

BGFCL cricket
Sports Reporter
BRIEF SCORES

BGFCL OFFICERS' CLUB: 109 for six in 25 overs (Nazrul Islam 57 n.o., Moin 15 n.o., Atique 4/28)

BGFCL EMPLOYEES' CLUB: 110 for eight in 24.1 overs (Mahtab 38, Mofiz 16, Sohrab 10, Asique 2/8, Shahadat 2/9)

Result: BGFCL Employees' Club won two wickets.

Aussies' test of character



KANPUR, India, Apr 6 (AP/PTI): Australia may find it tough to cope with the summer heat and Indian spinners in a crucial match of a triangular one-day cricket series Tuesday, reports AP.

More than 40,000 local fans will cheer on the Indians, who already are comfortably placed after winning the first round



AZHARUDDIN
matches against Australia and Zimbabwe last week.

A victory in this north industrial city will see the hosts sailing into the April 14 final. Australia, runners-up to Sri Lanka in the 1996 World Cup look forward to a morale-boosting win in the series to avenge a 2-1 defeat by India in the just concluded three-Test series.

With Zimbabwe proving to be tough opponents, losing by 13 runs to Australia and 12 runs to India in the first round

matches, the Australians would like a victory here for a smooth passage into the final.

Both India and Australia will play Zimbabwe one more time this week — at Cuttack and New Delhi — to decide the finalists.

At Cochin, India convincingly beat Australia by 41 runs last week after putting up a sizeable total of 309 runs in 50 overs in the opening match of the series.

India owed their victory to the spinners, with Sachin Tendulkar claiming five wickets for 32 runs. "Australia are vulnerable against good spin bowling," said former Australian skipper Ian Chappell in his column in an Indian newspaper on Sunday.

Australia have their ranks the world's most successful leg-spinner, Shane Warne. But against the Indians Warne looked nothing like the bowler who has dominated the world for five years.

At Cochin, it was fast bowler Michael Kasprovicz who rattled the top Indian batsmen rather than Warne, claiming three wickets for 50 runs. Warne remained wicketless, yielding 42 runs in his quota of 10 overs.

After the Aussies' victory over Zimbabwe on Saturday in 43 degree heat in the western city of Ahmedabad, Australia's limited-over captain Steve Waugh criticised the organisers of the tri-series.

He was surprised that all matches in the tournament are being played in the heat of the day rather than as day-night matches. At Cochin, a coastal city, the Australians endured fierce heat and humidity.

He won support from Indian skipper Mohammad Azharud-

din who also found playing conditions difficult.

The day temperature is expected to be 35 degrees Celsius in Kanpur on Tuesday.

Besides, yet another good performance should help the fringe players get the nod from the Indian selectors who meet here during the course of the match to finalise the squad for the three-nation Sharjah Cup tournament from April 17 to 24.



STEVE WAUGH
Azharuddin, who is on a roll after being reappointed to the post ahead of the Bangladesh Independence Cup one-day tournament in January, is also expected to be retained by the selectors who will also name the skipper for the Gulf event tomorrow.

The hard and bouncy green park pitch will produce a run feat, promises Chhotu Lal, the curator and the toss will be quite important to pile up a big total.

TEAMS
AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Mark Waugh, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Michael Kasprovicz, Michael Bevan, Tom Moody, Darren Lehmann, Ricky Ponting, Damien Martyn, Gavin Robertson and Paul Wilson.

INDIA (from): Mohammed Azharuddin (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Vinod Kambli, Nayan Mongia (wicketkeeper), Hrishikesh Kanitkar, Rabul Singhvi, Debashish Mohanty, Ajit Agarkar, Saurav Ganguly, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Harbhajan Singh and V V S Laxman.

Bangkok 6s cricket
Chittagong Boys finish second

Sports Reporter
Chittagong Club finished runners-up in the six-overs international Bangkok Six's cricket, which concluded in the Thai capital on Sunday.

Although the Commonwealth Cricket Club (CCC), one of the two selections from Bangladesh, stole the limelight on the inaugural day on Saturday by winning all their four first round matches, it was the Chittagong outfit who delivered the better in the nick of time.

