

What's on today . . .

Seminar: A seminar on 'use of the body as means of expressing feelings' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Young Theatre Workers. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Satmasjid road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Guest speaker: Dr Sayyid Fazlul Huq will give a talk on 'Cancer: Prevention and care'. Venue: 'Surma', Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'business academic recognition and membership of British Business Profession Association' will be held. Organiser: Rappot Bangladesh Ltd. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 2:30 pm.

Lecture: National Professor Atwar Husain Memorial Lecture 1998 of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will be held. Dr Qazi Kholiquzaman Ahmad, Chairman, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, will deliver the lecture on 'Economic reforms, people's participation and development in Bangladesh'. Venue: ASB seminar room, 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna. Time: 4:30 pm.

Film show: 'Gandhi' by Richard Attenborough will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd. 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Closing session: Closing session of the 2nd international workshop on 'Poverty and finance in Bangladesh: Emerging institutional issues in microfinance' will be held. Organisers: Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy at Proshika and Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation. Venue: Conference room of IDB Bhaban, 3rd floor, E/8, A Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9 am.

Rally: Anti-fascism Democratic Committee will hold a rally against terrorism in educational institutions. Venue: TSC, Dhaka University. Time: 4 pm.

Special shuttle train to ply over BJMB

In a bid to facilitate the movement of sightseers, Bangladesh Railway has decided to introduce a special shuttle train between the two stations of the Bangabandhu Bridge from today, reports UNB.

The train, 'Parapar,' will leave the Bangabandhu Bridge East Station at 11:45 am and reach the west at 12:10 pm, said a railway press release Thursday.

Similarly, it will depart the station at west at 12:30 pm and reach the east at 12:55 pm every day, except Sunday.

The return ticket fare for 'Shulav' class has been fixed at Tk 50 while that of the first class at Tk 150.

Rajshahi-bound 'Padma' will leave the Bangabandhu Bridge East Station at 1:30 pm instead of 12:00 noon while 'Rajshahi Express' will depart Sirajganj Ghat Station at 2:15 pm instead of 12:45 pm from tomorrow due to the plying of Parapar, the release added.



Protirodh Network brought out a procession in the city yesterday to protest what it said various experiments on woman's body in the name of birth control. — Star photo

Tk 1.18 cr earned from fisheries sector in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, July 10: Sundarban Department has earned a revenue of over one crore eighteen lakh and forty-eight thousand taka from fish sector during the first eleven months of the last financial year.

According to concerned sources, the fishes were collected from rivers and water tanks adjacent to the Sundarban areas.

The sources said that fishes of 120 varieties including hilsha and prawn worth about 350 crore taka were exported to the USA, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and different countries of Europe during the same financial year. 3.68,000 fishermen of 5 districts of southern region earn their livelihood by procuring fish in the Sundarban belt.

Steps to improve dentistry services taken

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf today said the government has taken steps to improve facilities of dentistry throughout the country, reports UNB.

"Oral and dental patients are increasing in the country significantly," he said addressing the installation ceremony of Bangladesh Dental Society (BDS) at a local hotel yesterday evening.

President of the newly elected 27-member executive committee of BDS Prof Anwarul Alam chaired the function.

The Minister called upon the members of the BDS to help make the government's health activities a success.

The installation ceremony was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Aman Ullah.

Cultural activists back July 15 peace rally

Eighty-four cultural activists of the country yesterday extended their full support to the July 15 peace and friendship grand rally in Dhaka and the programme to accord a mass reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from the grand rally by the Peace and Friendship National Committee, reports BSS.

In a statement yesterday, the cultural activists urged the people of all spheres to attend the grand rally to help uphold the banner of peace and friendship and successfully implement the historic peace accord on the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

They said that the signing of the peace accord on the Chittagong Hill Tracts had helped end the unrest and confrontation in the hilly areas on one hand, and opened up a new horizon to utilise the huge resources of the hill tracts for the development of the hilly regions and the national uplift on the other.

