

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Under the influence of cyclonic storm over the North Bay, rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty to squally wind are likely at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met office said heavy falls are also likely at places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the period. Day temperature may fall by 2 to 3 degree Celsius over the country during the period. Country's highest temperature yesterday 38.5 degree Celsius was at Rajshahi and the lowest 24.8 degree Celsius at Cox' Bazar. The sun sets today at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Mohila Technical Training Centre at Mirpur in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Govt committed to modernise land admin management system: Khasru

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said the present government is committed to modernise the land administration management system aiming at dispelling the sufferings of the common people, reports BSS. He said, "the present land administration system is incapable of meeting the need of the time and also not wholly transparent. This state of affairs needs to be changed basing on technical, procedural, legal and administrative reforms." The minister said this while inaugurating as the chief guest a two-day workshop on "Modernisation of land administration in Bangladesh" organised jointly by the Ministry of Land and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) in the city. Chaired by Land Secretary Mohammad Omar Farooq, the inaugural session was also addressed by State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf, State Minister for Planning, Science and Technology Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, acting resident representative of ADB Francis Narayan as special guests. Director General of Land Record and Survey Mohammad Shafiuddin presented the keynote paper. Law Minister said it is true that the time befitting and independent land administration system has not been materialised till today resulting in disputes relating to ownership of land across the country. He said over 80 per cent cases, both civil and criminal

are arising out of land disputes. He said huge number of land dispute cases are now pending before different courts of the country. He said at present the land administration and management system is largely corrupt for which common people living in rural areas are facing unlimited harassment. Although the system is responsible, it has to be changed and collective efforts should be made to reduce the problems relating to land administration and management, he added. He said in determining the absolute ownership of land through an acceptable, proper and correct record of right procedure in land management can contribute substantially to settle the land disputes. He said, "Our people expect an honest, efficient, transparent and accountable land reform system." He hoped that the workshop would help the government with suggestions for a

credible land administration and management system. **DU Kha unit admission test results** By DU Correspondent The result of the admission test for the first year honours courses of 1997-98 session of the Dhaka University under Kha Unit (Humanities group) was announced yesterday evening, says a DU press release. Out of a total of 14,993 candidates, 11,254 have passed the test of whom 2000 have been called for the viva voce according to their merit positions. The viva voce of the candidates will start from June 4 at the dean's office of the faculty of Arts. The successful candidates have been requested to bring their admit cards of the admission tests, the original mark sheets of SSC and HSC examinations and two copies of passport size photographs. The detailed timetable of the viva voce is as follows: June 4 merit position 1-175, (9 am to 1 pm), 176-350 (3 pm to 7 pm), June 5, 351-525 (9 am to 1 pm), 526-700 (3 pm to 7 pm), June 6-701-875 (9 am to 1 pm), 876 to 1050 (3 pm to 7 pm), June 7-1051-1200 (9 am to 1 pm), 1201 to 1350 (3 pm to 7 pm), June 8, 1351-1500 (9 am to 1 pm), 1501-1650 (3 pm to 7 pm), June 9, 1651 to 1750 (9 am to 1 pm), 1751 to 1850 (3 pm to 7 pm), and June 10, 1851 to 2000 (9 am to 1 pm).

HERE and THERE

DU English Department A meeting commemorating the first death anniversary of former DU English Department student Esha Khan and untimely death of Prof Durdana Khan of the same department was held at the department Monday, reports UNB. Esha Khan, was also a founder member of voluntary blood donation organisation, Bandhan.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan organised an open discussion on "Women and child abuse in Bangladesh" which was held at CIRDAP Cafeteria on Sunday at 5:30 pm with Advocate Alena Khan of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) as the key note speaker.

BARC governing body meet held The 5th Governing Body meeting of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) was held in the city yesterday with Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury in the chair, reports UNB. The meeting reviewed the progress of World Bank funded Agricultural Research Management Project being implemented by National Agricultural Research System (NARS).

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