

Indian NDC team calls on President

The visiting Indian National Defence College (NDC) team made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the member of the delegation, President Shahabuddin hoped that mutual visits and exchange of views would help increasing professional efficiency.

He stressed on the expansion of training cooperation between Bangladesh and India and said such a visit would strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries specially in the field of armed forces.

The team leader Lt General SRR Iyengar, Commandant of National Defence College, thanked the President for receiving him and his delegation members.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukharjee, Secretary to the President Muhammed Enamul Huq and Military Secretary to the President Maj Gen AM Siraj were present on the occasion, said an official handout.

KCC prepares Tk 785 cr project for surface water treatment plant

KHULNA, Aug 27. Khulna City Corporation (KCC) has prepared a Tk 785 crore project for surface water treatment plant for supplying four crore gallons drinking water daily to the residents.

KCC sources told BSS that the project was yet to be approved by the government but the Australian government had shown interest in financing it. KCC is yet to develop a proper drinking water supply system and it badly needs one for its about fifteen lakh city dwellers.

KCC supplies fifty per cent of drinking water to Khulna metropolitan city on the basis of ground water base system. Twenty-five to thirty per cent drinking water of the city comes from unplanned private sources which are responsible for the fall in the underground water level. KCC sources added.

KCC has been trying to improve water supply system and

the World Bank conducted a survey in this connection recently.

Meanwhile, World Bank has accepted a Tk 90 crore drinking water supply and modernisation project for Khulna metropolitan city and the project styled Municipal Service Project (MSP) is at the final stage of approval of the government, KCC sources said. The project when implemented would meet the water supply need of the city.

CGIAR executive secy meets Motia

The visiting executive secretary of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), Alexander Von-der Osten, yesterday called on Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury at her office, reports BSS.

'Nazrul rose above race, religion'

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said that Kazi Nazrul Islam was such a poet who rose above race and religion to bridge the people of all strata in society, reports BSS.

They were speaking at a discussion on National Poet Nazrul organised by Bangla Academy in observance of his 21st death anniversary.

Prof Shawkat Ali chaired the function while Prof Abdul Mannan Syed presented the keynote paper on 'main sources of the mass upsurge in the Nazrul-literature'. Azhar Islam Bhuiyan and Prof Shantanu Kaiser took part in the discussion.

Prof Shawkat Ali said Nazrul firmly stood against the colonial rule. 'Nazrul's rebellious spirit had inspired the suppressed people of the world to fight against all repressions, injustices and violation of human rights,' he added.

Prof Shantanu Kaiser said Nazrul was honest and courageous all along his life.

ALCWC pays tribute to Nazrul

Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) members placed wreath at the *mazar* of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in the city yesterday, marking the 21st death anniversary of the poet, reports UNB.

AL general secretary and LGDR and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman placed the wreath at the *mazar* on the Dhaka University campus in the morning.

He was accompanied by Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu and MA Jalil, State Minister for Information Prof Abu Syeed and Publication Secretary Abdul Mannan.

It was also attended by BCL president Enamul Haque Shamim and its former leaders Shabe Alam, Asim Kumar Ukil, SM Kamal Hossain, Shafi Ahmed, Abdul Mazid and Kazi Nakibullah, said a PID handout.

New DG of External Publicity takes over

M A Hossain Komol, News Editor of the New Nation, yesterday took over as the Director General of the External Publicity located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reports UNB.

Komol replaced M. Muhammed who went back to the Ministry of Information. The External Publicity wing is under the Ministry of Information.

German envoy meets Sajeda

German Ambassador to Bangladesh Bruno Weber called on Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

The environment minister told the German envoy that the government was trying relentlessly to increase the forest area of the country.

BGMEA team meets Samad

A three-member delegation of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturer and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) led by Mostafa Golam Quddus, president of the association called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

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