

What's on today . . .

Dhaka Commerce College: Annual prize distribution ceremony and the 8th founding anniversary of the college will be held. Venue: Collage premises at Mirpur. Time: 12 Noon.

Muktijuddha Gobeshana Kendra: A review of the book 'Smiti Amian 1971' by Abul Mal Abdul Muhit organised by the Muktijuddha Gobeshana Kendra will be held. Venue: Kendra auditorium at Rahman chambers, (2nd floor), 12-13 Motijheel C/A. Time: 4:30 pm.

Condolence meeting: Dhaka College batch of '67 will hold a meeting and *milad mahfil* to condole the death of Aminul-Momin, a senior executive of Peregrine. Venue: Rail Bhaban. Time: After Asr prayers.

Career fair: A day-long career fair will be held on the concluding day of the Global Deshi and opportunities at Home Conference. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 10 am.

ICAB ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) auditorium will be held. Venue: Chartered Accountant Bhaban (9th floor), 100 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 7:30 pm. Chief guest: Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed.

BPF function: The annual celebration of the community based rehabilitation (CBR) programme of Bangladesh Protibandhi Foundation (BPF) and the inaugural ceremony of 'Kalyani CBR Samity, Dhamrai' will be held. Venue: Kalyani Special School, Balitha, Dhamrai (near Beleswar Bus Stand). Time: 10 am.

Annual Function: Happy Times International School will hold its annual function for the juniors. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 10 am-1 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: 'Surma', Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

and tomorrow

Jaker Party's Women Front: The first founding anniversary of the Women's Front of Jaker Party will be observed through a rally. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 1 pm. A discussion meeting will also be held at Engineers' institute at 3 pm.

Seminar: The inaugural session of the seminar on 'Planning for Integrated Local Community Development' organised by the NPO-CIRDAP-APO, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17 Tophkhana Road. Time: 10 am.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan: The weekly meeting and club assembly of the club will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Heavy rainfall likely

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfall is likely at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met office also forecast moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind at most places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna division.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen predicted decrease in rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another five days Met office predicted gradual increase in rainfall activity at the end of the period.

Meantime, Govt's *Baner* reports recorded the highest 66 mm rain during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Chittagong had 61 mm rain, Rajshahi 51, Barisal 40, Jessore 38 and Khulna 31 mm during the period.



Former child garment workers performing at the BCIC auditorium in the city yesterday in celebration of the 2nd anniversary of signing of MOU to end child labour in garment industries.

Tofael urges BGMEA members to set up backward-linkage units

Former child workers of garments industry now being imparted informal education, yesterday celebrated the second anniversary of signing the tripartite agreement for eliminating child labour from the industry, report agencies.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), one of the three parties who signed the 1995 memorandum of understanding (MOU), organised the function at the BCIC auditorium in the city.

BGMEA, International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNICEF signed the MOU two

years back on July 4 in Dhaka to eliminate child labour from Bangladesh's export-oriented garments industry.

The former child workers celebrated the day by rendering songs, performing dance and staging a drama. The colourful function was conducted by a 12-year-old girl Rabeya.

Speaking as chief guest at the function, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed called upon the garment owners to ensure that the industry does not employ any child worker in future.

He also called for united efforts of all to overcome the biggest hurdle for garment sector when the agreement of textile and clothing would be fully implemented in 2005. "We should be ready to face that challenge as before."

The government was making relentless efforts to attract foreign investment in the textile sector, the minister said, urging the members of BGMEA to come forward in a bigger way to set up backward-linkage industry.

Ambassador of European Union Michael Drury, UNICEF country representative Rolf C Carriere, ILO area office director Paul J Bailey, and Labour and Manpower Secretary Ahsan Ali Sarkar also spoke at the function, presided over by BGMEA President MG Quddus.

UNICEF representative Rolf C Carriere called the 1995 MOU an extra-ordinary initiative that has given the poor child workers of Bangladesh garment industry an opportunity to have a better life.

Appreciating the BGMEA for its role, the official said other industries should learn from this example of the garment industry and take steps to eliminate child workers.

Paul J Bailey of ILO said the MOU is considered a model of child labour elimination. "The model of Bangladesh is being replicated by many other countries including Pakistan," he added.

Some 8,188 former child workers of garment sector are now enrolled in 318 schools, run by Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) and Gano Shahajja Sangstha (GSS) in Dhaka, Chittagong, Narayanganj and Gazipur.

Publication ceremony

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Hasina yesterday emphasised the need for taking up extensive motivational programmes on the laws relating to rights of women so that the deprived women could get protection of the laws, reports BSS.

