

What's on today....

Seminar: The concluding session of a 2-day dissemination seminar of the ICDDR,B MCH-FP Extension Project (rural) will be held. Venue: Sasakawa Auditorium, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali. Time: 9 am-1 pm.
Workshop: A workshop on CEDAW: Bangladesh will be held under the auspices of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: House Minister Rafiqul Islam BU.

Seminar: The Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will hold a seminar on 'Inspect of Flood Control Projects on our Environment. Venue: Seminar room, (first floor), Institute Building, BUET. Time: 4 pm.

Reception: The newly elected members of the executive committee of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) will be accorded a reception. Venue: No 1 Gallery of the Sir Salimullah Medical College. Time: 11:30 am. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and Deputy Leader of the House.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4:30 pm. The meeting will be an intercity meeting.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The tree plantation programme of the club will be inaugurated. Venue: BUET campus. Time: 9:15 am.

NSU seminar: Department of Computer Science, North South University, has arranged a seminar on 'Optical computing'. Venue: NSU conference room, BTA Tower, Banani. Time: 11am-12pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Some Aspects of Population, Health and Environment in Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhet.

Weather: Moderate rain likely. Moderately heavy to heavy falls may occur at places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Met Office forecast, reports UNB. Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi and at many places over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the period.

Free medical information on the internet. Bangladeshis with access to the internet can now have access to free medical information through MEDLINE, a website operated by the US National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library.

From a computer in the comfort of your own home or from one in your neighbourhood library, you will be able to access timely and accurate medical information. Already 30,000 people a day are using MEDLINE. By making it more accessible free and private, we can increase that number many times over, Gore said.

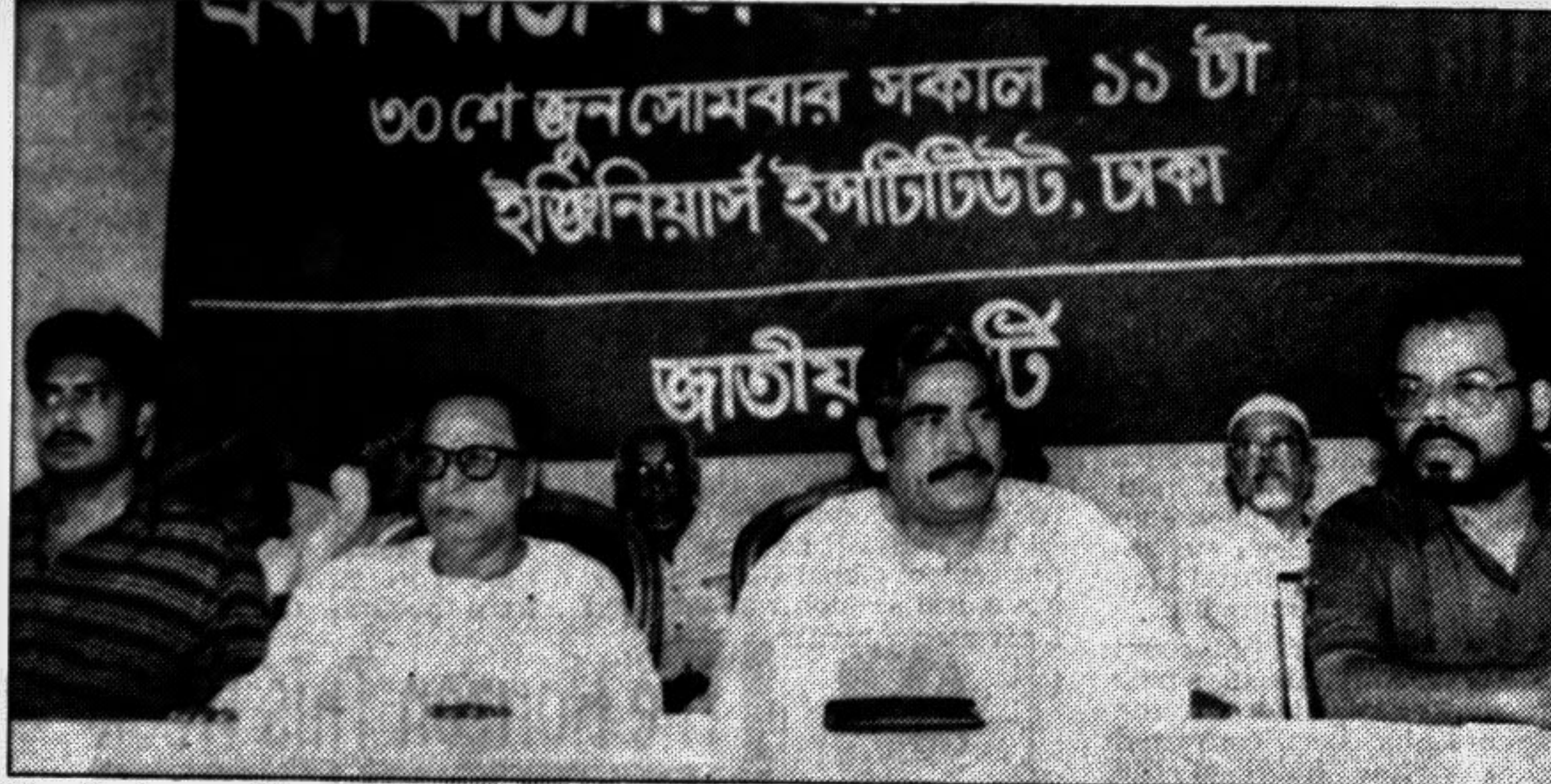
Also present at the conference was Suzanne McInerney, a book editor from Pennsylvania who created MEDLINE eight years ago before the World Wide Web had been invented. McInerney used MEDLINE to research her 74-year-old mother's cancer. 'My search of the medical literature in MEDLINE led me to an innovative surgery for liver tumors being performed by a doctor in Ohio,' she said.

