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Dhaka University Alumni Convention

An alumni convention of ex-students of Dhaka University will be organised by the Dhaka University Alumni Association on June 6, 1998, Saturday. Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, who is also an alumna of Dhaka University, has kindly consented to inaugurate the convention.

Registration form for the convention (single: Tk 300/-, couple: Tk 500/-) will be available at the following addresses :-

(A) Barrister Mainul Hoseain, Convener, Convention Registration Sub-Committee, Ittefaq Bhaban, 1, R K Mission Road, Dhaka, phone : 9559409 (direct), 9565010-PABX (office), 881148 (res).

(B) Mr Deen Mohammad Khan, Secretary General, Dhaka University Alumni Association, Anchor Tower (10th floor), 1/1(B), Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, phone : 869521-4, 865895-9 (office), 836879 (res).

(C) Mr Mahbubur Rahman Khan, Managing Director, Sonali Bank, phone : 9550426-34 (PABX), 9568002, 9553382, 9551464, 9550676.

(D) Mr. Nasim Mahmood, Member-Secretary, Convention Preparatory Committee, House No. 49, Road No. 1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, phone : 862504 (res).

Registration form, duly filled in, should be sent to the above address personally/by post within 31 May, 1998.

At the same time, those registering are also invited to become members of the Association. The Convention Preparatory Committee cordially invites all ex-students of Dhaka University to this convention. It may be noted that those who have received the graduation and/or post-graduation certificate from the university are all, irrespective of institution, alumni of Dhaka University.

Licence to store, distribute LPG issued

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation has issued a licence to a business house to import, store, bottle and distribute Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the country, reports UNB.

An official of the business house, Summit Industrial and Mercantile Corporation, said they would be in a position to supply 50,000 metric tons of LPG to the country's eastern and northern parts by mid 1999.

Under the licence, Summit will set up a plant at an estimated cost of US\$20 million at Mongla Port.

Japanese envoy calls on Sadique

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yoshikazu Kaneko called on Education Minister ASHK Sadique at the latter's office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters of mutual interests including the issue of Japanese cooperation in the field of science and technology in engineering and technical educational institutions.

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The notice threatened an appropriate legal action against the authorities if they failed to stop such land filling and construction immediately.

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No case was filed and none arrested yet in this regard.

Filling up of Gulshan Lake

Legal notice served on concerned authorities

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) and Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara Welfare Society yesterday served a legal notice demanding an immediate stop to filling up of the waterbody popularly known as Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara Lake.

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One sustains bullet injury

A contractor sustained bullet injury in an attack allegedly by his business partner in the city yesterday, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Abdur Rahman Khan, 38, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

A group of people allegedly led by Khan's business partner Mohsin stormed his house at 20/21/B Ganaktuli, Hazaribagh under Lalbagh thana at about 11.30 am and fired shots at him.

No case was filed and none arrested yet in this regard.

Expo-2002

Australia seeks Bangladesh's support

Former Australian governor general and foreign minister William George Hayden called on Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Hayden sought Bangladesh's support in coordinating Expo-2002 in Australia.

Hayden informed the minister that he would help supplement Bangladesh government's efforts for wide exposure of local exporting services and commodities. He said Australia will provide training and other logistic supports in health, education, culture and trade issues for the companies participating in the Expo-2002 so that they could project their products and services in the fair purposefully. Australia will spend 70 million Australian dollar on the LDCs for this purpose, he added.

Welcoming the gigantic and costly project, the commerce minister said the present government is putting its best efforts to expand export through diversifying the export basket and exploring new markets. He said, "We also want to popularise our products and services to attract new buyers and Expo-2002 will be one of the best forum to this end."

Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Charles Stuart and Additional Secretary of Commerce Ministry GM Mandal were also present.

WFB felicitates CHT peace accord

The World Fellowship of Buddhist (WFB) has felicitated the peace accord signed in December last between the government and the Parbatta Chittagong Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) for arriving at a permanent solution of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) problem, reports BSS.

