

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

**Ekushey Book Fair:** A discussion on 'Practice of language studies in Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy. Time: 4 pm.

**Nazrul Sangeet competition:** A Nazrul Sangeet competition for children will be held. Organiser: Nazrul Institute. Venue: Institute premises, Rd 28, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am.

**BBF seminar:** Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation will hold a dissemination seminar on research findings on breastfeeding. Venue: NIPSOM auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 9 am.

**Seminar on child labour:** A seminar on 'what are the priority measures to reduce child labour from Bangladesh' will be held. Organiser: Resource Bangladesh and Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10 am.

**CRA seminar:** A seminar on 'Human rights: Present situation', organised by the Centre for Research and Analysis, will be held. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Lecture on film:** A lecture on 'Aspects in representation of women in the early films of Satyajit Ray' will be delivered by David Hanan, a renowned Australian film academician. Organiser: Chalchitram Film Society. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Rd 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm. The lecture will be followed by an open discussion on the topic and full screening of Satyajit Ray's film 'Devil'.

**Training programme:** A day-long training programme on ISO 9000 for directors and senior managers of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will be held. Organiser: Raport Bangladesh Ltd. Venue: Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre, Kurmitola. Time: 10 am.

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held. Guest Speaker: Prof A O Haller, University of Wisconsin, USA. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Workshop:** A workshop on 'Green accounting in Bangladesh: The way ahead', organised by the IUCN — the World Conservation Union, Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: BARC conference room, Farmgate. Time: 9:30 am.

**Showroom opening:** Tiger Motors Bangladesh Ltd., a Singapore-Bangladesh joint venture assembling and marketing motorcycle in the country, will open its first showroom. Venue: 26, Tongi Diversion Road. Time: 11:30 am.

## Weather

### Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail, Dhaka, Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the period, according to Met office.

No appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and the lowest 14.5 degrees Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 5:55 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:29 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	
Dhaka	30.3	20.6	87
Chittagong	27.8	17.9	71
Mymensingh	27.5	18.2	91
Rajshahi	29.2	16.0	83
Khulna	31.8	20.0	93
Barisal	31.0	20.0	91
Sylhet	27.0	17.0	86
Cox's Bazar	28.6	17.0	74

### Power failure turns expensive chemicals useless at DOE

By Staff Correspondent

Expensive chemicals at the laboratory which are to be kept in refrigerators at the Department of Environment (DOE) at Agargaon has been rendered useless because there is no electricity in the building for the last five days.

DOE officials said that the electricity was cut off on Friday last. An official said the problem was due to a snapped cable. The cable was snapped when DESA workers were trying to restore an underground line by the Bangladesh Betar Bhaban.

But DESA's Operation and Maintenance Department of the Tejaon division said they had detected an electrical fault in DOE's building.

"After detecting the fault at the building, we informed an official of the DOE verbally and told them that the line would be restored after they repaired it," said Rafiqul Islam of the Tejaon division of DESA.

### Nat'l flower show begins in city

A three-day national flower show began at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital yesterday, reports UNB.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed inaugurated the show, organised on the occasion of Dhaka International Trade Fair.

Some 30 stalls of 25 flower production and marketing firms are displaying different species of flower at the show.

Inaugurating the show, the Commerce Minister said Bangladesh has started exporting fresh flowers and there is a sufficient demand of flower abroad.

We can develop our surroundings apart from earning foreign exchange by cultivating flower, he said.

Foreign expert would be brought in the country with an objective to expand flower cultivation on commercial basis. Tofael said adding that the government is going ahead with a full plan in this regard.

### JU reunion March 6

By Staff Correspondent

Jahangirnagar Theatre of Dhaka will arrange a reunion of the former students of Jahangirnagar University at the BUET auditorium on March 6.

The organisation in a press release has requested interested persons to contact Pathok Shamshur Rahman at Super Market Book View at Dhaka New Market in this regard.

### BAS team meets President

### Science, technology should be given top priority

The Council members of the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

President of the Academy Prof Kamaluddin Ahmed led the delegation.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the various activities of the Academy which include holding of scientific seminars, awarding stipends to meritorious but poor students and publishing of scientific journals.

They said, science and technology should be given top priority towards national development. The country which has become almost an "indenting" country could be turned into a "manufacturing" country if the research findings of the scientists are taken as the basis of development strategy, they added.

The delegation members

mentioned some of the problems of the Academy including accommodation.

The members regretted that such a body of scientific luminaries is running only with a nominal government annual grant of Tk four lakh.

The council members requested the President to extend his help having an office building of the Academy.

They also requested the President to attend the Annual Conference of the Academy to be held in mid-April. Nobel Laureate Dr Norman Borlaug is expected to attend the seminar.

Justice Shahabuddin lauded the role of the scientists towards improvement of the quality of life of the people through their scientific inventions.

The President agreed with the members of the Academy that development of science and technology needs state patronage.

### Old Faujians re-union begins today

By Staff Correspondent

A three-day re-union of the Old Faujians begins today at the campus of Faujdardhat Cadet College in Chittagong.

The re-union coincides with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the FCC, which was the first cadet college of the country established in 1958.

The re-union programme include ceremonial parade by cadets and old Faujians, a host of games between old and present Faujians and a Mejbhan Khana.

The Old Faujians Association (OFA) will also organise a business session on February 20, the concluding day of the re-union.

### Sharif's solo art exhibition opens

The first solo art exhibition of Sharif Bashir Rahman Roni began at the art gallery of the Indian High Commission cultural centre in Dhanmondi yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Dr Muzammel Hossain inaugurated the five-day solo art exhibition.

