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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of its leader Partha Pratim. — Star photo

Press in Bangladesh enjoys complete freedom, says Prof Sayeed

State Minister for Information Professor Abu Sayeed yesterday said the press in Bangladesh enjoys complete freedom, reports BSS.

"The sky is open and people can use STVR to watch foreign satellite TV programmes, computer owners are free to connect it with the Internet world wide Web," he observed.

The State Minister was delivering the welcome address in the first SAARC Information Ministers' meeting at the International conference centre (ICC) in the city.

"Bangladesh government, which is pursuing free market economy, has plans to allow television and radio channels in the private sector. The government also intends to grant further autonomy to the state-owned radio (Betar) and television," Prof Sayeed said.

goals will enhance our competitive advantages in the global arena, he noted.

Referring to the challenges of a globalised society, he said, to exchange information among the SAARC countries. "We should establish a SEARC Information Centre, a SAARC Information Research and Training Centre, and increase visits by the media personnels along with a media development fund."

Prof Sayeed said the SAARC Audio-Visual Exchange (SAVE) programme may be reinvigorated and expanded to include common socio-economic and development themes side by side with the cultural ones.

Stressing the need for launching joint collaborations in the field of mass media, he said, "both public and private sectors of the region may be encouraged through prompt institutional and financial support from the regional governments in order to build rapport, understanding and friendship among the people."

Referring to the state of democracy in the country, the State Minister said the people and government of Bangladesh believe in unfettered democracy. They are taking all possible measures to augment the flow of information across the length and breadth of the country.

Expressing optimism about the private sector, he said, we are hopeful that greater in-

volvement of the private sector in the mass media will ensure healthy competition and supplement the efforts of the public sector in the greater national interest.

Working session begins

Another report adds: Heads of delegation of the SAARC countries yesterday presented their respective country papers in the working session of the first ever SAARC information ministers' meeting held at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

The working session, which was conducted smoothly, was chaired by State Minister for Information of Bangladesh Prof Abu Sayeed who was earlier elected by the delegates of the SAARC countries to this position.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the two-day meeting of the SAARC countries at 10 am today.

Fire engulfs sweater factory at Lalbagh

By Staff Correspondent

A fire broke out inside a godown of a sweater factory at Lalbagh Road in the old part of the city yesterday.

Fire Service and Civil Defence sources said the fire broke out at the fourth floor of the five-storey building originating from sparks of an electric switch board at about 12 noon.

The fire engulfs yarns and four knitting machines kept inside the godown, sources added. However, there was no information about any casualty in the incident.

Six units of fire brigade workers rushed to the spot and took about an hour to put out the blaze completely.

No case, however, was filed with Lalbagh thana in this regard till filing of this report last night.

Sadique visits ailing Shawkat Osman at CMH

Education Minister A S H K Sadique yesterday visited CMH to see ailing eminent litterateur Shawkat Osman, reports UNB.

He also visited Bangabandhu Medical University Hospital where Poet Sufia Kamal, Dr Nilima Ibrahim and Altaf Hossain Golondaj, MP, were under treatment.

He stayed with them for sometime and inquired about their health conditions.

Drugs seized

A special squad of Dhaka Metro Sub-zone of the Narcotics Control Department yesterday seized 50 bottles of phensidyl, one kilogram cannabis and five litres of rectified spirit from city's Ramna, Motijheel and Mirpur areas, reports BSS.

They also arrested four persons for their alleged involvement in trafficking and selling the seized drugs.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the meeting. SAARC Secretary General Nayeem-U-Hasan and Sri Lankan minister for posts, telecommunication and the media Mangala Samaraweera also addressed the inaugural session.

The state minister said the media organisations of the SAARC countries have an important role to play in achieving the cherished goals of friendship, cooperation, and unity advancement, unity of purpose and unity of thought and action for attainment of common

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