

Handwriting competition for children held

Bangladesh National Museum yesterday arranged a competition of "Beautiful Bangla Handwriting" for children and juveniles on the occasion of immortal Ekushey, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the competition as a chief guest.

Nearly 3,000 children and juveniles in three groups took part in the competition.

The State Minister expressed the hope that the new generation would be able to play a significant role in carrying forward the creative progress and building a safe and peaceful habitat.

Later, Obaidul Quader opened a photograph exhibition of language movement veterans also organised by the National Museum.

The exhibition has been arranged to show respect and honour to the language soldiers, who have played the heroic role in the language movement of 1948 and 1952.

WELCOME NEW BORN
Alim-Al-Rabbi, Senior Accounts Officer, The Daily Star and his wife were blessed with a daughter Friday, Feb 20 at 3.30 pm. Mother and daughter are fine. The couple seeks the blessings of all.

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Ekushey in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Feb 20: The immortal Ekushey will be observed in the city and elsewhere in the district tomorrow in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Leading political organisations including Awami League and its front organisations, educational institutions, professional bodies, trade unions, scores of socio-cultural and literary groups have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day through paying homage to the language heroes.

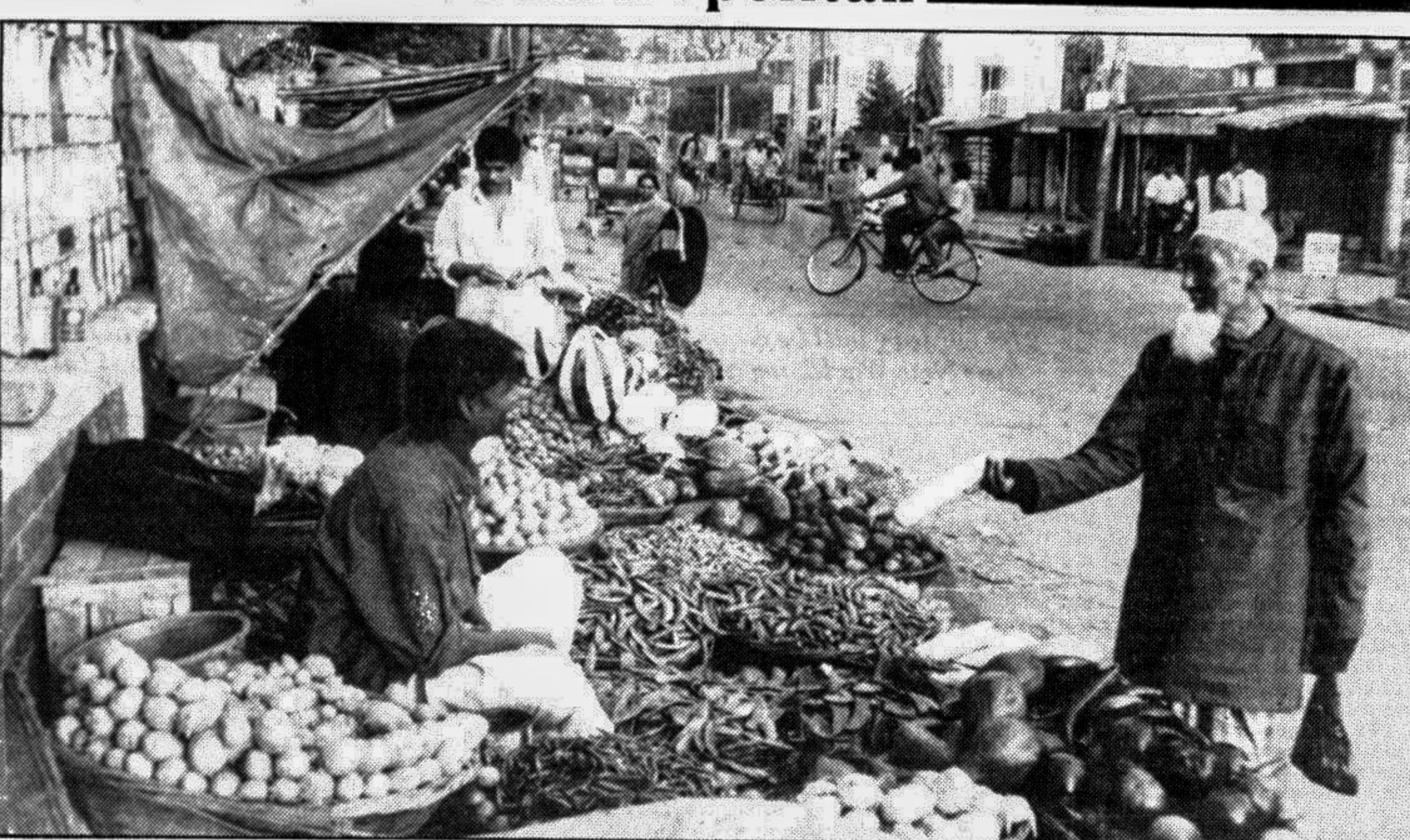
The programmes begins with placing of wreaths at the local Shaheed Minar at KC Dey Road at one minute past midnight tonight.

