

### Nat'l confce of diploma engineers opens 13 polytechnic instts to be set up this fiscal: Zillur

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday said the government has taken some new programmes for economic development and reducing unemployment by spreading scientific, technical and vocational education in the country, reports BSS.

#### Janmashtomi programmes

A three-day programme has been drawn up on the occasion of the Janmashtomi, beginning today, reports UNB.

The programmes include juvenile art competition at Dhakeswari temple premises on Friday, Janmashtomi procession on Monday and a discussion on Tuesday.

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif will inaugurate the Janmashtomi procession while Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad attend the discussion meeting.

He was addressing a two-day national representative conference '97 of the diploma engineers in the city.

He said the government would establish 13 polytechnic institutes including three for women in the current fiscal.

Moreover, under the fifth five-year plan polytechnic institutes will be built in every district headquarters, he added.

The minister said the unplanned infrastructural development during the last two decades created a lot of problem, side by side, destroyed a huge amount of national resources including foreign aid.

Now people want to get rid of the curse of unplanned development, he added.

The conference was also addressed, among others, by president of the Institute of Diploma Engineers Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, general secretary A K M A Hamid and M Mozammel Haque.



Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh Robert A Vornis made a farewell call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

### Dutch envoy makes farewell call on President

The outgoing Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh Robert Arthur Vornis made a farewell call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Appreciating the generous Dutch assistance to Bangladesh which has contributed significantly to the country's economic development, the President said as an important member of the European Union the Netherlands can play a vital role in increasing garment export from Bangladesh to European countries.

He also welcomed the investors of the Netherlands to invest in the country.

The outgoing envoy apprised President Shahabuddin of the eagerness of many internationally reputed Dutch investors to invest in Bangladesh.

#### Calls on PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh can be benefited from the experience of the Netherlands in the field of Land Reclamation and Water Management, reports UNB.

Bangladesh has a well-established cooperation with the Netherlands since its liberation, Sheikh Hasina said while talking to Robert A Vornis, the Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh, who paid a farewell call on the Prime Minister at her office.

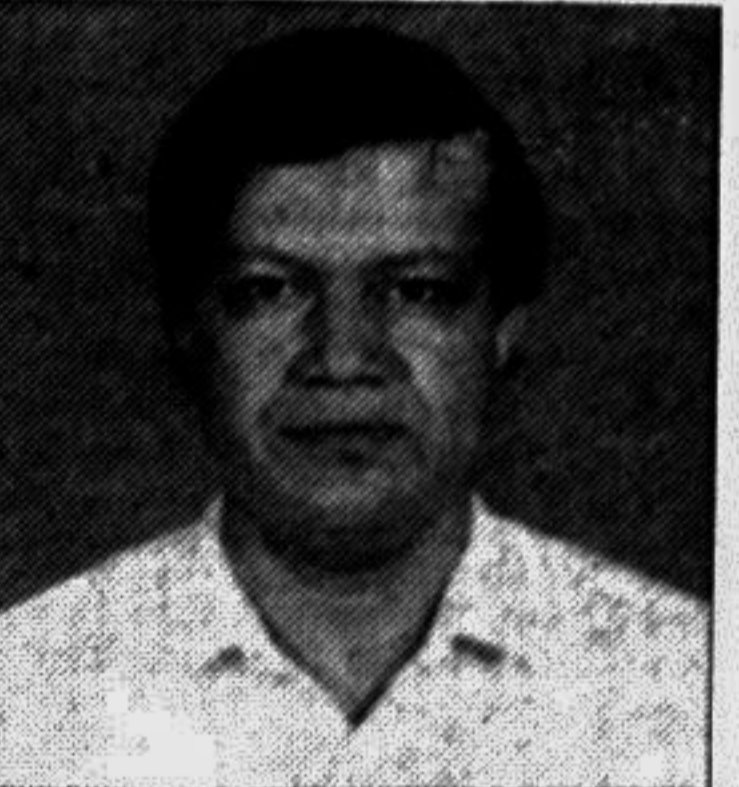
### 'Bangladesh Code' to be out soon

A complete Bangladesh Code incorporating all laws of the land will be printed within the next six months, reports UNB.

