

What's on today

Workshop: A 2-day workshop on 'Strategies for poverty eradication' will begin. Organiser: Bangladesh Rural Development Board. Venue: Hotel Purani. Time: 9 am.

Dance: Kum Kum Dhar of India will perform kathak dance. Organiser: High Commission of India. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5 pm.

**Pussy-Cat
Happy Birthday**

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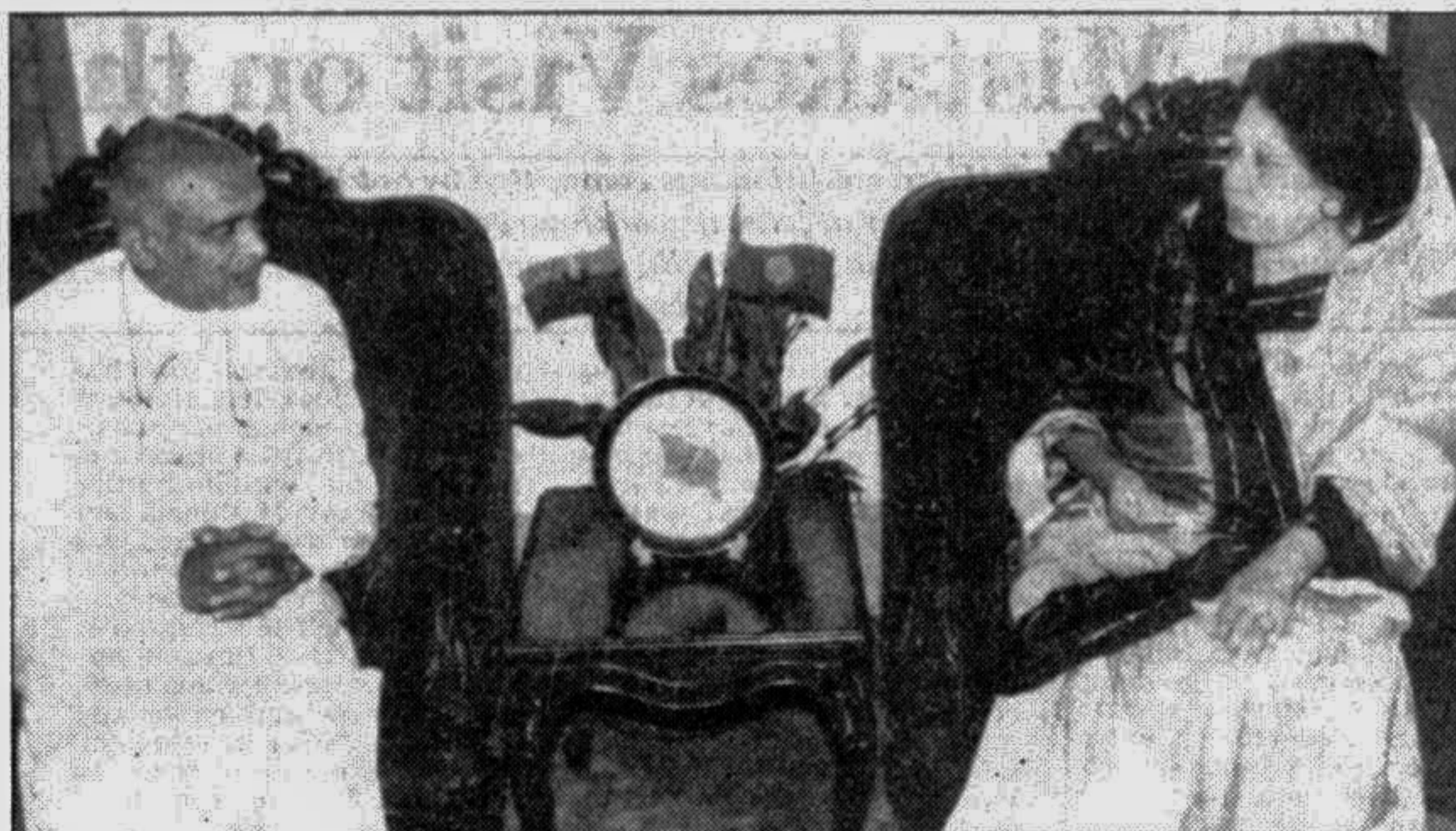
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launched**

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said life insurance can play a vital role in ensuring economic security in personal and social life, reports BSS.



