

Children's art contest June 27

Bangladesh Olympic Association has organised a children's art competition on June 27 as part of a children art competition in Malaysia on the occasion of the 16th Commonwealth Games, reports UNB.

The competition will hold in three groups from 9 am at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises.

The theme of the competition is "Commonwealth Games - Friendship and Solidarity".

Ten top arts from each group will be sent to Malaysia for participation in the final competition.

Bhutanese envoy makes farewell call on FM

Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Lyonpo Tashi Tobgyel made a farewell call on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

The outgoing Ambassador thanked the minister for the government's cooperation provided during his tenure in Bangladesh.

Director General of Foreign Ministry Sirajul Islam was also present.



A delegation led by Kazi Shahed Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Sangbadptra Parishad, met Finance Minister SAMS Kibria at his chamber yesterday. —PID photo

Souvenir on Sheikh Kamal to be published August 5

A souvenir titled 'Chokh' will be published from Brahmanbaria under the auspices of 'Sheikh Kamal Smriti Parishad' on the occasion of his 49th birth anniversary on August 5, a press release of the parishad said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The souvenir will publish various write-ups on the political, social and sports career of Shaheed Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was killed along with his parents and other family members on the fateful night of August 15, 1975.

Friends and wellwishers of Shaheed Sheikh Kamal and eminent journalists and litterateurs have been requested to send their write-ups on Sheikh Kamal to "Sheikh Kamal Smriti Parishad," TA Road, Mevla Bhaban, Brahmanbaria, within June 30 this year.

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Govt planning to set up information tech park

The government is actively considering to set up an information technology park in the country, reports UNB.

State Minister for Science and Technology Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir in a written reply to a question from AHM Mustafa Kalam (AL) said that the park is likely to be set up at Ashulia near Dhaka.

Replying to another question, the minister said that the government is also planning to develop commercial use of information technology.

The minister said measures are being taken to encourage basic facilities and data transmission to produce software under the Computer Bhaban Project with private initiatives.

Replying to Joyal Abedin Hajari (AL), the minister said the government has also planned to set up 12 science and technology universities with the facilities of computer education.

There is also a plan to set up an institute called "Bangladesh Institute of Information Technology," he added.

'Md Israil Trust Fund Scholarship' set up at DU

Former Assistant Headmistress of Motijheel T&T School Mrs Saleha Begum handed over a cheque for Taka one lakh to the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor AK Azad Chowdhury yesterday at the latter's office to set up "Mohammad Israil Trust Fund Scholarship" in the university to perpetuate the memory of her father late Mohammad Israil, says a press release.

Out of the income of this fund a stipend at the rate of Taka 700.00 (seven hundred) per month will be given for one year to a student of the university who will secure the 1st position in Honours Final Examination from the Department of Arabic. This stipend will be given every year.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury thanked Mrs Saleha Begum and other members of her family for the donation to a noble cause.

Mohammad Israil, a student of the first batch of Dhaka University was born in 1899. He passed Matriculation from Kodalia High School of Kishoreganj in 1919 and Intermediate from Dhaka College in 1921. He took his Graduation in Arabic in 1925 and MA in 1926. He also passed LLB in 1928. He was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of undivided Bengal from 1937 to 1946 and again of the then East Pakistan from 1947 to 1954. He died on May 12 in 1979.

BSP discusses problems of newspapers with Kibria

A delegation of Bangladesh Sangbadptra Parishad (BSP), yesterday met with Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office and discussed existing problems of the newspaper industry, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the BSP leaders discussed the proposals to be incorporated in the next national budget (1999-2000) for the import of duty free newsprint for the newspaper industry.

In this year's proposed national budget, provision has been made for the newspapers and periodicals to meet their total demand through buying half of the locally produced newsprint and importing the rest half at duty free.

The members of the delegation welcomed the government proposal to increase the rate of government advertisement by 30 per cent and urged the Finance Minister to further enhance the rate in the backdrop of enhanced expenditure due to the implementation of the wage board awards and other reasons.

Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofail Ahmed and State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed were present on the occasion.

Tofail Ahmed said that the

quality of local newsprint had now been improved and that the government would provide reasonable help for the flourishing of the local industries in the country.

Prof Abu Sayeed said that no government had increased the rate of government advertisement during the past 11 years. The present government, he said, has been making sincere efforts for the development of the newspaper industry in the country. Kibria said discussions would continue to remove the problems of the newspaper industry.