Chittagong City Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury will be the first to place wreath at Shaheed Minar followed by the leaders of Chittagong Press Club and Chittagong Union of Journalists.

The Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan will place wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar at the university in the morning.

Barefooted people of all walks of life will throng at Shaheed Minar at dawn to pay homage to the martyrs while important city roads will be decorated with Bangla alphabets.

Other programmes of the day include hoisting of the National Flag at half-mast atop all private and public buildings, discussions, poetry recitation, musical soiree, staging of drama, photographic exhibition, cultural function and drawing competition.



No apparent steps yet by the Dhaka City Corporation to demolish the katchabazar (vegetable market) that sprang up on the footpath beside the Azimpur graveyard about twelve years ago and continuing till today causing a lot of hardships to the pedestrians.

—Star photo

Clash over land dispute kills 3 in Dhamrai

A fierce clash between two rival groups of people over a land dispute in Dhamrai thana left three people, including a woman, dead and 14 others injured on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said Mojiron Begum, 45, and his son Mujibur Rahman, 22, died on the spot during the clash while Abdul Karim, 20, succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Thursday.

Witnesses said the hour-long clash took place at Nandeshwari village when a group of people attacked their rivals early Wednesday morning.

The bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. The injured were admitted to local clinics and DMCH.

Police, however, arrested Monwar and Younis in connection with the incident.

German MPs call on FM

A German parliamentary delegation led by Wolfgang Krause, Chairman of South Asia Group of German Parliament, called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at state guest house Meghna yesterday, reports UNB.

The six-member delegation expressed satisfaction over the current development activities in Bangladesh. They praised the construction of the Bangabandhu (Jamuna) Multi-purpose Bridge.

The parliamentary team appreciated the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government for maintaining good neighbourly relation with the countries in the region.

They thanked Foreign Minister Azad for successful holding of Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit in Dhaka in January.

The Foreign Minister said Bangladesh considers Germany as one its dependable friends and development partners.

Azad said the present government attaches great importance to its relation with Germany which is playing an important role both in the international forums and the European Union.

Khetmajurs' rally Mar 19

By Staff Correspondent

Krishna O Khetmajur Sam Parishad will hold rallies and processions throughout the country on March 19 protesting price-hike of rice and other essentials.

It also urged the government to immediately start selling rice at cheap price at the thana and union parishad levels to ease the hardship of the people, says a press release.

5-day programme at Ramkrishna Mission begins Tuesday

Dhaka Ramkrishna Math and Mission has undertaken a five-day programme beginning on Feb 24 to celebrate the 163th birth anniversary of Ramkrishna Paramahansa Dey on the Math premises in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

As part of the programme, discussions highlighting the life and philosophy of Ramkrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Sarada and Ramkrishna Mission in its founding century will be held on Feb 25, 26 and 27.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will attend the discussions as the chief guests.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukherjee, Sri Lankan High Commissioner SB Atugoda, Nepali High Commissioner Lokbahadur Shrestha, Vatican Ambassador Reverend Edward J Adames, former dean of Arts Faculty of Dhaka University Prof Aminul Islam, Prof Hirannoy Sengupta, Prof Dalem Chandra Barman, president of Dharmajik Buddha Bihari Sudhananda Mahathera and Father Prashanta T Rebero will take part in the discussions.

Apex Club of Jessore, arranged a reception on Saturday under the chairmanship of Rawshan Ara Rashid.