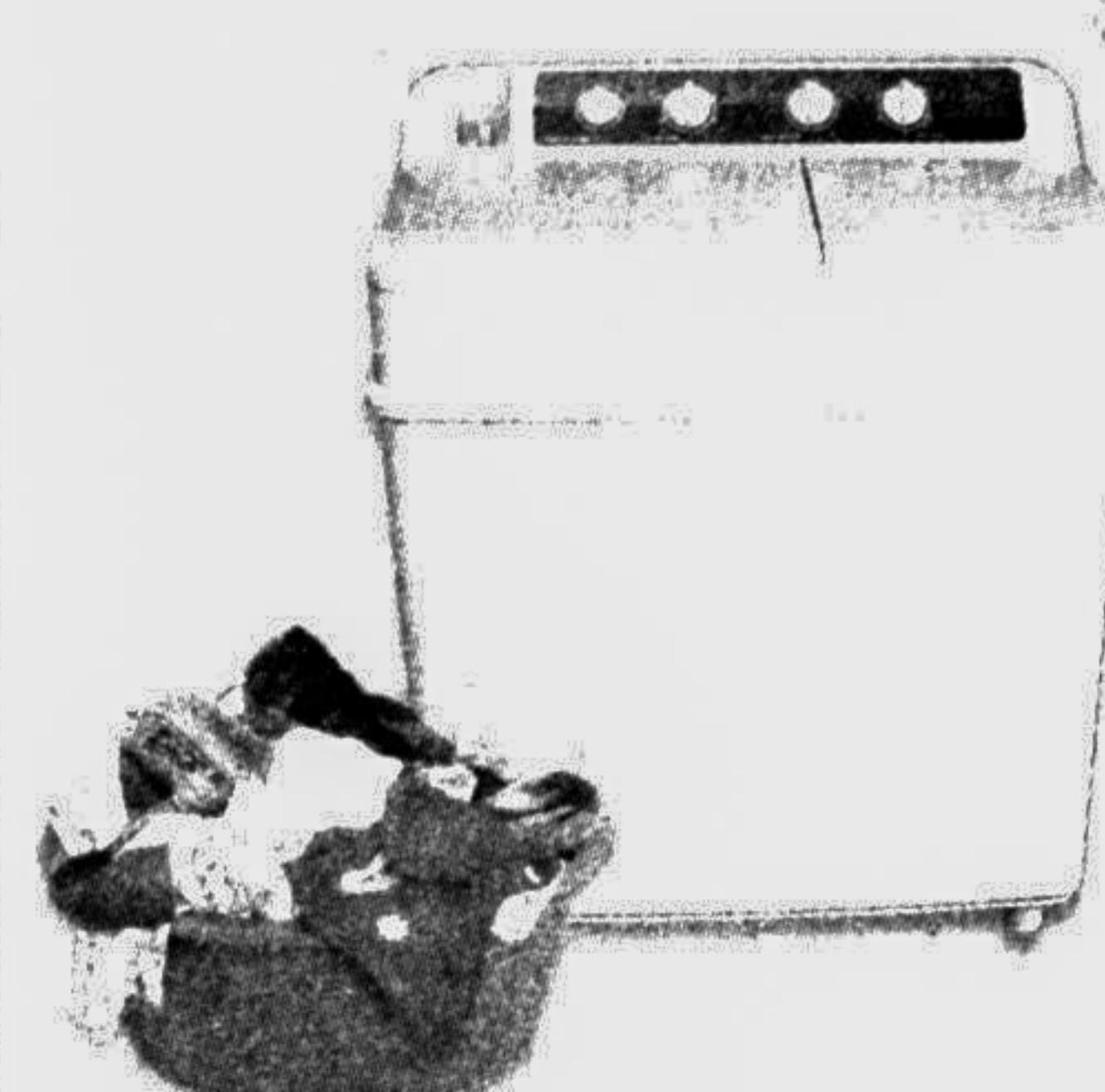
Lt Gen Chalom Wismol, Vice President of WFB in a communication on Sunday from its headquarters in Bangkok to SS Chakma, president of the Parbatta Buddha Sangha, Dhaka stated that the solution of the problem was possible only due to the personal initiative and political will of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The WFB also appreciated the efforts of PCJSS in reaching the accord, a message received here said.