Despite their initial flash CCC were eliminated from the quarterfinals. Not surprisingly their official, who appeared hyper-active after their success on the inaugural day and communicated with the press, did not bother to send news of their debacle. But, news of misfortune travels faster than the wind.

Shadowed by CCC's all-win performance, Chittagong Club, led by national skipper Akram Khan, moved into the quarter final with three wins against one defeat in their preliminary group league matches on Saturday. However, the unlikely thrust in the ball-bashing competition was provided by former national opener Nurul Abedin Nobel.

The balding Chittagongian, unconquered in the first four matches, scored 18 in the first two engagements against two different Indian selections before slamming 21 against Bombay Blues.

In the quarterfinal against Virginia, who finished runners-up in the previous edition of the tournament, Nobel scored an unbeaten 19 and skipper Akram hammered 21 not out as Chittagong Club, facing a challenging total of 55 from the Indian outfit, rattled up the required 56 for the loss of one wicket.

Although Chittagong Club crossed the semi-final hurdle quite comfortably, they bowed out in the final but not before giving a dog-fight against eventual winners ICC of India, who won the thriller by only two runs.

Needing 68 to win, Chittagong Club scored 66 before falling in the final delivery of the innings. The Bangladesh outfit at one stage required two runs from the last three balls when Ripon was caught on the boundary line while attempting to score the winning runs with a six.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Apr 6 (AP): Iranian stars Ali Daei and Karim Bagheri have been benched by the coach of their German club after refusing to sign a pledge not to train with their national team until the World Cup.

The Iranians' club, Arminia Bielefeld, is in the last place in the 18-team Bundesliga and is desperately trying to escape relegation.

Arminia wanted Daei and Bagheri to skip Iran's training camps before the World Cup this summer in France.

Arminia coach Ernest Middendorp has accused the two Iranians of trying to save themselves for the World Cup and playing "without passion" to avoid injuries.

But Daei rejected the accusations. "I can train as hard as I want, but I am not in the starting lineup," Daei said.

Both were dropped from Arminia's starting lineup in Saturday's home game against Wolfsburg. Daei and Bagheri did come in after 58 minutes, but Arminia went on to lose 1-0.

Daei said he would not sign the pledge demanded by Arminia.

"I can't turn my back on my home country before the World Cup," he said. "My countrymen would never forgive me. That's why I didn't sign."

Arminia has also cut Daei's salary, after he returned late from a visit home several weeks ago.

Gascoigne, who is almost certain to get an England World Cup place so long as he proves his fitness to coach Glenn Hoddie, hasn't come close to scoring in either appearance and Boro has lost both games. But Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson defended his performance at West Brom.

"I felt that Paul was one of our better players, in fact he was let down by the players around him," Robson said. "Paul had composure on the ball but the rest were not making the most of his play."

ZICO PRAISES ROMARIO
Veteran forward Romario remains a key player in Brazil's offence, the technical coordinator of the Brazilian national soccer team said Sunday.

In an interview with Jornal do Brazil, Zico dismissed criticism that Romario is no longer playing with the same energy as he once had.

"Romario is a killer. I have always said that and I repeat that...within the penalty area...he is the best attacker in the world. Brazil will depend a lot on him to win a fifth World Cup. He has to be well prepared to assume that responsibility," Zico said.

Zico, who as technical coordinator assumed a newly created position, also defended the management style of head coach Mario Zagallo and stressed that the two are working well together.

Zagallo is the coach and he has the final word. But he has already shown that he is an open person, willing to hear other opinions, not just mine, but those of other members of the technical commission," he said.

দাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, দাকা স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগ
আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন
আপনার শিশুর টিকা দিন

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী
মশক নিয়ন্ত্রণ কার্যক্রমে কীটনাশক লার্ভিসাইড সংগ্রহের বিষয়ে অত্র বিভাগের দরপত্রের স্বারক নং স্বাস্থ্য/মশক/৯৮/১৪৩৮ তারিখঃ ২৯/৩/৯৮ইং মোতাবেক প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ১৬-৪-৯৮ইং রোজ বুধবার লিপিবদ্ধ করা হইয়াছে। ইহা "বুধবারের" পরিবর্তে "বৃহস্পতিবার" পড়িতে হইবে।

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ডিসি/স্বাস্থ্য/৩৯৬/৯৭-৯৮
জিডি-২৫৬
দাকা সিটি করপোরেশন
দাকা

SIX NO TRUMPS
A K Sayeedul Huq

SOUTH SHOWS A 6-CARD SOLID SPADE SUIT! (Hand # 10)

North	South (D)	East
S: X H: A 9 X D: Q X C: A J 10 X X X	S: A K Q X X H: 10 X X D: A X X X C: X	S: J 10 X X H: X X X D: K J X X C: Q X

Bidding

South (Sayeed)	West (Mohsin)	North (Mazumdar)	East (Akram)
1S	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South opened a minimum hand with a good 5-card Spade suit. North bid vigorously, first Club and then Heart. South decided to ravid Spades twice in the absence of any other suitable bid. In their bidding system, North would assume that South had a 6 carder or a 5 carder solid suit since he bid Spade thrice. North therefore bid 3NT.

The Play
East led J of Spades; North was disappointed when the dummy appeared. The declarer after playing AKQ surrendered a Spade to East who returned a Heart. West won with the Queen; North ducked. West returned 10 of Diamond, North covered with the Queen, West King which was ducked. East returned a small Diamond, North won with the Ace, cashed the Spade and played a Heart from the dummy. West played 10, declarer J and East a small Heart. The declarer cashed the Ace of Heart, and when both the opponents followed, he made 4 Spade, 3 Heart, 1 Diamond and 1 Club tricks to bring home a difficult contract. Note that 3 NT by South is not makeable.

BCF joint secy hospitalised

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) joint secretary Matiuur Rahman was admitted to the Suhrawardy Hospital on Sunday morning after complaining of chest pains.

His condition is still critical. Family members of the sick BCF joint secretary have sought blessings from all for his speedy recovery.

Inzaghi does it again

ROME, Apr 6: Defending champions Juventus retained the Serie A leadership, one point ahead of Inter Milan, following a tense 1-0 victory against third-place Lazio Sunday, reports AP.

As the best league offence overcame the best defence on a second-half goal by young striker Filippo Inzaghi, Juventus piled up 60 points overall on a 17-9-2 record.

Inter held second place, at 59 (18-5-5), with a 3-0 home victory against Sampdoria. Lazio, who ended a four-month, 24-match unbeaten streak on their homefield at Rome's Olympic stadium, slipped five points behind the league leaders, with only six runs left to the end of the season.

A soldout crowd of 80,000 watched a well-played match, featuring a midfield battle between such international stars as Pavel Nedved, Vladimir Jugovic, Zinedine Zidane and Edgar Davids.

Quite unexpectedly Lazio's defence, which had allowed only 17 goals in 27 matches, made a decisive mistake in occasion of Inzaghi's goal.

The Juventus centre forward, left unmarked in the middle of the penalty area, could head the ball into the net at ease, for his 15th goal in league matches this season.

Inzaghi is growing a tradition of scoring decisive goals. His winner against Manchester United allowed Juventus to stay alive in the first round of the Champions' Cup and make it to the semifinals.

Lazio's best chances came on headers by Paolo Negro and Pierluigi Casiraghi, which were cleared from the net line by Juventus defenders.

In the last 15 minutes of play, one player down following the expulsion of Nedved, Lazio struggled on the fast counter-attacks, led by imaginative Alessandro del Piero.

Lazio's goalie Luca Marchegiani made two decisive saves on close-range shots of Del Piero.

Juventus keeper Angelo Peruzzi, also made a brilliant save in the 90th on a shot by Diego Fuser.

At Milan's San Siro stadium Inter captured their tenth home victory and the 18th overall on second-half goals, following a lacklustre first half which drew irate whistles from the fans.