National extension director of the Apex Club of International M A Barik and Editor of the Apex Bar Moshamad Haider and Father Prashanta T Rebero will take part in the discussions.

Sajeda lauds pioneering role of woman community

Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said Thursday that the valuable contributions of the woman community in upholding the tradition of Bengalee nationalism in the world could inspire us forever, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a publication ceremony of a book on the great women of Bangladesh who made significant contributions in different fields of national life at the National Press Club in the city the minister lauded the pioneering role of the women since the War of Liberation.

Sajeda Chowdhury said that there was no alternative to coordinated efforts of both men and women in building a happy and prosperous society.

Referring to the spontaneous participation of women in the recently-held Union Parishad elections, the minister said that the present government was determined to remove social barriers to ensure the participation of women in all spheres of national life to institutionalise democracy.

Written by Sayeda Zaman, the publication ceremony was organised by Bangladesh Lekh Sangha. Presided over by Prof Kabir Chowdhury the function was addressed, among others, by Prof Mohammad Muniruzzaman, Prof Wakil Ahmed, novelist Selina Hossain and president of the Bangladesh Lekh Sangha Nasim Banu.

Other discussants said the book, which contained the role of the woman community in social service, braving the religious and social barriers, would be conducive to the young researchers of the country.

The book has recorded the brief life sketches of 528 renowned women who contributed in different fields including literature, social service, politics, sports science and music.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR BANGLADESH

No. 87/1 (I)/98-A.O.

Wednesday 18. 1. 1998.

Director General
Bangladesh Television,
Shahbag, Dhaka.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Request for TV coverage for distribution of prizes hosted by the Executive Committee of the Dhaka District Bar Association.

This is to your bring kind notice that the Hon'ble Attorney General for Bangladesh and the Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council will distribute prizes as Chief Guest which is organised by the Dhaka District Bar Association, tomorrow 17th February, 1998 at 3 P.M. at the Dhaka District Bar Association premises.

You are, therefore, requested to send TV Cameraman at the Dhaka District Bar premises at 2.30 P.M. on 17th February, 1998.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely
M. Obaidul Quader
Deputy Attorney General

Copy forwarded to Principal Information Officer, Press Information Department, Ministry of Information, Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka for necessary action.

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Programmes on Ekushey in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Feb 20: A three-day science fair organised at Rangamati Women's College in observance of the twenty-first National Science and Technology Week, concluded here Friday evening, reports BSS.

Twenty-seven stalls, erected by different organisations of the district, took part in the fair where 65 science projects innovated by the child scientists, were exhibited.

Ching Kieu Roaza, Chairman of the Local Government Council of Rangamati hill district distributed prizes among the participants on the concluding day of the fair.

Indian Apex Club team visiting city

A two-member delegation of Indian Apex Club is now visiting Bangladesh as part of a two-week long programme under the Indo-Bangladesh friendship exchange tour, said a press release Thursday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation are: Murmeh Singh Chawla, District Governor-5 of Punjab province Apexian, and Kuldip Singh, Governor of New Delhi Club Apexian.

The delegation reached Bangladesh on last Friday and is now visiting different clubs of Dhaka and its service projects.

The delegation recently visited Apex Club of Jessore and witnessed different service projects.

Apex Club of Rajani Gandhi, Jessore, arranged a reception on Saturday under the chairmanship of Rawshan Ara Rashid.

National extension director of the Apex Club of International M A Barik and Editor of the Apex Bar Moshamad Haider and Father Prashanta T Rebero will take part in the discussions.

Death condoled

KHULNA, Feb 20: President of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry S M Nazrul Islam and office-bearers condoled the death of Abdur Razzaque Khan, president of Jessore Chamber of Commerce and Industries who was an executive committee member of the FBCCI, reports BSS.

National extension director of the Apex Club of International M A Barik and Editor of the Apex Bar Moshamad Haider and Father Prashanta T Rebero will take part in the discussions.

Metropolitan

Weather

Moderate shower likely

Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Pabna, Bogra during the last 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to the met office, weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the period.

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

Country's highest temperature 30.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 13.9 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

Sun sets tomorrow at 5:57 pm and rises day after tomorrow at 6:27 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.5	18.0	78	57
Chittagong	26.3	18.5	96	76
Rajshahi	30.2	15.2	—	—

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