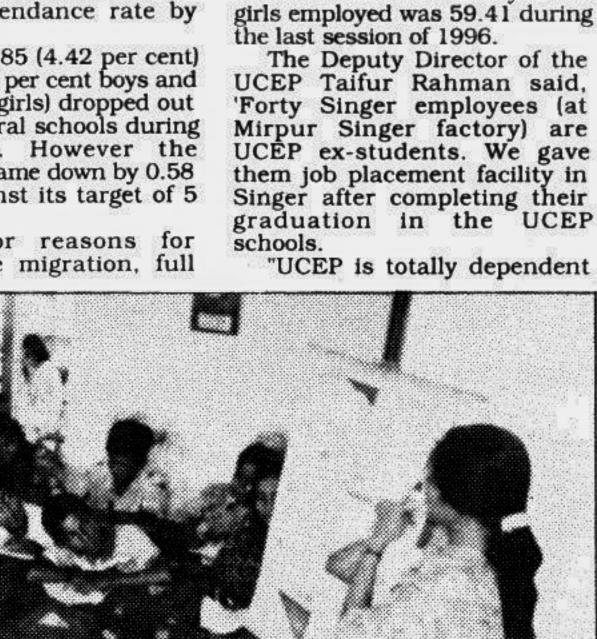
A total of 785 (4.42 per cent) students (4.59 per cent boys and 4.23 per cent girls) dropped out from the general schools during the session. However the dropout rate came down by 0.58 per cent against its target of 5 per cent.

The major reasons for dropout were migration, full

erating its Para-Trade skills training programme by 2 Para Trade centres located in Dhaka and Chittagong. The centres covering 4 Trades - Electrical Lighting and Decoration, Sign Board and Banner Writing. Screen Printing a Dress Making/Jori-Chumki Fitting. During the session, July-Dec '96 a total of 751 graduates were placed in various production organisation.

formance report, the students progress fast and satisfactorily. To achieve gender balance, a 50:50 male-female ratio is maintained. Average student attendance

rate of the general schools is 92.40 per cent compared to that of the preceding session (90.15 per cent) which reflects an increase in attendance rate by 2.25 per cent.





Underprivileged working children at the classroom of a UCEP school in the city.

The poor parents of these 10 plus year-old children think they have little or no choice but to send the children to work.' On the other hand, these children have no or little access to education to lead a better life. And they fall in the vicious circle of 'the generation of poverty

and child labour.' UCEP is trying to break this vicious circle by bringing the children into school which is based on the principle that poor children must get education plus. This means that the children must learn a trade so that they can start a career.

The non-formal schooling and skills training programme of UCEP is improving the condition of child labour where it cannot be totally eliminated under the present socio-economic conditions of our coun-

রেজিস্টার

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

The UCEP project consists of four components; general schooling, vocational education, training and job place-

sessions in one calendar year,

UCEP runs two academic

time job, early marriage and others like family problem. sickness and malnutrition, transport problem. To solve the transport problem UCEP are giving free bus services to the technical school students. About 16,821 students (99.63

per cent) of different grades appeared at the final examination and out of them 16,447 (97.78 per cent) qualified in the last year. The rate of success increased by 0.23 per cent per cent compared to that of the previous session (97.55 per cent). At the end of the session 1,611 students (852 boys and 759 girls) graduated from Grade-V and 1,390 students (810 boys and 580 girls) from BCP-II (Bridging Course Phase).

The UCEP Vocational Education Component consists of three vocational training centres located in Dhaka, Chit-tagong and Khulna, each school runs 2 shifts a day. The training centres offer 'hand on' vocational training in the fields of electronics, repair of refrigerators and air conditioners, offset printing, carpentry, welding

on foreign aid. We need government's assistance to achieve the programme of poverty alleviation and to change the socioeconomic status of the underprivileged children," he said. Parveen, Sireen, Shilpi, Liza

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- students of Technical School, electronic section, Faroque (12) student of Technical School welding section, Hasina student of class three General School, Ariful Sign Board Banner and writing section are now dreaming of that future where there will be no curse of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment.

can learn more for a good life in future," said a student of Technical School. It's possible for her to fulfill the dream. Consider Piara

would have remained a poor housewife," she told News Network.

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"I will continue my study so I

Akhtar, 27, who works at Rangs Electronics. A graduate from UCEP school, Piara earns enough to support her family.
"But for the UCEP school I

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