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Outgoing Sri Lankan High Commissioner SB Atugoda called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road residence yesterday. — Star photo

Zillur tells seminar on water

Fourth water supply project of Dhaka WASA to be taken up soon

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said the fourth water supply project of Dhaka-WASA, to be taken up soon, is aimed at initially supplying an additional 225 million litres of water to its consumers everyday with an ultimate capacity of 900 million litres per day, reports BSS.

Frequent reports appear in the media on the inadequate quantity and substandard quality of the water supply, the minister said adding, "it has to be admitted that the media reports are largely true."

Rahman was inaugurating a policy consultation seminar titled "Water Resources Management Programme for Greater Dhaka" jointly organised by Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and the World Bank at hotel Sonargaon in the city.

Chairman of Dhaka-WASA Prof. ATM Zahurul Haq, managing director Dr K Azharul Haq, team leader of water resources management programme Frank Cooper, World Bank official Arun Banerjee and Director General of Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) AKM Halimur Rahman also addressed the opening session.

The minister said it is a matter of great concern that even after 26 years of independence a considerable section of the population of Dhaka City cannot be provided with adequate water. He said the government has given serious consideration to the problem of water supply to Dhaka and together with Dhaka-WASA, it has taken a

number of positive steps to mitigate the sufferings of the people. These include the recently completed upgrading and expansion of the Chandighat Water Treatment Plant which will improve water supply situation in the old part of the capital.

The minister said Dhaka WASA has faced enormous problems for load-shedding and this has resulted in a 15 per cent reduction in the pumping of water.

Referring to the directive's from the prime minister in this regard he said, "Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has issued an order for the procurement of 100 new generators which will solve the problems of load-shedding or power failure at Dhaka WASA installations."

Pointing to new endeavours of Dhaka WASA, the minister said Dhaka WASA has installed "capacity banks" at many of its pumping stations to remove the low voltage problem.

The organisation has installed step-up transformers to alleviate the low voltage supply problems of the water treatment plant at Godnail in Narayanganj and the plant is operating satisfactorily, he said.

The minister said government is actively considering the fourth interim project of WASA and it will provide an additional 121 new and replacement deep tubewells to its system, greatly boosting the daily production of water.

Highlighting the need for searching alternative water

sources, he said, "Dhaka has traditionally relied on groundwater resources for its water supply, but due to the increasing pressure of the expanding population of the city, these resources are no longer able to meet the requirement, and alternative sources will be needed for the future."

The Minister proposed formation of "Dhaka Water Resources Management Council" comprising senior government representatives from concerned ministries along with stakeholder organisations to materialise and develop a conjunctive water management plan for this mega city.

He said the government is very concerned that already there is serious pollution in the surrounding rivers of this mega city from where the uncontrolled discharge of household and industrial wastes are causing biological and chemical contaminations.

The pollution is threatening the viability of using these surface water resources as a source of raw water, he said.

The minister noted that the conjunctive water management plan will need to form part of the overall national water master plan and should be consistent with the national water policy.

Managing director of Dhaka WASA Dr K Azharul Haq said Dhaka WASA has been facing many problems in supplying sufficient quantity of water to the city, especially during the present dry season.

CU admission tests begin today

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 13: The admission tests for the first year honours classes of Chittagong University for 1997-98 session begin tomorrow.