A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting of Law Ministry yesterday with Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru in the chair.

The Law Minister directed the officials concerned to undertake a project to finish the necessary adaptation works of the relevant laws upto 1971 by December this year, so that all laws of the land could be updated and printed in the Bangladesh Code within the stipulated time.

The meeting also decided to maintain identical movement registers in the Ministry to monitor movements of files.



### Petrobangla GM dead

Md Zakir Hossain, general manager of Petrobangla died of a heart attack yesterday morning at his residence in the city. He was 52, reports BSS.

Hossain joined Pakistan Petroleum Ltd. after obtaining master's degree in Chemistry from Karachi University. He served in different capacities at various companies under Petrobangla.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Petrobangla Bhaban and the second janaza was held at Kalyanpur. He was buried at Mirpur Martyrs Graveyard.

The deceased left behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relations to mourn his death.

His *qul khwani* will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at the deceased's Kalyanpur residence.

### Justice Habibur Rahman's mother passes away

RAJSHAHI, Aug 21: Kamila Khatoon, mother of former chief justice and chief advisor of caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman, died at the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital last night. She was 80, reports BSS.

She left behind two sons, four daughters and a host of relatives.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held at local Hetem Khan Boro Masjid today.

Later she was buried at the Kadrganj graveyard. Justice Habibur Rahman, government officials, lawyers and elite of the city attended the janaza.

### Yusuf opens confce Physiotherapists assured of steps to expand services

By Staff Correspondent

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf yesterday assured the country's physiotherapists that he would take all possible steps to expand their services across the country, if he gets specific proposals from the Physiotherapy Society.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the second national conference of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Society (BPS) in the city yesterday morning.

While addressing around seventy physiotherapists at the Orthopaedic Hospital auditorium, the minister got a bit nostalgic about his political past, and at a stage expressed gratitude to the physiotherapists: "Following police torture, I had my fingers broken, received various treatments, but eventually it was physiotherapy that made my fingers all right."

He said the physiotherapy, a very important branch of medical science, should be expanded even to the rural areas. "I will take all possible steps to improve as well as expand the services across the country. What I need is the specific proposals from the Physiotherapy Society," the minister said amidst thunderous claps.

Meanwhile, Dr Abdus Salam, a central BPS leader, told The Daily Star that physiotherapy these days is considered a vital method of treatment for a number of diseases in the developed world. "But unfortunately, this branch of medical science is yet to receive adequate attention by those who set the country's medical educational curriculum," Dr Salam said. "Besides, the issue of conducting training programmes for the novices by physiotherapists having academic degrees and adequate professional backgrounds is still ignored."

Setting up of a physiotherapy institute, with the Orthopaedic Hospital providing laboratory facilities could be a primary solution to the present problem, according to the BPS officials.

A scientific seminar followed the inaugural session of the BPS conference. Abdus Salam, Abdul Khaleque, Abdur Rahman and Altal Hossain Sarker presented separate papers on a few diseases and their treatment by physiotherapy.

However, others who spoke in the morning session included Director of the Orthopaedic Hospital A F M Ruhul Haque and Director General of Health Prof A K M Nurul Anwar. Prof M N Alam presided.

### DSE council body to meet PM Aug 26

The council body of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday to inform her of the overall situation prevailing in the country's capital market.

Reliable sources said that the DSE authority had been trying to get an appointment with the Prime Minister for some time and she finally agreed to meet them on Aug 26.

The agenda for discussion with the PM would be finalised at a meeting of the DSE council body on Monday, said a DSE councillor over telephone last night.

### What's on today . . . .

**Pottery exhibition:** A week-long solo pottery exhibition by Rupam Chowdhury will begin. Venue: Gallery Tone. Time: 5.30pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader.

**Folk songs:** Folk songs will be presented by Rathindranath Roy, Kiran Chandra Roy and Chandana Majumder at a cultural evening, organised by the Indian High Commission. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhannond. Time: 6.30 pm.

**Film show:** 'Claire's Knee' by Eric Rohmer will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Time: 10 am. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

**Discussion:** A discussion on 'Why democracy is not getting institutional shape' will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4 pm. Organiser: Zia-Khaleda Research Council.



