

What's on today . . .

**Ekushey Grantha Mela:** A discussion on Theatre in Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy. Time: 4 pm.

**Art exhibition:** A solo exhibition of recent works by renowned artist Rafiqun Nabi will begin. Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery. Time: 4:30 pm. From 10 am to 8 pm daily till Feb 28.

**Film show:** Selected documentary films from Film South Asia '97 will be shown. Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 3 pm-7pm.

**Poetry recital:** Noted artists will recite poems and dialogues from plays by famous writers, including Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore. Organiser: Abolokon theatre centre. Venue: Children's auditorium, National Museum. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Theatre:** 'Ishwar Abong Am' (God and I) will be presented by Batikrome. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 7 pm.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Human rights in Bangladesh: South Asian context' will be held. Organiser: New York-based South Asia Watch (SAW). Venue: VIP Lounge, Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Roundtable:** A roundtable discussion on book reading has been organised by Community Development Library (CDL). Venue: CDL auditorium, House: 39, Rd: 14A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3pm.

**Eid reunion:** The Eid reunion of Foreign Office Wives Association (FOWA) will be held. Venue: State Guest House Padma. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Conference:** A conference of members of Uttarahdikhari will be held. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 10:30 am.

**Meeting:** A meeting of the central committee of Democratic Lawyers Association of Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Supreme Court Alinjibi Samity Bhaban. Time: 10 am.

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

Condolence meet on KB Roy held

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday recalled the glorious contribution of Kamal Bhushan Roy Chowdhury, popularly known as KB Roy Chowdhury, in promoting communal harmony among the people, reports BSS.

Though he (late Roy) believed in a particular religion and was involved seriously in religious affairs, he was above communalism, the speakers said at the meeting held in the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University, organised by the KB Roy Chowdhury Smriti Sangsad.

Presided over by president of the Sangsad Justice KM Sobhan, it was attended, among others, by parliamentary affairs adviser to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta, State Minister for Land Allihaj Rashed Mosharrar, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi, Shudhangshu Shekhar Halder, Ajoy Roy, Pankaj Bhatnary, Hasanul Haque Inu, Prof Lolit Mohon Nath and general secretary of the Sangsad Subrata Chowdhury.

Ultrasound institute to be set up under DU

The government will set up 12 science and technology universities during the current Fifth Five-Year Plan. State Minister for Planning, Science and Technology Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The government is committed to extend all-out cooperation to improve medicare and its facilities in the country, he said while inaugurating the 10th annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography (BSU) at a city hotel.

Prof Suhrah Ali, Dean of Post Graduate Medical Faculty of Dhaka University, also spoke on the occasion, presided over by BSU president Dr M A Karim.

BSU is going to establish an ultrasound institute to provide diploma on ultrasonography under the Dhaka University for the medical professionals.

About 300 doctors from Dhaka, Chittagong and other parts of the country attended the meeting.

New edn policy to be implemented soon: Sadique

KHULNA, Feb 13: Education Minister ASHK Sadique today said the government will take necessary steps to implement the new education policy soon, reports BSS.

Congenial atmosphere in the educational institutions is a must for implementing the policy, he said.

The minister was addressing a meeting of guardians, students and teachers at Daulatpur Day-Night College here as the chief guest, a PID handout said.

Chaired by Principal Abu Sayeed, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleq as special guest.

The minister said anarchy was created in the educational field because of absence of a proper policy.



Singers performing at a cultural function organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote in observance of Amar Ekushey at the Central Shahid Minar yesterday. — Star photo

Abductions on rise in city 50 pc of cases related to love affairs

Incidents of abduction across the country, particularly in the capital, have become rampant signalling a gradual deterioration in law and order situation, reports UNB.

A statistic showed that a total of 1217 kidnappings were filed with different police stations in the city in last five years. Fifty per cent of the cases took place over love affairs.

According to an official, 284 such cases were lodged with different thanas of DMP in 1993 while the figure was 284 in 1994, 310 in 1995, 144 in 1996 and 195 in 1997.

Even though the incidents occurred over love affairs, the cases were, in fact, filed under Women and Children Oppression Act 1995.

However, most of the cases relating to love affairs were set-  
tled through mutual understanding of the guardians from both sides.

As per the law of the land, a boy or a girl under 18 is considered as underage. But teenaged boys usually resort to such incidents out of emotion.

"It's not possible to eliminate the incidents of affair driven abduction by the law-enforcing agency alone... guardians should also have attachment with their children to stamp out the problem", said a police official.

"Love affair is a natural phenomenon and it can be encouraged by raising social awareness and upholding religious values and family restrictions," said Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury of Dhaka University's Sociology Department.

Annual confce of ICDDR,B begins in city today

The seventh annual scientific conference, dubbed as ASCON 7, of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) begins in the city today with focus on nutrition and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in various parts of the world including Bangladesh, reports BSS.