On the first day, the admission test under Fine Arts and Arabic Departments will be held. The other schedules are: 'Ka' unit (Science Faculty) on June 20, 'Kha' unit (Arts Faculty) on June 27, 'Ga' unit (Commerce Faculty) on June 15, 'Uma' unit (Law Faculty) on June 18, Forestry Institute on June 30, Marine Science Institute on June 16 and 'Gha' unit (combined) on July 1.

The Chittagong University authorities have taken some measures to ensure security of the admission seekers and to hold the tests peacefully.

The authorities have imposed ban on processions, meetings, rallies on the campus during the tests. The authorities also declared that no applicant could stay in any residential hall. The authorities also ban entry of any student to the campus during the day of admission test.

At least 13 students will vie for each seat this year. 28 thousand 8 hundred and 25 candidates will compete for two thousand three hundred and thirteen seats.

3 expelled from JCD

Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of Chittagong University unit expelled three leaders of the organisation for cooperating with All Party Students' Alliance (APSA) led by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) against Shibir recently.

The expelled leaders are Shafikuzzaman Shahid, joint secretary, Md Mosharraf Hossain, information and research secretary and Mir Masud Farvez, as member of executive committee.

Tree plantation drive begins tomorrow

Three-month long country-wide tree plantation drive begins tomorrow, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the tree plantation drive and a tree exhibition on the Dhanmondi playground in the city at 4 pm on the day.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will preside over the function. The Ministry of Environment and Forest will organise it.

On this occasion, a colourful rally will be organised by the ministry at 3 pm tomorrow.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office forecast, slight fall in day temperature is expected across the country during the period.

Country's highest temperatures 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 6:47 pm and rises on Monday at 5:11 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.1	28.6	75	90
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Khulna	33.4	28.2	80	84
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Protest against tuition fee increase BCF to stage sit-in outside DU Senate Hall tomorrow

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) will stage a sit-in in front of the Senate Hall of Dhaka University during the budget session of the DU Senate on June 15 to press their demand to withdraw a decision to raise tuition fee and other charges of the university.

Leaders of the Chhatra Federation announced the programmes at a press conference held at Madhu's canteen yesterday.

The DU authorities recently decided to increase tuition fee and other university charges.

The leaders said the university authorities plan to increase the fees with an aim to make education a commodity and reserve it for the elite class.

They urged the university authorities to increase allocation for education in the new DU budget. Eighty-five per cent of the budget is being spent on establishment cost, they said giving figures.

In order to improve standard of education in the university which they said is declining,

they called upon the authorities to establish a translation centre for translating foreign books into Bangla. They also demanded introduction of scientific English language learning courses in first year honours courses.

The Chhatra Federation leaders also urged the authorities to take measures against teachers of the university who are involved in consultancy during working hours.

The press conference was attended, among others, by the DU unit president of Chhatra Federation, Taslima Akter, and general secretary Yasin Mukul.

Handing-over ceremony

A ceremony to hand over blood sugar detection instrument to Bangladesh Diabetic Association will be held at Hotel Sheraton at 5 pm today, reports UNB.

The instrument is part of 'diabetic care project', jointly sponsored by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, Inner Club of Metropolitan Dhaka and Annesha Welfare Trust, said a press release.

All the 460 thanas to be brought under TB control programme by June

Country's all the 460 thanas will be brought under Tuberculosis (TB) Control programme by the current month, reports UNB.

This was stated by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Amanullah while addressing a seminar on Tuberculosis and Leprosy Diseases at the auditorium of Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital yesterday.

He said 82 per cent population has already been brought under TB treatment facility.

The state minister informed that about 80,468 patients were cured by treatment till December last year and more than 13,000 patients are under treatment under the TB Control Programme.

He urged the physicians, health workers and social workers to work unitedly to control TB and Leprosy.

The WHO has decided to eradicate leprosy by the year 2000. Bangladesh government is also pledged-bound to eradicate leprosy from the country by the year 2000.

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