

'Breastfeeding yet to reach desired level'

Breastfeeding is yet to reach the desired level in the country even after renewed campaigns by the government and the NGOs to create awareness among the mothers.

Presently, exclusive breastfeeding in rural and urban areas is only 14 to 19 per cent, a public health and nutrition official told UNB ahead of the Breastfeeding Week '97 to be observed countrywide from August 1.

Dr Tasneem, Medical Officer of Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN), said exclusive breastfeeding is essential for infants up to the age of 5 months during which no food is necessary, even water.

Breast milk meets all the nutritional requirements of the new born baby up to the age of 5 months.

'Breastfeeding: Nature's Way' is this year's theme of the week, organised jointly by Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation and IPHN.

Referring to different research findings, Dr Tasneem said the bottle feeding habit of

urban affluent family is 33.6 per cent, much higher than in the rural areas.

She said some 25 to 50 per cent mothers reject their clostrum, commonly known as 'Shaloodh', thus depriving the new born of the much needed nutrients. For its antibody components, clostrum is termed a 'first vaccine of life'.

A study, conducted by BIRPERHT, an NGO, revealed that 80 per cent mothers delay the start of breastfeeding to the new born baby. To consume the clostrum by the new born, it is necessary to feed breast milk within 30 minutes of the delivery.

During its investigation in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Matlab, the NGO found that only 7 per cent mothers maintain exclusive breastfeeding while some 22 per cent urban women of affluent families totally refrain from breastfeeding.

Some 75 per cent mothers give breast milk up to one year and the rest up to two years of their children, the study said.



Begum Alema Bhasani, wife of late Mowlana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, handing over Bhasani's cap to Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam at a function at the auditorium of the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Mementoes handed over to Nat'l Museum

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said yesterday that collection and preservation of mementoes of the great sons of the soil should be a continuous process, reports BSS.

He said the National Museum has been preserving the mementoes of the politicians, writers, freedom fighters, artists, poets, historically eminent persons and journalists for nearly one hundred years.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a function held at National Museum for ceremonial handover of some articles bearing memories of the noted sons of the soil. He also inaugurated a week-long exhibition of the personal articles of 112 celebrities, beginning from Nawab Sirajuddaula to Nasir Uddin. The mementoes were handed over to the National Museum authority.

Presided over by the president of the board of governors of the National Museum, Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam, the function was addressed, among others, by secretary, in-charge Syed Yusuf Hossain, director general of the National Museum AZM Rafique Bhuiyan, Begum Abbas Uddin, Begum Alema Bhasani and Begum Umratul Fazal.

The minister said these noted sons are pride of the nation and they will be ever remembered by us.

Iranian envoy presents credentials

The newly appointed Ambassador of Iran to Bangladesh, Muhammad Sadegh Fayyaz, presented his credentials to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the ambassador, the President said that relations between Bangladesh and Iran are deeply rooted in common Islamic heritage and culture.

He said that both the countries share common and identical perception on many regional and international issues, particularly those related to the cause of Muslim Ummah.

Nat'l book, library policy soon

A national book and library policy will be announced soon, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said this while inaugurating a book reading campaign for school going students held at the Central Public Library auditorium on Monday.

Jointly organised by Library Directorate, Bangladesh Librarian Association and Srijan Publishers Guild, the function was also attended by secretary in-charge of Ministry of Cultural Affairs Syed Yusuf Hossain and Prof Muntasir Mammun.

The state minister also opened a six-week long book exhibition at the same venue.

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PLAINTIFF :

-VERSUS-

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Eskaton, P.S. Ramna,
Dhaka.

DEFENDANT:

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By the order of the learned Court.
Abdus Salam
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Charge d' Affaires of US Embassy calls on Samad

Ted Nist, Charge d'Affaires of American Embassy in Dhaka, called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the latter's office yesterday, reports UNB.

The envoy delivered a letter from US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the Foreign Minister.

The letter was learnt to have given a hint of Albright's 'contemplated visit' in the region in near future.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest.

Director General (America) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ashrafud-Doula was present on the occasion.

BWOC holds open discussion

Bangladesh Women Organisation of California (BWOC) had their first open house recently in the city of Artesia, California, says a press release.

