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Baul festival begins

A two-day Baul festival began at Ramna Botomul in the city yesterday, reports UNB. Some 100 baul singers from across the country are taking part in the festival, organised by Lalon Smriti Sangsad.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak inaugurated the festival. The function was also addressed by Syed Hasan Imam and Asaduzzaman Noor with Shilpakala Academy DG Azad Rahman presiding.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) Technical Assistance for "Consultancy Services To Establish A Regulatory Organization For Telecommunication

Services" Project (Credit No. 2393 BD)

Date: 08 March '98

IFB No. TA-P/Con-Ser/Proc/98/03

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association in various currencies towards the cost of Technical Assistance for "Consultancy Services To Establish A Regulatory Organization For Telecommunication Services" Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for TA-6.

The Local Consultant (Team Leader) now invites sealed bids under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures from eligible bidders for the supply of

(A) Office Furniture: Full Secretariate Table, Half Secretariate Table, Computer Table, Fax Table, Conference Table, Chair, Guest Chair, File Cabinet Almirah etc.

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Payments made under this contract will only be in Bangladesh Taka. Interested eligible bidders (including foreign bidders who are willing to receive payments in Bangladesh Taka) may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of undersigned.

A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 300.00 (Three hundred) only in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh.

The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the general conditions of contract are the provisions of the standard bidding documents: Procurement of Goods (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition-June 1997). issued by the World Bank Resident Mission in Bangladesh. The sample forms (except price schedules) of the SBD remain unchanged.

Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 14:00 on 30 March, '98 and must be accompanied by a security of 2% of bid amount as provided for in the instruction to bidders.

Bids will be opened in presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:02 on 30 March, '98 at the offices of undersigned.

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NH Choudhury Local Consultant (Team Leader) Room No. 204, PMG Building, GPÓ Dhaka-1000, Tel: 9563220



Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury attended the namaj-e-janaza of Dr Ehteshamul Huq Nasim Biswas, MP, at South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. - PID photo

Renowned heart specialist says

Cardiovascular diseases on rise in developing countries

Apart from many other causes, smoking alone can be injurious for heart leading to heart attack, said Dr Tarun K Praharaj (Bannerjee), a renowned heart specialist of the subcontinent, reports UNB.

He said cardiovascular diseases are increasing in the developing countries due to constant stress and strain.

Dr Praharaj, senior consultant cardiologist (Interventional) at BM Birala Heart Research Centre in Calcutta, was also the personal physician of late Mother Teresa during her heart problem. He was in the city to attend a

two-day international conference on "Cardiovascular Diseases" from March 11-12. Talking to UNB yesterday

prior to his departure for Calcutta, Dr Praharaj said Bangladesh is equipped with doctors and instruments to take

Teenager beaten

up by gang,

dies at DMCH

By Staff Correspondent

cally injured when a gang of lo-

cal hoodlums beat him up on

Thursday died at the Dhaka

Medical College Hospital

Ripon, 18, son of Tofazzal Hos-

killing could not be known

immediately. None was ar-

rested in this connection till

youngmen suddenly attacked

Ripon while he was walking at

West Nandipara around 6:30 pm

They started beating him

mercilessly and at one stage

started pelting him with bricks.

As Ripon lost consciousness.

the gang left him lying on the busy road and fled.

DMCH with fatal head injuries, where he died at about 8 am yes-

Ripon was rushed to the

The body was handed over to

Ripon's family after autopsy at

Ripon's mother, Shahanaj Begum, has lodged a case with

Shabujbagh thana in connec-

Jasimuddin's death

anniversary

today

of Palli Kabi Jasimuddin will

be observed in the country with

due respect today, reports UNB. Different socio-cultural or-

ganisations have taken up

elaborate programmes, includ-

ing milad mahfil, Qurankh-

want and discussion meetings,

a discussion and milad mahfil

at Jasim Mancha at his village

shad and Jasim Smrity Parisad

will also organise various pro-

grammes to observe the death

Faridpur Shahittya Pari-

Jasim Foundation will hold

to mark the occasion.

home Gobindapur today.

anniversary.

The 22nd death anniversary

he DMCH morgue.

tion with the murder.

Thursday, police said.

The gang of about five

Police identified the dead as

The real reason behind the

(DMCH) yesterday morning.

sain of East Goran.

last night.

A teenage boy who was criti-

care of cardiovascular patients. but "more hospitals are needed for proper treatment of the pa-

On the raising trend of going abroad for treatment, he said Bangladesh need not go out anywhere, including India, for heart treatment.

