

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: Chalachitram 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 'Devi'.

Training programme: A day-long training programme on ISO 9000 for directors and senior managers of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will be held. Organiser: Rapport 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 thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail, Dhaka, Jessor, 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	Morning Evening
Dhaka	30.3	20.6
Chittagong	27.8	17.9
Mymensingh	27.5	18.2
Rajshahi	29.2	16.0
Khulna	31.8	20.0
Barisal	31.0	20.0
Sylhet	27.0	17.0
Cox's Bazar	28.6	17.0

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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.

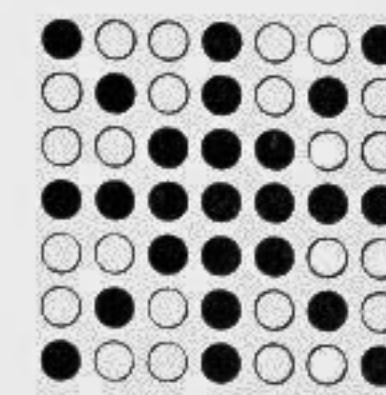
Justice Shahabuddin lauded the role of the scientists towards improvement of the quality of life of the people through their scientific inventions.

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



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

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TRADITIONS OF RESPECT An Exhibition

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 Cherryl Gorden, Heimo Laakkonen, Le Lung Minh, Sam Otuvelu, Dr Fikret Mamedali Pashayev and Dino Betta.

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 art work of the young artist.

They 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: skaiser@The British Council.net

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