A large number of Bangladesh origin women from all over southern California attended the meeting. They participated in a lively question and answer session to discuss a wide range of issues of concern to the Bangladeshi women in California.

A non-profit organisation, BWOC was formed to deal with issues affecting Bangladeshi women living there.

The executive committee of the organisation consists of Tahmina (Leena) Badruzzaman - President, Hosne Ahmed Senior Vice President, Dr Ruby K Hussain Vice President, Shelly Ali General Secretary, Ms Farhana (Farah) Iqbal Treasurer, Nasrin (Koli) Ahsan Executive Member, and Shahin (Poppy) Rahman Executive Member.

DCC to spend Tk 1.5 cr for temporary road repair

By Staff Correspondent

A spell of fine weather is required to start repair work on the badly damaged city roads, Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) acting chief engineer Shaful Islam said.

Potholes, scars, bumps and cracks have developed in most of the city roads following the recent incessant rains. To start the repair work, we need at least three sunny days, Islam said. However DCC would spend Tk 1.5 crore for temporary treatment of the roads with bricks and sand, he said.

'We need a sunny spell, because when the surface is wet the mixture of bitumen will not hold; the base has to be dry for the job,' said a DCC official.

He said unlike previous years, all repair work would be carried out mechanically this year. 'We will use asphalt plant - a mixture of bitumen, shingles and sand - to do the permanent repair work,' Islam explained that asphalt plant was a modern way of repairing and it lasted for a long time. In the past, most repair work was done manually.

When asked how only a few days' rain could wash away the top layers of the city roads, the chief engineer said those roads had not been repaired for the last two years.

ICAB interview rescheduled

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) has shifted its date of interview for the posts of 'Course Administrator and Librarian', from today to Monday (Aug 4) due to unavoidable circumstances. Time and venue of interview will, however, remain the same, says a press release.

What's on today . . .

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

Zahir Raihan Film Society: The films Starmaker directed by Giuseppe Tornatore and Il Postino (The Postman) directed by Michael Radford will be screened. Venue: German Cultural Centre, house no 10, road no 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm and 7 pm.

Discussion: In observance of the birth centenary of noted Educationist and Scientist Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain a discussion and musical soiree will be held. Venue: Auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5 pm.

The programme has been organised by Shilpakala Academy.

Bangla Academy: The academy will hold a discussion on the occasion of the observance of the birth centenary of noted educationist and scientist Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11 am.

Abul Momen will present a paper while Prof AM Harun-ur-Rashid and Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury will take part in the discussion. Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin will preside.

JU faculty bldgs Construction work to begin within few months

Construction of new Arts Faculty and Life Science Institute buildings will begin within a few months, official sources said.

Design and plans of the proposed new buildings have already been finalised. A total of Tk 1.95 crore has been allocated under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) of the current fiscal for the construction.

Meanwhile, tenders have been invited for the construction floated of the Life Science Institute building.

Also, there are provisions in the next five year plan (1997-2002) to open four new Departments in the University.

100 Tk Prize Bond draw tomorrow

The 8th draw of Jatiya Prize Bond of Tk 100 denomination will be held at the conference room of the Divisional Commissioner here at 10 am tomorrow, reports UNB.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner will conduct the draw under single command system before the public.

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Mrs. Jahanara Begum (Munni) and others. Petitioners

Versus

Madina Vegetable and Oil Refinery Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. and others. Respondents

This is to notify that on 16th July 1997 the clients of the undersigned Mrs. Jahanara Begum (Munni) and others as petitioners filed the above-mentioned matter before the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division under Section 233(1) of the Company Law 1994 wherein M/s Madina Vegetable and Oil Refinery Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. and its managing director Md. Faruque and directors Md. Abdul Hafiz and two of his brothers are the respondents. The Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division has been pleased to admit the above-mentioned matter and fixed the same for hearing on 14 August 1997. This notice is being published in the newspaper in compliance with the direction of the said Hon'ble Court.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Md. Obaidur Rahman Mostafa
Advocate
Supreme Court.

ডেটল সাবান "সুপার লাইন" লিখে, চলুন বিশ্বকাপে

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