"People do this, not only in Bangladesh but also in India, thinking they'll get better treatment abroad despite having the same facilities in their own country." Replying to a query, Dr Pra-

haraj, however, admitted the need for more trained doctors and exchange programmes with different countries to benefit both the physicians and the patients in the developing coun-

The Indian cardiologist emphasised on preventive care of heart diseases that, he said, is achievable through mass

Biren Shome's

cover design

exhibition begins

tion Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday

inaugurated a week-long exhi-

bition of selected cover designs

of eminent artists Biren Shome

at the Gallery Tone in the city.

designs was also published on

the occasion. Poet Shamsur

Rahman unveiled the album.

The function was also attended,

among others, by eminent

artists Qayyum Chowdhury and

Hashem Khan as special guests.

speech urged the artists to up-

hold the thousand years' her-

itage of the golden Bengal

through their creative works

"Sonar bangla is the dream-

land of father of the nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman which is the bounty of

creativity," he said and urged

the artists to potray through their creative works the history

of the Language Movement, War

of Liberation, struggle for inde-

pendence and the culture and

tradition of this land at home

Bangabandhu Jubo

Parishad rally

March 17

will bring out a youth rally on

March 17 on the occasion of the

78th birth anniversary of fa-

ther of the nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, re-

from the Jatiya Press Club and

a discussion meeting on March

20 at the auditorium of Engi-

committee of the parishad was held yesterday with its presi-dent Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan in the

parade different city streets.

neers' Institution.

sion meeting.

The rally will begin at 9 am

The parishad will also hold

A meeting of the central

The meeting urged all lead-

ers and workers of the parishad

to attend the rally and discus-

Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad

and abroad.

ports BSS.

both at home and abroad.

Prof Abu Sayeed in his

A colourful album of cover

reports BSS.

State Minister for Informa-

awareness programme. Only a few preventive steps

like regular physical exercise. fat-free diet, keeping mind stress-free and no-smoking can help a person to keep heart free from many problems. Everybody, specially those

who crossed 40, should walk at least for 30 minutes a day (if he/she does not have any restriction) to keep the heart healthy, Dr Praharaj said. Angioplasty is the latest method of heart treatment, he

said, but pretty costly requiring over one lakh taka which is affordable only by the rich. The Indian heart specialist

said he has done over 1,000 angioplasty so far.

He suggested that everybody after attaining the age of 35, should regularly check up of their blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol "whether they have any illness or not."

Agriculturists urged to innovate new technology

State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf yesterday called upon the diploma agriculturists to innovate new technology and its effective exertion among the farmers for rapid economic development of the country, reports BSS.

"We do not require green house and foreign capital for our economic development. Our weather and appropriate local technology can bring about rapid development of the overall situation," said the state minister while inaugurating a two-day council session of the Diploma Agriculturists Society at Agriculture Extension Auditorium at Farmgate as the chief

He called upon the diploma agriculturists to dedicate their services so that they could attain self sufficiency" in future.

Chaired by chairman of the national council of the society Syed Abdul Matin, the function was addressed, among others. by Shamsur Rahman Sharif MP. MA Wadud, Mohammad Shahjahan Miah and Mohammad Ilius Miah.

Nat'l confce of Sabuj Sathir Ashar begins

A two-day national conference of Sabuj Sathir Ashar began yesterday with a call to protect the rights and privileges of the children and ensure their bright future, reports UNB.

State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Haque inaugurated the conference at Shishu academy. The inaugural session was followed by a colourful rally which paraded some streets of the city.

Zahidul Islam Chowdhury, Haji Shahabuddin and Azizul Haque addressed the function while chairman of central Sabuj Sathir Ashar Muslim Ali Khan was in the chair.

A total of about 1,000 children from 25 units of different districts took part in the 2-day conference which included discussion meeting, art competition, rally and delegates' ses-

Death of Nasim Biswas condoled Law Minister Abdul Matin

Khasru, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan, the State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mossarraf and the State Minister for Textile AKM Jahangir, expressed deep shock at the death of Dr Ehtesamul Hossain MP, reports UNB.

In separate condolence messages, they said at his death, the country has lost a rising politician. They also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Sea-truck service opens

A sea-truck service was opened in the river Meghna between Laxipur and Bhola districts, reports UNB. Shipping Minister ASM Ab-

dur Rob inaugurated the service from Alexander point on Thursday. The new-truck service

named 'Barnali' with a capacity of 175 passengers will start from Alexandar at 6:30 am and 12 noon, and Daulatkhan of Bhola district at 9 am and 3 pm everyday.

Built in 1973, Barnali has been renovated with the ability to run through only four feet deep water and it will reach the Daulatkhan from Alexandar within 1 and a half hours.

Inaugurating the service, the Shipping Minister said development of communication in coastal belt should be given special emphasis for the overall development of the country. He said riverine communi-

cation is less hazardous and expansive than others and hoped that the development of coastal areas would be helpful in boosting the fish resources.

• What's on today •

Art exhibition: The opening ceremony of a solo copper art exhibition by Nargis Mannan will be held. Organiser: Padakkhep '64. Venue: Bibidha Bhaban-2, National Museum. Time: 5 pm. Till Mar 23 from 2 to 8 pm daily.