The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) organised a rally, protesting repression and abuse of women, in front of the National Museum yesterday. — Star photo

### Tk 9.5 cr DCC project for training of distressed children

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has taken up a Taka nine crore fifty lakh project for training and rehabilitation of distressed children of the capital, a DCC press release said, reports BSS.

A summary for the implementation of the project is now awaiting the government's approval, it added.

Meanwhile, work on selecting the location for the proposed project at Saidabad has been completed.

Under the proposed project, the destitute children of the city will be provided with food and residential facilities and technical training, it added.

After the completion of training, jobs for the trained children would be ensured.

At the initial stage, the project will start with 500 distressed children.

The programme has been taken as a special project at the initiative of Mayor Mohammad Hanif and ward commissioners.

Work on the project is expected to begin at the beginning of next year, it added.

### Workshop on BINP told Women, children primary victims of malnutrition

An advocacy workshop on "Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BINP)" was held at the BINP conference room yesterday, reports UNB.

About 30 representatives working in the field of health, nutrition, family planning and social development took part in the workshop.

Manzoor-Ul Karim, senior adviser of UNICEF attended the inaugural function as chief guest.

Addressing the function, Karim said women and children are the primary victims of malnutrition and urged the participants to render service at their level best to fulfill the goal of BINP.

BINP project director Khandaker Mizanur Rahman presided over the workshop, which was aimed at informing and creating awareness about malnutrition and government-initiated nutrition intervention programmes.

BINP has been working since 1995 with a view to achieving overall social development through reduction of mother and infant mortality rates and behavioural changes in relation to foods, feeding, eating and caring practices, health and nutrition education.

The project will primarily include 40 thanas on priority basis.

### Minor boy killed in road mishap

A minor boy was killed in a road mishap at Chandona on Dhaka-Gazipur highway yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said, Mostafa Babu, 10, a class four student of Chandona Government Primary School, died on the spot when he was run over by a Gazipur bound bus from Dhaka at about 11 am.

The accident occurred while Babu was crossing road.

The body was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with Joydevpur police.

### Passing-out parade of BAF MODC held

The passing-out parade of the Bangladesh Air Force Ministry of Defence Constabulary (MODC) was held at the BAF base Bashar in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Air officer commanding of the local air base Air Commodore M Khashrul Alam reviewed the parade and took salute.

Recruit Md Arifuzzaman was adjudged the best all round MODC, while recruit MODC Md Mujibur Rahman got commendation for best academic performance.

Speaking on the occasion, Air Commodore Alam asked the newly passed out MODCs to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, dedication and diligence.

Among others, senior officers of air headquarters and the base attended the ceremony, an ISPR press release said.

### Indonesian trade team meets Shambhu

The two-member Indonesian trade delegation yesterday called on Deputy Minister for Shipping Dharendra Deb Nath Shambhu at the latter's secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest.

The delegation members are Syahroel, head of marketing development centre of the national agency for export development and Mochrim Hakim, chairman of the Middle East/OIC committee of Indonesian chamber of commerce and industry.

Indonesian Charge d'Affaires Sabillah Maqom was present.

The Indonesian trade delegation who arrived Wednesday night, also called on executive chairman of the Board of Investment Anisul Haq Chowdhury.

They will also hold discussion with the leaders of business community of the country on Saturday.

### EU donation for cyclone victims

The European Union (EU) yesterday donated 62,000 pieces of CI sheet for the house-building of 4,400 cyclone-affected people of the coastal areas of Chittagong, reports BSS.

The CI sheets were formally handed over to Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS) by the delegation councillor of the European Union Alain Rouche on three separate occasions at Moheshkhali, Anwara and Chittagong city.

BRCS acting secretary general ASM Akram received the goods on behalf of the society.

Rouche also visited the affected areas in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong.

Chittagong city Mayor Alhaj ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury was present at the handing over ceremony in Chittagong.

BRCS Treasurer M A Jinnah, head of delegation of International Federation of Red Crescent Bjorn Eder, acting chairman of BRCS Chittagong unit Alhaj Khalilur Rahman were also present.

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