MEDLINE is located at http://www.nlm.nih.gov.

NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Information Services Department provides complete computer and network services to all of North South University's faculty, staff and students, and has almost 170 PCs in service. NSU invites applications for the following positions in the Information Services Department:
Systems Manager (1 position). Requirements: Minimum MSC. Degree in a computer-related field and applied technical training in using hardware, software and networks listed below; four years experience in a technical support position including one year of management experience; fluent in English. Duties: Hands-on performance and supervision of Information Services technical operations in the following areas: Network servers and services in Novell and UNIX environments; PC hardware installation and maintenance; desktop software installation, maintenance and use; administrative and library applications software; help desk services; knowledge of UNIX, WindowsNT, fiber optics; satellite antenna systems. Supervise, guide, support and train junior members of the technical staff. Pay Scale: 28,000-2,800-45,000 plus 40% housing allowance, higher start possible for experienced staff.

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The first council session of the Jatiya Party led by Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Shah Moazzem Hossain was held at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday. -Star photo

Country achieves great success in family planning: Fertility rate down to 3.3

Bangladesh has achieved tremendous success in family planning programme by dramatically increasing contraceptive prevalence and decreasing total fertility rate, reports UNB. The evaluation was made yesterday by experts from home and abroad who noted that contraceptive prevalence increased from a per cent in 1975 to 49 per cent in 1997 while total fertility rate decreased from 7 in 1975 to 3.3 this year. They were speaking at a two-day dissemination seminar on 'ICDDR,B MCH-FP Extension Project (Rural)' at ICDDR,B auditorium in the city yesterday.



A procession of owners and workers of autorickshaws was intercepted by police near Shishu Park area on its way to the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. -Star photo

CEDEC opinion poll Majority of city dwellers against hartal, strikes

Nearly 54.17 per cent of city dwellers do not support political programmes like hartal and strikes at the present stage of democratic process in the country, according to an opinion poll conducted in the city, reports BSS. Some of the respondents of the poll, conducted by Centre for Development Communication (CEDEC), also commented that the opposition parties should shun the path of conventional way of carrying out movement for the sake of consolidating the democratic institution in the country. They said the opposition and the ruling party should show the highest political tolerance at this stage of democracy.

HERE and THERE

Accounting Alumni Assoc of DU: The second executive committee election of Batch Eleven Accounting Alumni Association of Dhaka University was held on June 20 at the association office, says a press release. The following members were elected: President - Aizalur Rahman Chowdhury. Vice President - Kazi Rehan Subhan. General Secretary - Dewan Wasequul Alam. Joint Secretary - Smiran Kumar Sose. Organising Secretary - Goutam Chandra Poddar. Information, Publicity & Research Secretary - Md Gasuddin. Cultural Secretary - Tarique Mahmood. Social & Women Affairs Secretary - Kishwar Sultana. Executive Secretary - Mohd. Morshed

Minister informs JS 360 Royal Bengal Tigers now exist in Sundarbans

According to the latest data, some 360 Royal Bengal Tigers now exist in Sundarbans, the biggest mangrove forest of the world, parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB. Replying to Mir Sakhawat Ali Daru (AL-Bagerhat), Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said tigers play an important role in maintaining the ecological balance for its top position in the natural food chain system. She said the Royal Bengal Tigers are maintaining the natural balance of Sundarbans controlling the number of Chitra deer. In absence of tigers in the Sundarbans, its ecological balance would be endangered with the massive population of deer, the environment minister said quoting the experts.