Zikir mahfil

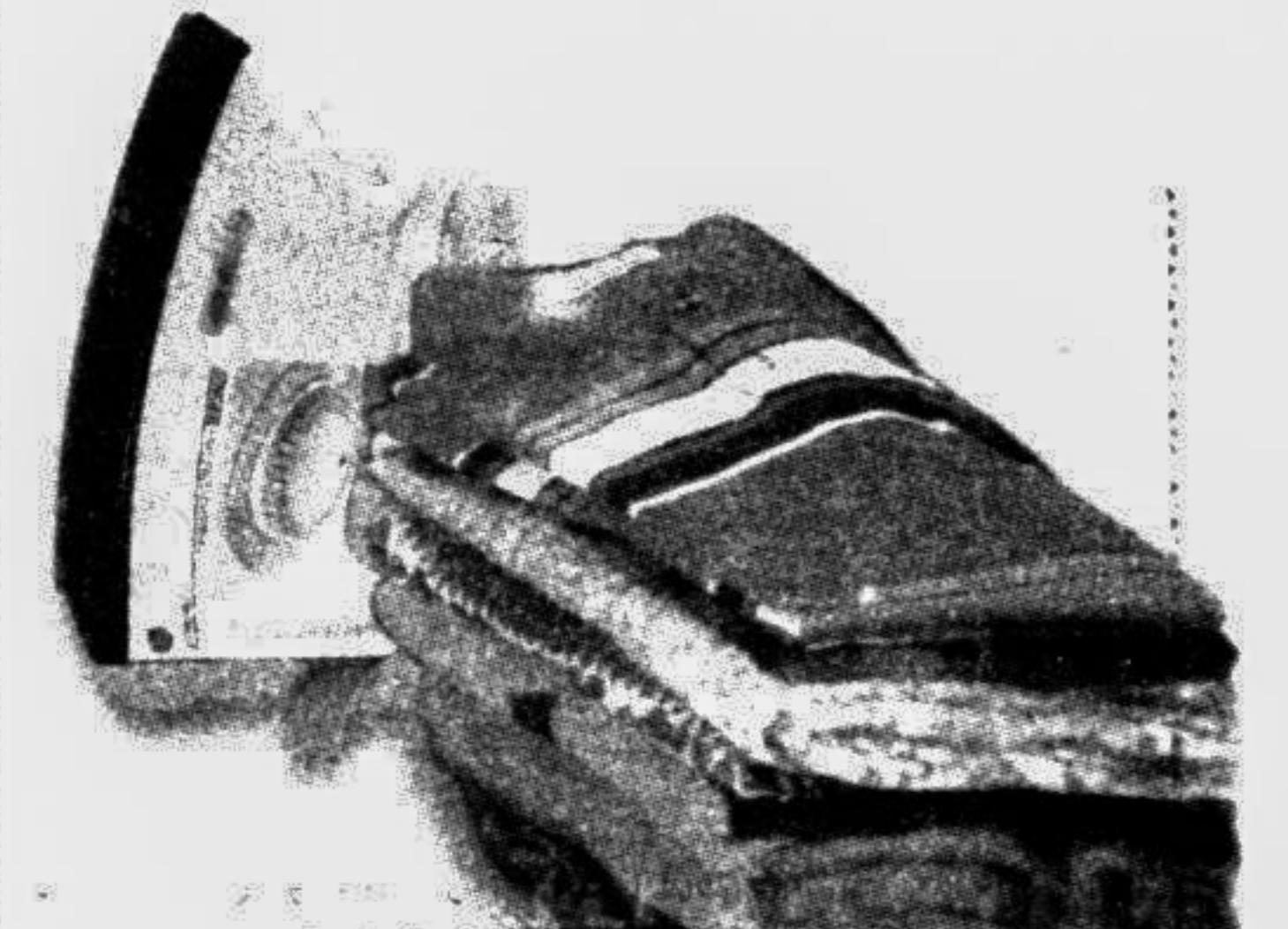
The monthly zikir mahfil and the discussion meeting on the importance of holy Ashura will be held today at Khankey Tojia after Magrib prayers at 27. Siddheswar Road in the city, says a press release.

The peer of Dariapur Sharif, Hazrat Mowlana Shah Sufi Al-haj Abul Hasan Muhammad Abdul Quayum will conduct the mahfil.