The members of BSP delegation included Editor of Sangbad Ahmedul Kabir, Chairman of the editorial board of Daily Ittefaq Barrister Mainul Hosen, Editor of Daily Mukhtakanta KG Mustafa, Editor of Daily Khabar Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Editor of Banglabazar Patrika Mohammad Zakaria Khan, Editor of Daily Janakanta Atiqullah Khan Masud, Managing Editor of Daily Bhorer Kagoj Banazir Ahmed, Editor of Dhaka Courier Amanullah Khan, Editor of Daily Rupali Mustafizur Rahman MP, Editor of Daily Star Mahfuz Anam and Editor of Daily Sangram Abul Asad.

Weather

No change in temperature

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

No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country, according to Met office.

Rainfall activity may increase in the next two days, it added. Country's highest temperature 37.9 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 23.3 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
Dhaka	35.0	78
Chittagong	34.0	77
Khulna	35.4	79
Rajshahi	37.6	75
Barisal	34.0	78
Sylhet	33.0	82
Cox's Bazar	34.0	78

BEA seminar on budget tomorrow

The Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) will hold a seminar on Budget 1998-99 at a city hotel tomorrow, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria and MK Anwar MP will participate in the seminar, to be chaired by BEA president Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud.

Theatre School certificate giving ceremony today

By Staff Correspondent

The concluding ceremony of the one year-long Certificate Course on Acting of the 8th batch in the Theatre School will be held at the Public Library auditorium in the city at 7:15 pm today, says a press release.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESHI ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS Southern California Chapter 2nd Annual Research Excellence Award

American Association of Bangladeshi Engineers and Architects (AABEA) Southern California Chapter has established an excellence award to honour Bangladeshi researchers who have recently completed research in Bangladesh on a topic of applied technology. The purpose of the award is to encourage the researchers to continue their research for technological advancement of Bangladesh. One research paper is awarded per year. Last year, the award recipients were Profs. I. Ahmed, A. Muqtadir and S. Ahmad of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

A certificate and a cash award of Taka 30,000.00 (payable in US Dollars) will be presented to the person(s) whose paper is judged to be the best by an evaluation committee appointed by the Chapter. If the selected paper is authored by more than one researcher, the prize will be shared equally by the authors.

Qualifications:

- The research paper must have been accepted for publication in an internationally reputed conference proceedings or a refereed journal. Papers already published within the last twelve months prior to the submission deadline will also qualify.
- The topic of the research should fall within an area of applied engineering discipline (agricultural, biochemical, chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, mechanical, computer science/engineering and other branches of engineering and architecture).
- The research work must have been carried out in Bangladesh.
- The principal researcher must be a Bangladeshi citizen or a foreign national of Bangladeshi origin. Other foreign nationals may co-author the paper but will not share the prize.

Please submit the following documents:

- A full-length copy of the published/accepted research paper.
- A copy of letter of acceptance for publication. The name, address and date of publication should be clearly indicated.
- Resume/bio-data of all authors including full addresses and telephone numbers (if any).
- Researcher's statement on future research plan in no more than 1,000 words (type-written).

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Appointment Notice

No 57(1997-98)

Applications are invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for appointment to the following posts on purely temporary basis for different areas of Bangladesh under the Agriculture Research Management Project "Adaptive Research and Impact Study of BRRI Developed Agricultural Machinery at Selected Sites of Bangladesh" (ARISAM) project.

Serial No	Name of post and salary (gross)	Number of posts	Age	Educational qualification
1.	Research Assistant Pay 3960/- (Three thousand nine hundred and sixty) taka gross. (As per old scale)	2 (two)	Maximum 30 years	Minimum 2nd class science graduate or diploma-in-engineering (agricultural/ mechanical/ power). Preference will be given to candidates with experience in agriculture tools.
2.	Operator-cum-Mechanic Pay 3960/- (Three thousand nine hundred and sixty) taka gross.	2 (two)	do	HSC with industrial trade course passed from recognised educational institutions (agricultural/ mechanical/ automobile/power). Preference will be given to candidates with experience in operating agriculture tools and maintenance.

1. Intending candidates will have to apply in plain paper stating name, father's/husband's name, marital status, date of birth, age on 30/6/98, present and permanent addresses, educational qualification.

2. Attested copies of different certificates/testimonials, recent photograph of passport size duly attested by class I gazetted officer, certificate of permanent residence (citizenship certificate) will have to be submitted along with application and original certificates will have to be produced at the time of interview.

Applications will have to reach the PI, Adaptive Research and Impact Study of BRRI Developed Agricultural Machinery and post harvest Technology Department, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Gazipur-1701 by 30-6-98.

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