As many as 70 scientific papers and 55 posters will be presented at the two-day conference by researchers of ICDDR,B, government agencies, national NGOs and a number of other organisations. It will be held at the centre's Sasakawa International Training Centre.

Education Minister ASHK Sadeque will inaugurate the conference which will be divided into six working sessions alongwith several concurrent sessions for presentation of scientific papers and interactions by experts and scientists from home and abroad.

Addressing a press conference in the city yesterday on the eve of the ASCON 7, ICDDR,B's Director Dr Robert M Suskind said about 400 delegates and participants will attend the conference to be co-sponsored by UNICEF, WHO, Helen Keller International and USAID.

Three divisional directors of the ICDDR,B — Dr George Fuchs, Dr VI Mathan and Dr Istiaque A Zaman — were also present at the press conference.

Dr Suskind said the ICDDR,B will present the research findings during the conference to the scientists working in the same field, policy-makers, health professionals and managers as well as those who were always concerned about the health problems in developing countries including Bangladesh.

'Concert in Sympathy '71' CD out

A commemorative double album, 'Concert in Sympathy 1971', marking the 25 years of independence of Bangladesh and a tribute to its founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was presented in New Delhi Thursday night before a selected gathering at the lecture hall of the Indian International Centre, reports BSS.

The two compact discs contain 41 items covering two and a half hours of vocal, instrumental, folk and contemporary music of Bengal.

The live recording of the album took place, during a special series of concerts held in the UK in 1971. The concerts were produced by Birendra Shankar, with the backing of an international appeals committee to raise public awareness to the plight of the people of Bangladesh and also to strengthen the fund raising efforts of the international charities.

Any profits from this album will go to international charities still working in the region, Birendra Shankar said.

Former advisor to late Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, PN Haksar, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India, CM Shaif Sami, Dr Kapila Vatsayan and other distinguished guests from India were present.

AL programmes on 'Democracy Killing Day'

Bangladesh Awami League has taken elaborate programmes to observe the 'Democracy Killing Day' on February 15, a party press release said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Zillur Rahman asked the leaders and workers of the party and all democracy-loving people of the country to observe the day across the country through rallies, seminars and symposiums.

As part of its programmes, Awami League will hold a discussion meeting on February 15 at 3 pm at Ramna Batamul.

Mayor of Dhaka and President of Dhaka City Awami League Mohammad Hanif will preside over the meeting.

Boy crushed to death while washing bus

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage boy was crushed under the wheels of a bus that he was washing at city's Sayedabad bus terminal yesterday afternoon.

Police said 15-year-old Harun was washing the undercarriage of the bus while its driver was taking tea in a nearby stall at about 2 pm.

After some time, the driver got on the bus and drove it backwards, thinking Harun had already got out from under the vehicle completing his work, police said.

Harun died on the spot as the wheels of the heavy vehicle went over his body. The driver, however, has been absconding since the incident.

The body was sent to Mitford Hospital morgue for autopsy.



Young doctors under The Daily Star programme of 'Entrepreneurs and Professionals Speak out' at a meeting yesterday decided to hold three seminars soon. The issues to be addressed in the seminars include: Medical ethics and images of the doctors, supervision of the private sector medical colleges and clinics in the light of regulations concerned, and professional problems currently faced by young doctors. Besides, the meeting decided to take up some action programmes that include treating garments workers. — Star photo

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Venue: Sonargaon Ball Room Ticket: 150/=

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Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall Ticket: 100/=

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**Amharik Shomlar Prastuti**

Ahle Sunnat Al-Jamaat brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting US preparation for probable military strikes on Iraq. — Star Photo

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উপরোক্ত পদে নিয়োগের জন্য আবেদনপত্র বাছাইয়ের পর লাপনিকভাবে নির্ধারিত প্রার্থীদের স্নাতক পর্যায়ে পড়িত বিষয় ও সাধারণ জ্ঞান বিষয়ে লিখিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হলেই মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় ডাকা হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হওয়া সাপেক্ষে প্রার্থীদের সবশেষে বাস্তব পরীক্ষায় সম্মুখীন হতে হবে। সকল পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদেরই কেবল শিক্ষানবিস হিসেবে নিয়োগ দেয়া হবে। শিক্ষানবিসকালে শুধুমাত্র মূল বেতন প্রদান করা হবে। সংস্থার নিয়মানুযায়ী ৩(তিন) মাসের শিক্ষানবিসকাল সমাপ্ত করার পর ২৭৫০-২৭৫৮-২৫০ বেতন থেকে স্থায়ী করা হবে। এছাড়া মূল বেতনের ৬৫% বাড়তি ভাতা, উৎসব বোনাস, গ্র্যাডুইটি, কমিউটিং প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড, চিকিৎসা সুবিধাদি সহ সংস্থাপ্রদত্ত অন্যান্য সুযোগ সুবিধা প্রদান করা হবে।

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