Benoit Caet and Luigi Sartor scored two goals within seven minutes and Brazilian superstriker Ronaldo netted another with two minutes left.

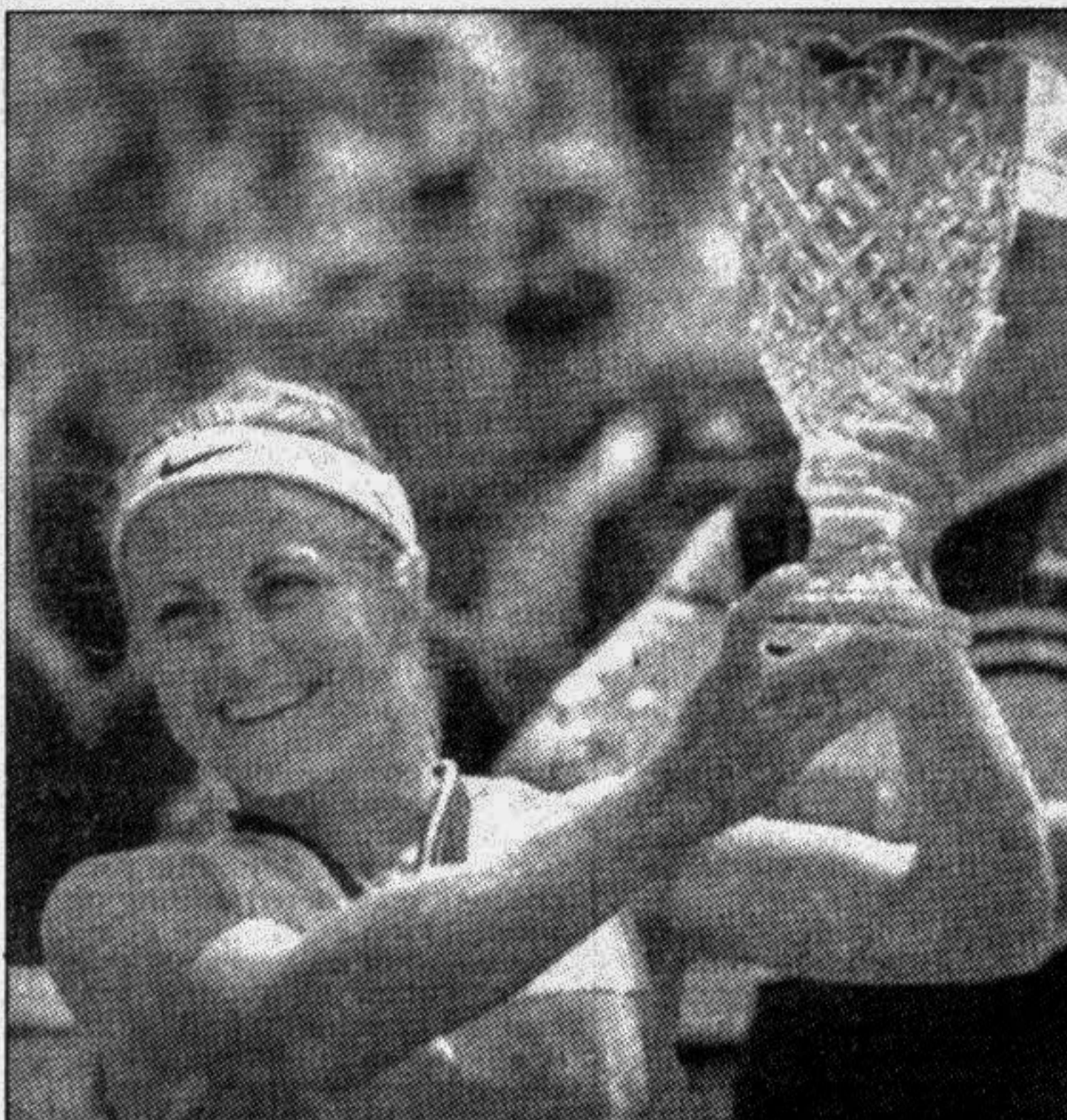
With a record of 18-5-5 Inter, who played in the afternoon, held the overall lead for a few hours as Lazio-Juventus, the highlight of the 28th league round, was at night.