Speaking on the occasion the state minister stressed the need for depicting the true picture of national culture and heritage through artists' work.

Later, Dr Muzammel Hossain went round the art gallery to see for himself the work of the young artist.

### UNICEF team visits UCEF school

A high-level delegation from the UNICEF Executive Board in New York yesterday visited the UCEF-Dhaka Technical School, reports UNB.

They went round different sections of the school where the former garment workers are getting further technical training with the assistance of UNICEF.

They talked to the trainees and students to know about their learning process and socio-economic background.

The 6-member delegation included Cheryl Gorden, Heimo Laakkonen, Le Lung Minh, Sam Otuyelu, Dr Fikert Mamedali Pashayev and Dino Bett.



ASHK Sadique, Minister for Education, addressing as chief guest an open discussion on national education policy yesterday organised by the Bangladesh University Parishad at the Teachers-Students Centre auditorium of the Dhaka University. — Star photo

## The British Council

### TRADITIONS OF RESPECT An Exhibition

This British Council exhibition looks at how Islamic principles in architecture and design have influenced Britain and the West up to the present day. The interchange has been demonstrated within the broadest possible geographical, cultural and historical contexts.

The various themes in the exhibition are organised with specific reference to Britain. Europe's debt to Islamic medicine, astronomy, geometry and technology as well as architecture and interior decoration is celebrated in rich visual examples.

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We hope you enjoy Traditions of Respect and find it both thought-provoking and inspiring.

Venue: The British Council Auditorium

Displayed upto 3 March (except Fridays) from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

For teachers interested in the education packs for school children tied in with the exhibition, please contact the Arts Manager Tel: 868905-7, 868867-8 Fax: 863375 email: skaizer@The British Council.net

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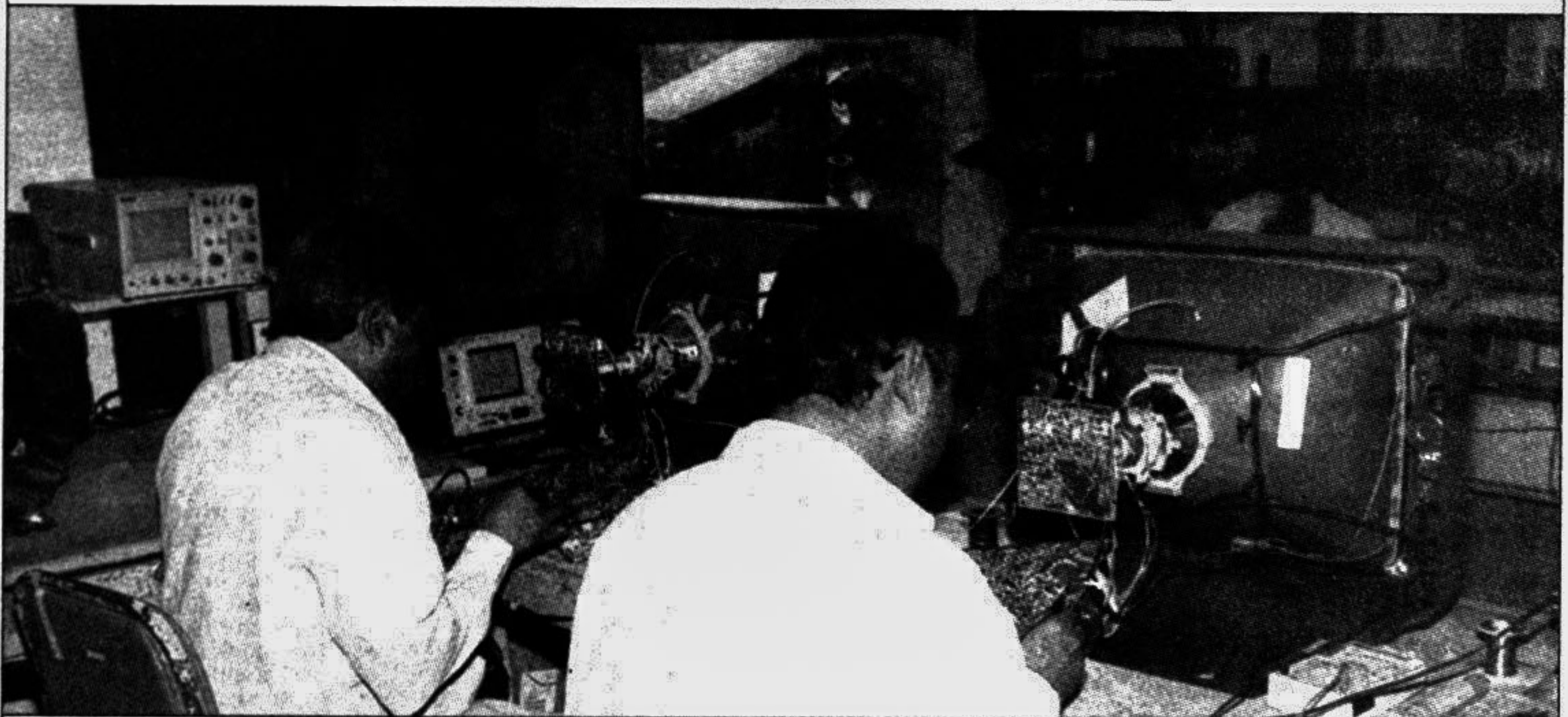
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