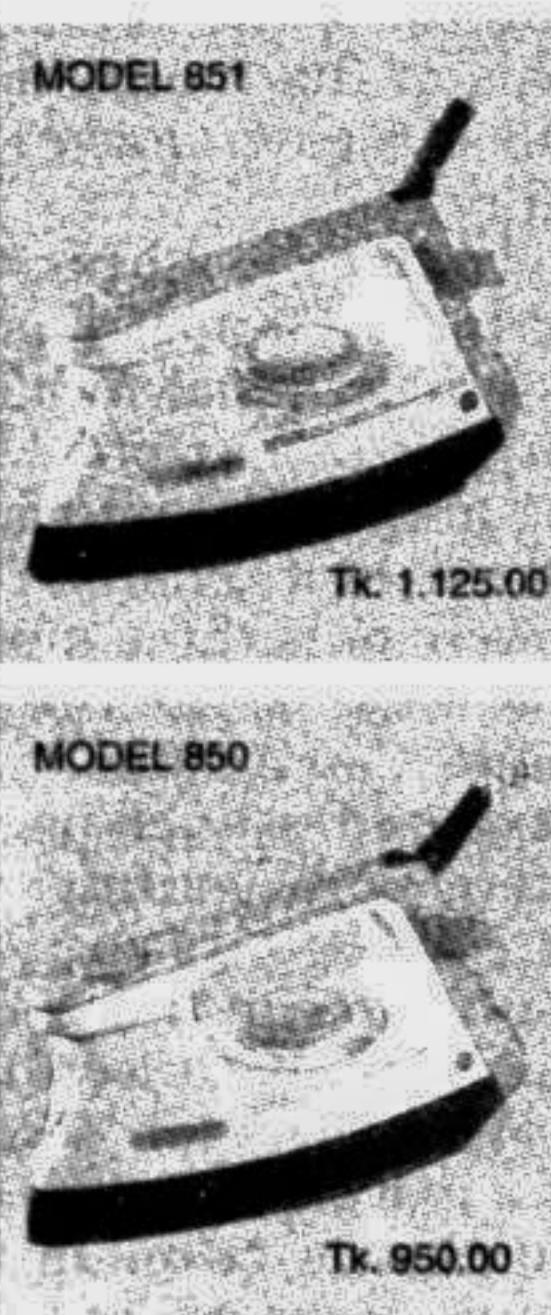
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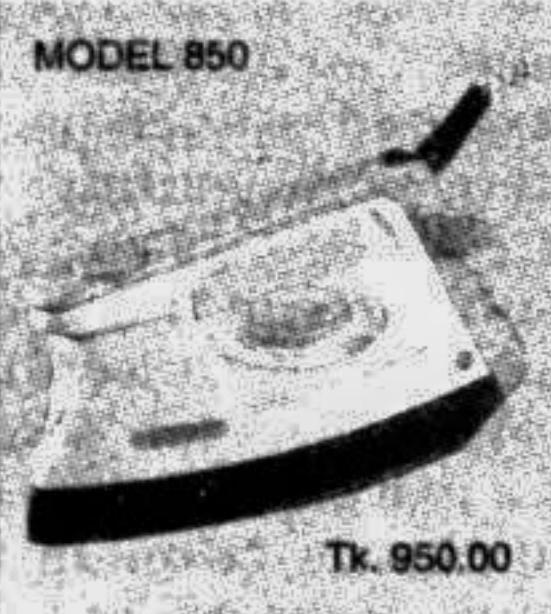
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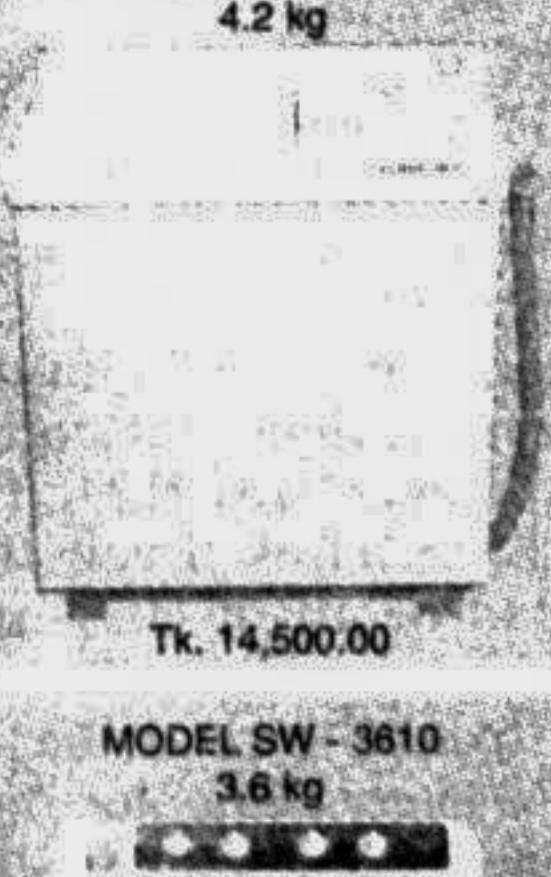
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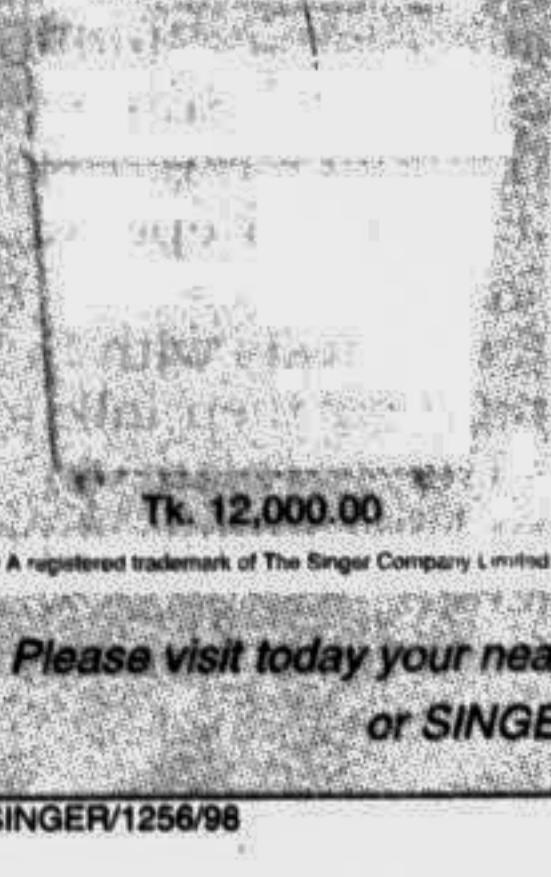
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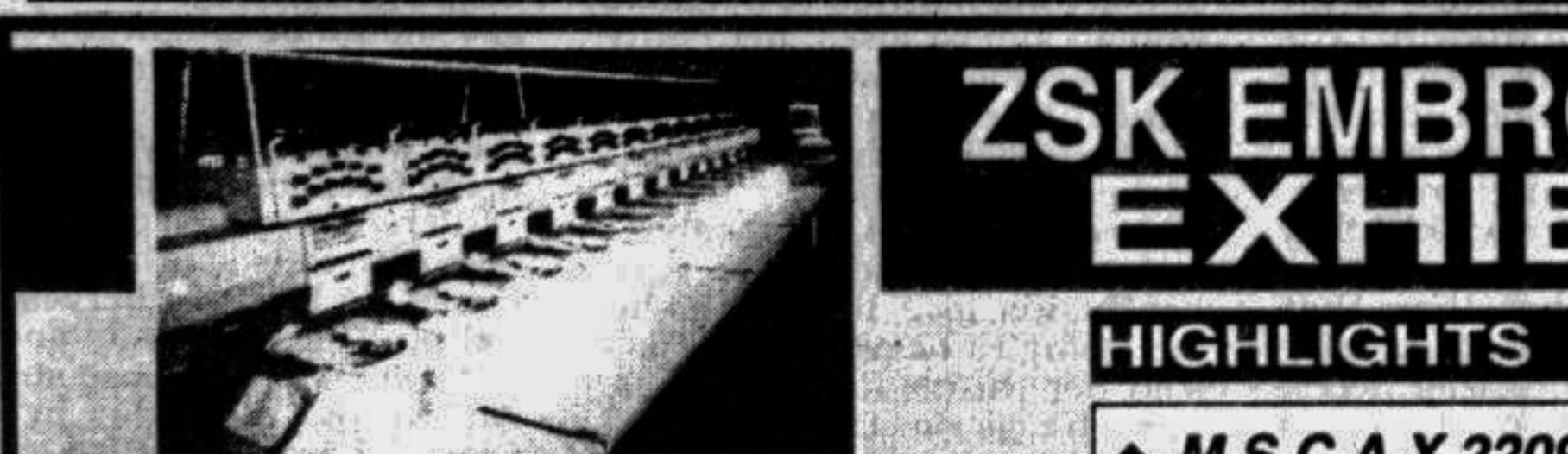
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Cultural function: Bangladesh Shishu Academy has arranged a discussion session and cultural function celebrating the 137th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11:30 am.

National confce: Bangladesh Dental Association will hold a national conference marking its golden jubilee. Venue: Ballroom, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

Painting exhibition: The first solo painting exhibition by Babul Mahmud will be inaugurated. Venue: Art Gallery of Indian High Commission Cultural Centre. Time: 4:30 pm.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will open the exhibition as the special guest. The exhibition will begin from May 9 and will continue till May 14 from 10 am to 7 pm everyday.

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