Conference: The inaugural ceremony and scientific sessions of the 3rd national conference of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9:30 am.

Concluding ceremony: The concluding ceremony of the month-long Karushilpa Mela and Lokoj Utshab '98, organised by the Bangladesh Lok and Karushilpa Foundation, will be held. Venue: Lokmoncho, mela premises, Sonargaon, Narayangonj. Time: 3 pm.

Discussion: A discussion on 'Contribution of Dr Razee in the establishment of rule of law and democracy will be held to mark the 13th death anniversary of Dr Aleen Al-Razee. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

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

'5 lakh suffering from rheumatic fever'

There is an estimated, 500,000 patients suffering from rheumatic fever (RF) and rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in Bangladesh, of whom about 75, 000 will need heart surgery within next 10 to 15 years.

Director of National Centre for Control of Rheumatic Fever Heart Diseases in Bangladesh (NCCRF/HD) told BSS yesterday that about 40 per cent of all heart patients at the National Cardiovascular Hospital have RHD while 70 to 80 per cent of cardiac surgery patients are of RHD origin.

Dr MA Rouf said these killer diseases can be checked through early detection and proper treatment. The NCCRF since its inception in 1988 as a pilot project, has been giving multifarious services to help check the diseases through its preventive and motivational health education and other programmes.

Every day an estimated 500 new and old patients visit the centre, he said.

Rheumatic fever, which initially starts with pain in the throat and major body joints, coupled with swelling of joints and fever, can eventually damage the heart valve without proper treatment. Staffed by 65 doctors, health

assistants, technologists, nurses and others, the NCCRF is the only centre of its kind in Asia, Rouf said. The centre also provides its services through five collaborative centres set up in different hospitals. Since the developed coun-

tries have effectively eliminated the prevalence of the RF and RHD, they no more need such centres, he said. Referring to the visit of a Sri Lankan specialist to the centre for two weeks in February to learn about its functioning, Rouf said

more countries with the prevalence of RF and RHD are curious to know how Bangladesh is tackling the diseases. Rouf said RF and RHD inci-

dence in Bangladesh was seven per one thousand from 1977 to 1980. It came down to four between 1990 and 1993, while it declined to three in 1997.

Violation of minor girl condemned By Staff Correspondent

More organisations yesterday condemned the rape of a six-year-old girl Maria (not her real name) in the police control room at the CMM's court building in the city Tuesday. In a statement Dhaka University Teachers Association

(DUTA) strongly condemned the incident and urged the government to ensure exemplary punishment to the culprit respon-Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) also condemned the incident. Terming the incident as

"barbarous, inhuman and an

outfit of lack of moral values.

JSD general secretary Hasanul Haque Inu expressed indignation at the atrocity and demanded punishment to the person responsible. Bangladesh Women Journalists Forum strongly condemned

the rape and demanded punishment to the person responsible for this heinous act.

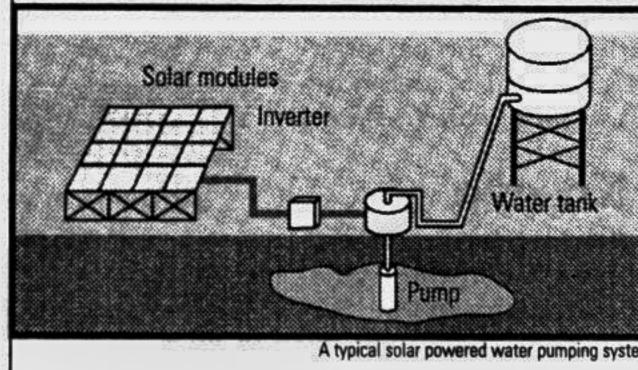
In a statement, Sitara Musa and Rasheda Amin of the Forum said that if such incidents are not dealt with a strong hand, the security of women and children would be at stake. They also demanded Maria's early rehabilitation.

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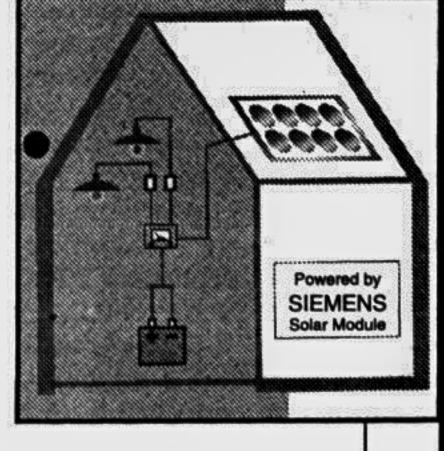
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Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha brought out a colourful rally in the city yesterday on the concluding day of the 9th Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Utsab '98 (national Tagore song festival), organised by the organisation. - Star photo