But some political parties and the anti-liberation communal forces, they regretted, are opposing the peace accord to achieve their own political ends and create confusion among the people by propagating falsehood.

Describing the peace accord on the Chittagong Hill Tracts as a historic event for the establishment of peace, the cultural activists said that the accord had been widely acclaimed both at home and abroad.

The signatories to the statement included Ramendu Majumder, Ali Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yusuf, Golam Qudus, Jamaluddin Hossain, Dr Enamul Huq, Tareq Anam Khan, Kazi Arif, Ferdousi Majumder, Laila Hasan and Lucky Enam.

Privatisation Board clarifies

The Privatisation Board in a statement yesterday said its motivational advertisements in newspapers to popularise denationalisation of state-owned losing concerns were not aimed at defaming or hurting anybody, reports BSS.

The Privatisation Board expresses regret if anybody is hurt by the advertisements, the board in a brief statement said.

Tk 6000cr earned annually exporting manpower

The second meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Manpower Ministry was held at the Sangsad Bhavan Thursday, reports UNB.

Committee president Abdul Latif Mirza presided over the meeting.

The meeting discussed the overall activities of the ministry, its attached departments and organisations.

The meeting emphasised on framing people-oriented labour policy and expansion of labour market abroad.

It was informed in the meeting that the country earns foreign currency equivalent to Tk 6 thousand crore every year by exporting manpower.

The income can substantially be increased by imparting them with vocational training.

The meeting was told that Manpower Employment and Training Bureau is providing training through its 11 technical training centres and a Marine Technology Institute to the workers for increasing their skill and productivity and generating self-employment opportunity.

Existing problems of transport workers, Bangladeshi workers abroad, and compensatory allowance for retrenched workers of de-nationalised industries also came up for discussion.

Committee members Labour and Manpower Minister M A Mannan, Mohammad Ahsanullah, Shajhan Khan, Nur Mohammad Mandal, Syed Wahidul Alam, Alhaj Advocate Khairul Anam and Alamgir Haider Khan were present.

Labour and Manpower Secretary Ahsan Ali Sarkar and concerned high officials were also present in the meeting.

BJSJA concerned over increased freight rates

The members of Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (BJSJA) have expressed concern at the arbitrary increase of freight charges on different routes by the shipping lines operating in Bangladesh with effect from June, reports BSS.

The decision was taken unilaterally without any consultation with shippers, they said. Such sudden increase of freight without any prior notice is against the UNCTAD Convention, they alleged.

BJSJA noted that to increase any freight rate, shipping lines must serve notices to the shippers 150 days in advance.

They said this increase in freight will adversely affect our exports, specially of jute products.

"Export is the life-blood of a country's economy. When the government and the exporters are working hard to boost exports of the country, the shipping lines, by raising freights without giving proper notices, are working in the opposite direction," they observed.

The BJSJA said business contracts are usually made one to three months before shipments are made. Such sudden increase of freights will mean huge and unforeseen financial losses to the shippers. Due to this freight increase, our products will also be uncompetitive in the international market, a press release said.

The release added that government should immediately intervene in the issue and save the economy of the country by saving its exports and convene a joint meeting of the shippers, shipping companies and the port authorities to solve this export related problem.

Need for raising standard of pr edn stressed

Speakers at a discussion Thursday emphasised the need for raising the standard of primary education to build a healthy and prosperous nation, reports BSS.

"Primary teachers can build the children as worthy citizens through proper education and guidance to face the challenges of the next century," they said.

"Bangladesh Prathamik Shikshak Oikya Parishad" organised the discussion on 'role of primary teachers for achieving standard of primary education' in the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University.

Awami League presidium member and chief patron of the organisation Amir Hussain Amu, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatunnesa Talukder, Director General of the National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan, Dr Alauddin Ahmed and Haji Selim, MP, took part in the discussion. Convener of the organisation Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury chaired the meeting.

The speakers urged the government to organise training programmes for the primary teachers and to provide them facilities to enhance the standard of primary education.