Show cause on BTV over tender for mobile studio

The First Court of Subordinate Judge, Dhaka has served the BTV authorities with a show cause notice for disqualifying a private company from participating in a tender bidding for purchase of a mobile studio. The company, AVDA Enterprises Ltd representing FOR-A of UK and four others had participated in a Tk 8 crore tender bidding of the BTV for purchase of an OB Van, one type of mobile studio. The BTV selected two companies out of the five. The bidding took place on June 5. AVDA Enterprises Ltd filed a suit with the First Court of Subordinate Judge, Dhaka against the Director General of BTV, the chief engineer and the Information Secretary for 'unfairly' dropping in from the bidding. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between USAID and Bangladesh government has already been signed in this regard, Brown added.

Greenhouse effect to raise temp: JS told

Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the temperature would go up by 2.6 degree Celsius in the country by the year 2075 if the Greenhouse syndrome continued at the present rate, reports BSS. Replying to a question from BNP opposition member Mohammad Shahidul Islam, Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said the change in temperature would result in increased rainfall in the rainy season and less cold in the winter. 'This will create adverse impact on the country's agriculture,' she said. The environment minister said in future during winter the extent of drought will increase in Barandra areas, salinity will increase in low land and productivity will decrease in the Sundarbans. She said 17.50 per cent of low-lying coastal areas in the southern part will go under sea water and 28 per cent areas of the country would be endangered by flooding.

Vacancy Announcement

Social Marketing Company (SMC), the largest of its kind in the world, has got the following vacancies:
1. Manager - Clinical Methods: Reporting to the Marketing Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for monitoring, supervision and promotion of clinical contraceptives through selected private medical practitioners (MBBS). He/She should be an MBBS doctor preferably with an MPH degree. 3 - 5 years of working experience in clinical contraceptive methods (IUD, Injectables) is desirable. The position requires extensive travelling outside Dhaka.
2. Manager - Providers' Training: Reporting to the Marketing Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for training paramedics and pharmacists on non-clinical contraceptives and primary health care products. He/She should be an MBBS doctor preferably with an MPH degree. 3-5 years in developing training curricula and monitoring training activities at the field level is essential. The position requires extensive travelling outside Dhaka.
3. Manager - STD/AIDS Prevention Program: The incumbent should be a medical graduate with at least 5 years experience in health projects of which one year should be in the field of STD/HIV/AIDS; should have excellent writing and interpersonal communication skills. The position requires extensive field travel.
4. Manager - Sales Planning: Reporting to the Sales Manager, the incumbent will be responsible for sales analysis, sales forecasting and sales force management. He/She should have a masters degree preferably an MBA. 3-5 years experience in selling pharmaceutical/consumer products is essential. The position requires extensive travelling within Bangladesh.
5. Manager - Information Technology: The incumbent should have a masters degree preferably in Applied Physics / Electronics / Computer Science or an MBA with science background. 3-5 years of experience in managing internal and external software development with knowledge in Windows NT, Unix, C++, Visual FoxPro, Access and Microsoft SQL Server.
6. Manager - Audit: Reporting to Managing Director, the incumbent should be a Cost/Chartered Accountant with 3-5 years experience. The position will require travelling outside Dhaka.

SMC SOCIAL MARKETING COMPANY

WANTED Applications are invited from the Bangladeshi citizens (both male and female) for the following posts in Bangladesh Bank Adarsha Uchcha Bidyalyaya, Faridabad, Dhaka-1204.
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Second class Bachelor's Degree with Second Class B.Ed. and 12 years' experience in teaching or educational administration, or
Bachelor Degree with B.Ed and 15 years' experience in teaching or educational administration. Any candidate having equivalent Degree from a recognised university may also apply.
2. Asstt. Teacher (Biology): Science Graduate with Biology or its equivalent degree and three years' teaching experience in Secondary Schools. Candidates should have two Second Class upto Degree Level. Preference may be given to trained Graduates.
3. Accountant: Second Class Commerce Graduate with three years' experience in maintaining accounts of Secondary Schools.
4. Peon: At least read upto Class-Eight.
Salary and allowances will be given as per existing rules of the School, provident fund facilities will be given after confirmation of service. Higher initial salary may be given to highly qualified candidates.
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Applications of candidates' own hand writing along with two copies of pass port size photographs and attested copies of all certificates must reach the Headmistress of the School within fifteen days from the publication of this advertisement.
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