

What's on today....

Award-giving ceremony: Awards will be presented to the best union parishad chairmen for 1994-95 and 1995-96. Venue: Local Government Engineering Department, Agargaon. Time: 11 am. Chief guest: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman.

BIBM seminar: A day-long seminar on 'post training utilisation in banks' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM). Venue: Institute's seminar hall, Plot: 4, Main Road No: 1 (south), Section: 2. Time: 10 am.

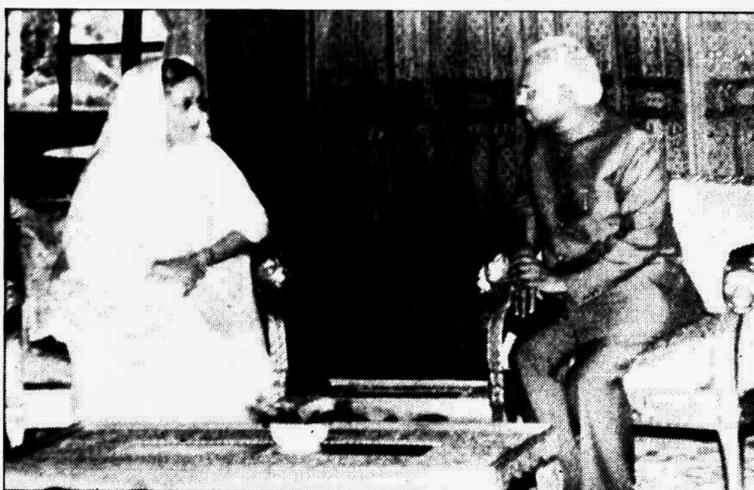
Film show: A 3-day retrospective of Oscar-winning films will begin. Today's films: 'My Uncle' by Jacques Tati and 'Cinema Paradiso' by Giuseppe Tornatore. Time: 5 pm and 7 pm respectively. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House: 10, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi. Organisers: Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with Goethe-Institut Dhaka.

Memorial meet: Choudhagram Thana Janakalyan Samity, Dhaka has arranged a memorial meeting on Siddiqur Rahman, a former president of the Samity. Venue: Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation auditorium, 21st floor, 30-31 Dilkusha. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting will be held. Time: 6 pm. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel.

Launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of a 'medical information kiosk' of Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd will be held. Venue: Dhaka Medical College Gallery No: 1. Time: 4 pm.

Central Khelaghar Asar: A meeting in observance of Education Week will be held. Venue: 278/3, Elephant Road, Katanban. Time: 4:30 pm.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called on Indian President K R Narayanan at Rajbhaban in Calcutta on Saturday. — PID photo

Navy seizes two foreign fishing trawlers

CHITTAGONG, Sept 14: Bangladesh Navy ship Abu Bakr seized two foreign fishing trawlers off the St. Martin's Island on Saturday, reports BSS.

All the 45 crew-members were also arrested, an ISPR press release said.

The impounded trawlers were engaged in poaching fish within the Bangladesh territorial waters.

The impounded trawlers and the arrested persons were later handed over to the concern authority for further necessary action.

BCL, BCU clash over unveiling of sculpture on TSC island

By DU Correspondent
Some activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) were assaulted by activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at TSC crossing on the Dhaka University campus yesterday following a controversy over the unveiling of a sculpture on the TSC island.

The controversy erupted as BCU has planned to unveil the incomplete sculpture on Sept 17 on the occasion of its annual council, against the will of the sculptor.

Raju Sangsad took the initiative to build the sculpture in memory of Moin Hossain Raju, a BCU leader who was killed while taking part in an anti-terrorism procession on the campus.

The sculptor, Shyamol Chowdhury told this correspondent that he knew nothing of yesterday's incident.

He, however, said BCU wants to unveil the sculpture ignoring his opinion. "It is humiliating for an artist that his work is being unveiled without his consent in an incomplete state."

The sculpture depicts a procession.

Housewife killed

By Staff Correspondent
A young housewife was killed in the city on Friday.

Hasna Banu, 20, who fell sick at her house at City Polli in Dholpur after taking some food allegedly mixed with poison on Tuesday, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Friday afternoon.

Hasna's uncle, Abul Khair, in an FIR filed with Demra thana, alleged that her husband Abdul Hanif mixed poison in the food to kill his wife, police said.

The fourth wife of Hanif, Hasna fell sick after having the food on Tuesday. She was immediately admitted to the DMCH.

Demra police arrested Hanif following Hasna's death and produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday.

However, the motive behind the killing could not be known immediately.

Woman seriously injured following alleged torture by husband

By Staff Correspondent

A young housewife was seriously injured after allegedly being tortured by her husband at Lalbagh in the old part of the city yesterday.

Nurun Nahar, 25, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with wounds in her head, eyes and other parts of the body, hospital sources said.

It was reported that Nurun's husband, Omar Ali, often tortured her over dowry-related matters.

On the day of the incident, Omar, a private car driver, started beating his wife with a stick following an altercation at their house in Hosni Dalan area in Lalbagh.

Lalbagh police said they had not received any information in connection with the incident till last night.

Seven places designated for holding rallies, meetings in city

To alleviate public sufferings caused by road jams, government authorities yesterday announced seven places for holding public meetings and rallies in the city with prior permission, reports UNB.

The government-designated meeting venues are: Golapbagh Stadium, Basabo ground, Agargaon Parade Square, Mirpur-1 School ground, ground opposite to Azad office at Dhakeswari, Southeastern part of Osmani Udyan and Outer Stadium.

Earmarking the places was finalised in a recent meeting between leaders of different political parties and Dhaka City Corporation, convened by Mayor Mohammad Hanif, says a press release.

It said movement of school and college students, pedestrians and vehicles had seriously been hampered for holding frequent meetings and rallies on city streets.

"The street meetings have been causing serious traffic congestion in the capital city," said the DCC release.

The city corporation sought cooperation from all concerned.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a live television programme on the occasion of her government's one year on June 23 this year had also assured such meeting venues so that the people don't have to suffer for political demonstrations.

PIB workshop begins

A nine-day workshop on cultural reporting began at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) yesterday, reports UNB.

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The incomplete sculpture on the TSC island of Dhaka University campus. —Star photo

2 killed in road accidents in city

By Staff Correspondent

An eight-year-old boy and a teenage female garment worker were killed in separate road accidents in the city yesterday.

Zakir Hossain, a resident of Agargaon, Madrasah Orphanage, was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck at Agargaon at about 3 pm.

Zakir, son of Roman Hawladar, died on the spot. His body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy, hospital sources said.

In another incident, Asma Begum, 15, was fatally injured as a motor vehicle hit her from behind while she was going to her work place at Kawia on Airport Road.

Police said Asma was immediately taken to the DMCH where the on duty doctors declared her dead at about 9 am. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

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