Addressing a publication ceremony of "Women Law Code," a book compiling 20-act from 1856-1946 on women, in the city, he said the laws relating to rights of women should be reached to its beneficiaries to impart knowledge on it and for getting protection of the laws.

The minister urged the organisers to launch motivational programmes through folk songs, booklets and video documentary in Bangla to create awareness among the women.

Organised by Institute for Law and Development (ILD), a project of Ain-o-Umanayan Sangstha, the function was addressed by Justice Nayeemuddin Ahmed, Barrister Amirul Islam and advocate Fawzia Karim Firoze. General Secretary ILD advocate Sigma Huda presided over the meeting.

Ctg Customs earn Tk 1286.65 cr revenue

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Chittagong Customs earned a revenue of Taka 1286.65 crore from VAT, supplementary duty, excise and import duty during the financial year of 1996-97, which is Taka 29.06 crore more than the target, reports BSS.

According to a customs press release Thursday, it has also earned revenue of Taka 1172.57 crore from internal taxes, turnover excise and duty from the same period which is 113.81 crore higher than corresponding period of 1995-96 fiscal year.

The customs earned Taka 114.08 crore from import duty during 1996-97 financial year with additional earning of Taka 27.52 crore, the press release said.

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Sajeda opens National Tree Fair Call to organise tree fair at dist, thana levels

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Choudhury yesterday called upon the forest officials to organise tree fairs at district and thana levels to make the tree plantation drive a success, reports BSS.

The minister said lack of knowledge of plantation and non-availability of healthy saplings have been diminishing the eagerness of the people about afforestation. But holding of tree fairs in an increased number could help minimise the problem, she added.

The minister was inaugurating the fortnight long National Tree Fair '97 at the Jatiya Square in the city in the morning. Environment and Forest Secretary Ahsan Abhamad was in the chair. Chief forest conservator Dr Shamsur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Mentioning various aspects of usefulness of trees Sajeda Choudhury said that the forest areas of the country was very inadequate compared to its required percentage. She said, the

present government is working hard to raise the percentage forest areas to 20 per cent by the year 2015 through government and private initiatives.

The minister said as an important component of traditional Bangalee festivity the characteristics of 'fair' is now being changed to a lot to introduce and familiarise new inventions in different fields and also creating civic responsibilities among the people.

In this regard she referred to the largest-tree fair of the country Goorpukur Tree Fair of Sakhira following which the government took initiatives to organise National Tree Fair from the year 1994. She said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has attached priority to afforestation of the country specially the coastal areas. Earlier she planted a sapling on the premises of the Jatiya Square.

Dr Shamsur Rahman, chief forest conservator, urged the people to collect healthy saplings from the tree fair and said everybody should plant more saplings of local fruit.

Confce on job opportunities held at BUET

By Staff Correspondent

The Society for Welfare of Youth yesterday held a conference on job opportunities in Bangladesh for Bangladeshi students in home and abroad, titled "The Global Deshi Conference" at BUET auditorium.

The opening session was participated by Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam as key-note speaker. Runa Alam of Peregrine Bangladesh Ltd, Hosain Zillur Rahman of BIDS, Shireen Huq of Royal Danish Embassy, Freelance consultant Mahben Sultan, and Iqbal Qadir of Grameen Phone. Former Advisor of the caretaker government Manzur-e-Elahi made the concluding speech.

The conference was organised to attract expatriate Bangladeshis to return to the country and participate in the nation building activities.

The opening session was followed by discussion over five different areas of career development. These were: Development and research, entrepreneurship, science and technology, creative profession and business.

Among others Iftakhar Khan, Pawiq Ahmed of MRC Mode, Saifur Islam of BTC, Syed Hashemi of Grameen Trust, Aasha M Amin of The Daily Star, designer Anila Huq, AM Chowdhury of SPARSO also spoke on the occasion.

The organising committee is comprised of Mohammad Tariq Bin Aziz, VP of EUCSU, Mohammad Kamal Hossain, GS of EUCSU, Gemini Wahhaj, Elora H Chowdhury and Sonia Ahmad.

Speakers at the plenary session underscored the need for highly trained professionals to return home and join various organisations or to set up their own enterprises.

The pointed out that despite problems faced by Bangladesh in the changing economic situation, there were opportunities in the country which the foreign educated Bangladeshis were well placed to take advantage of.

Former Adviser to the caretaker government Manzur-e-Elahi said Bangladesh would achieve economic growth only if political stability is ensured.

He added, only industrialisation could create large employment opportunity for qualified professionals.

A career fair has been arranged at the Civil Building of BUET today, as a second day event as part of the conference.

BCIC International Tender Notice

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