AS Roma tied Udinese in fourth place overall, at 49

Newcastle ride on Shearer into FA Cup final

LONDON, Apr 6: Alan Shearer fired Newcastle into an FA Cup final showdown against double-chasing Arsenal after both Premiership giants saw off tough First Division opposition on Sunday, reports AP.

Shearer secured Newcastle's first FA Cup final for 24 years by firing the only goal of the game against Sheffield United while Arsenal reached their 13th FA Cup final with a 1-0 win over Wolves.



South Africa's Amanda Coetzer shows the Family Circle Cup after her victory over Irina Spirlea of Romania in the final at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on April 5. Coetzer won 6-3, 6-4.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Apr 6: Willow Krira Chakra and Friends Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Rajshahi First Division cricket super league today.

Willow KC trounced Mukti Sangha by seven wickets at the Divisional Stadium. Friends SC defeated Bright Star by 34 runs at Rajshahi Government College.

MUKTI SANGHA: 162 all out in 44.1 overs (Tapan 41, Rana 22)

WILLOW KC: 165 for three in 31.1 overs

Result: Willow Krira Chakra won by seven wickets.

FRIENDS SC: 207 for seven in 40 overs (Iti 44, Suja 37)

BRIGHT STAR: 173 all out in 37.1 overs (Rashid 30, Murad 26)

Result: Friends Sporting Club won by 34 runs.

Ashok Leyland snooker

The third Ashok Leyland national junior snooker championship and the 14th national snooker championship will begin at the Dhaka Club billiards room from April 19 under the auspices of Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation (BBSF), says a press release.

A total of 104 players from eleven affiliated clubs will take part in the 13-day long meet which ends on April 29.

Coetzer makes Hilton Head proud

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 6: South African Amanda Coetzer won the first tier-one tournament of her 10-year career Sunday, a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Romanian Irina Spirlea at the Family Circle Cup, reports Reuters.

It was the fourth-seeded Coetzer's sixth career title and one the 26-year-old part-time Hilton Head resident said she especially wanted to win.

Coetzer became the lowest seed to win the Family Circle in the 26-year history of the event. No seed lower than number three — Steffi Graf in 1986 for her first tournament win — had won before this year.

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 - Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
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| 2nd | One | Philips 14" B/W TV |
| 3rd | One | Philips Mini Food Processor |
| 4th | Ten | 2 dozs Philips Bulbs |
| 5th | 25 | T-shirt and cap |
- Rules**
- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
 - All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
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 - Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
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 - Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
 - Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
 - Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 1."
 - Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi RA, Dhaka 1205.
 - Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
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The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round One Ends April 15, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. World Cup '98 begins on	June 10	June 11	June 12
2. Brazil has won the World Cup	Twice	Thrice	Four times
3. No. of teams in WC '98 is	16	32	48
4. First World Cup football was held in	1926	1930	1934
5. Whose eyes?	Ronaldo's	Gullit's	Zola's

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) Age

Father's name Occupation

Address

Telephone (if any) Signature Date

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Prime Minister's National Award 1998 in Tree Plantation

It is hereby notified for general information that the government has decided to give "Prime Minister's National Award in Tree Plantation" to those showing special credit in tree plantation to inspire & involve all concerned with a view to making the tree plantation movement a permanent, continuous & spontaneous programme. Applications are invited for awarding first, second & third prizes in the following 10 (ten) categories in connection with Prime Minister's National Award-98 in Tree Plantation. Persons/govt./private organisations interested in the matter are requested to apply by 15-5-98 to the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Forestry Extension Division, Bogra & office of all Thana Nirbahi Officers of Bogra & Jaipurhat districts and office of Deputy Commissioners, Bogra & Jaipurhat. Detailed rules & regulations of application & application form can be seen & known from the said offices during office hours except on weekend & Govt. holiday.

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