

Govt has plan to set up gas-based industries in Northern region: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that the government had a plan to establish gas-based industries in the Northern region of the country, reports UNB.

In a written reply to a question from Advocate Fazle Rabbi of the Jatiya Party, the Prime Minister said, the government is actively considering to establish gas based urea fertiliser factories and other engineering complexes in the region.

She said the government would also encourage initiatives from the private sector in this regard.

The written reply was placed in Parliament in her absence during the PM's question time.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister also said the government is implementing four more projects to build additional cyclone shelters in the coastal area.

Replying to Zafrul Islam Chowdhury of Awami League, she said the projects envisage construction of 3950 shelters of which 1350 had already been constructed.

She said the government has a plan to take up more projects for construction of cyclone shelters depending on availability of foreign assistance.

Another report adds: Sheikh Hasina told Parliament that

British State Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Derek Facht during his recent visit assured increased British investment and continued assistance for infrastructure development in Bangladesh.

In a written reply to a question from Haji Selim, she said that the British State Minister

also appreciated Bangladesh's economic liberalisation policy and the measures to attract foreign investment.

Hasina said the British State Minister also expressed his hope that there are opportunities for increasing trade and investment between both the two countries specially in power and energy sectors.

Taka one lakh distributed in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, June 16: The Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council authority formally distributed cheques for Taka one lakh for the renovation of 20 different educational institutions in the district yesterday, reports BSS.

Ching Kieu Roaza, chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council handed over the cheques to the head of the institutions yesterday at his office.

Sixteen junior high schools and four madrasahs were included in the education development project of the council for the grant.

Two blind youngmen regain vision

Two blind young men are now able to see the beauty of nature after successful transplantation of corneas in two city hospitals, reports UNB.

Abul Kashem (25) and Mohammad Raju (25) are the lucky persons who got their vision back after transplantation of two corneas on Monday, said a press release yesterday.

Sandhani Eye Donation Society collected the corneas from an unidentified dead body at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on the same day.

Kashem, a farmer of Dasher village in Madaripur district, had lost vision of his left eye one month ago after he received an injury while working.

Weather

Temperature to remain same

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

No appreciable changes in day temperature is expected over the country. Met office predicted.

Rainfall activity may increase in the next two days, the office added.

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets today at 6:48 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage

Max Min Morning Evening

Dhaka 33.8 28.2 75 74

Chittagong 32.5 26.0 89 81

Rajshahi 35.8 27.2 86 69

Khulna 32.2 26.0 - 77

Barisal 33.5 23.0 100 81

Sylhet 32.4 26.5 90 86

Cox's Bazar 31.0 25.4 92 85

Month-long Indian science exhibition begins in city

A month-long Indian science exhibition began yesterday at the premises of National Museum of Science and Technology (NMST) at Agargaon here.

Inaugurating the exhibition State Minister for Science and Technology and Planning Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir said this will expand the field of co-operation between Bangladesh and India. He said the exhibition will show how India has used science and technology for socio-economic development.

Referring to the development of science culture in the sub-continent, Dr Alamgir said that Bangladesh could be proud of the scientific talents of this land who had contributed greatly to that effort.

He said both the architect of India Jawaharlal Nehru and the Architect of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had dreamt of development of science and technology for socio-economic uplift of their respective nations.

He said to fulfil the dream of the father of the nation due emphasis has been given in the 5th five year plan for development of science and technology and the increase of allocation in this sector to 1.5 per cent of GDP from the existing 0.1 per cent has been suggested.

The inaugural function was also addressed by acting High Commissioner of India A K Basu, Chairman of BCSIR Prof. M Moshihuzzaman, former chairman of Indian National Council of Science Museum (INCSM), Prof A P Mitra, Director General of INCSM I K Mukherjee, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology Shah M Nazmul Alam and director of NMST Prof AM Azizur Rahman Khan, Acting High Commissioner

A K Basu said both India and Bangladesh gave emphasis on cooperation in the field of science and technology and this exhibition will strengthen it further.

He said this science exhibition is a part of different programmes organised by India in different countries in observance of the 50th independence anniversary of India.

I K Mukherjee said the exhibition displays development of science in the subcontinent since the ancient time (4500 years back), modern scientific developments in India and learning science while having fun.

Prof A P Mitra gave a short resume of scientific developments in modern India and said in the 21st century the needs of society will drive scientific development and science will not move without society and culture.

Press briefing

By Staff Correspondent

A press conference on the occasion of the publication of "Amnesty International Annual Report 1998" will be held at the VIP lounge of the National Press at 4 pm today, says a press release.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and journalist ABM Musa will be present as chief guest and special guest on the occasion.

'Drinking water for every citizen by year 2000'

The government plans to ensure supply of pure drinking water to every citizen by the year 2005. IGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman told parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to a question from Fazlul Haq, he said pure drinking water will be made

available in all parts of Dhaka metropolitan city by the year 2000.

The pure drinking water would be supplied to rest of the country, including remote rural areas, towns and Chittagong metropolis by the year 2003, he said.

The government has set a

target to set up one tubewell for every 75 people, a deep tubewell for 85 people and one Tara tubewell for every 150 people by the year 2000.

He said at present 60 per cent people living in towns are getting supply of water through pipeline

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মধ্যবিত্ত শ্রেণীর জীবন-যাত্রার মানোন্নয়ন ও পরিবহণ সমস্যা লাঘবের উদ্দেশ্যে ইসলামী ব্যাংক পরিবহণ বিনিয়োগ প্রকল্পের পাশাপাশি কার ইনভেস্টমেন্ট স্কীম চালু করেছে।

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