Amir Hussain Amu said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is aware of the problems of the primary teachers and her cabinet will provide every possible facilities to the primary teachers' community.

Later the primary teachers brought out a procession on the city streets and ended it in front of the National Press Club.

Need for unity among Muslim ummah stressed

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury yesterday stressed the need for building unity and solidarity among the Muslim Ummah to restore its lost glory, reports BSS.

"If the ideals of Islam are established, well-being of all men irrespective of caste and creed would be ensured," he said as the chief guest at a seminar on the "Holy Prophet Muhammad (SM), Islamic Unity and Salvation of Humanity" at the Osman Memorial Auditorium in the city.

The Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dhaka, arranged the seminar marking the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi and the Islamic Unity Week.

The Speaker said Islam is a complete code of life and there is no scope to observe it separately. Peace, friendship and fraternity among the Muslims could be established following Islam completely in the present world, torn by unrest and animosity, he said.

He also emphasised the need for the implementation of the ideals of Islam at personal and state levels for the sake of welfare in the world and peace in after world.

Iranian Ambassador in Dhaka Mohammad Sadegh Fayyaz spoke at the function as the special guest.

The khatib of Lalbagh Shahi Mosque Maulana Aminul Huq presided over the seminar while Prof Serajul Huq presented the keynote paper.

Pak delegation visits BOU

A Pakistani delegation led by Education Secretary Dr Safdar Mahmood visited the Bangladesh Open University campus at Gazipur Thursday. The members of the delegation were received by BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam, says a press release.

They exchanged views with the Vice-Chancellor, deans and directors of BOU in collaboration between BOU and Allama Iqbal Open University.

The delegation leader stressed the need for regional satellite communication for exchange of education at programs. The BOU VC pointed out that an MBA programme sponsored by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) for the open universities of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will be launched soon.

Other members of the Pakistan delegation were Dr GA Mianna, Member, UGC, Dr Muhammad Tariq Siddiqui, VC, Quaid-e-Azam University, Dr Parveen Shahid, Joint Education Advisor, Ministry of Education, and Dr Nazir Mughal, VC, University of Sindh.

Passing out parade of women cadet SI of police

RAJSHAHI, July 10: The passing out parade of 12 women cadet sub inspectors (SI) of police was held on Sardah Police Academy parade ground here reports BSS.

Inspector General of Police Mohammad Ismail Hossain attended the function as the chief guest and took salute.

Speaking on the occasion, he called upon the members of the police to discharge their duties sincerely and work for the welfare of people. He said it was the duty of the law-enforcing personnel to maintain law and order in society and ensure safety and security of the life and property of the citizens of the country.

He also asked them to raise the standard of their service in the greater national interest.

New body of CMC BCL unit

CHITTAGONG, July 10: A K M Aminul Islam and Mohammad Babul Mia have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Chittagong Medical College chapter at a conference held here yesterday, reports BSS.

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AGM of Graduate Microbiologists Assoc held

By DU Correspondent
The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Graduate Microbiologists Association and a seminar on 'Scope of Microbiology in National Development' was held in the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday.

Prof Mozammel Haq presented the keynote in the seminar. Presided over by Dr Munirul Alam the programme was addressed by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, Vice President of North South University Hafiz G A Siddiki, Prof Noim Chowdhury, Prof Sirazul Islam Khan, Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury was the chief guest.

A fifteen-member executive body with Dr Munirul Alam and Mohammad Illias as the president and general secretary respectively was formed in the AGM. A cultural programme followed the seminar and AGM.

Thai deputy FM departs

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand M R Sukhumbhand Paribatra left the city yesterday ending his three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury was at the airport to bid him farewell.

It was Paribatra's first visit to Bangladesh and he termed it as 'successful'.

During his stay here, Paribatra signed an extradition treaty with Bangladesh and exchanged notes on avoidance of double taxation between the two countries.

He called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and held official talks with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

The Thai minister also attended the opening of a Thai trade fair and spoke at a symposium for the Thai businessmen willing to do business in Bangladesh.

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