### Youth festival begins tomorrow

The National Youth Festival '98 will begin in the city tomorrow to highlight the self-help initiatives among the youths. reports APB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the eight-day festival at the Osmani Memorial Hall as chief guest, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader told a press conference yesterday.

The programmes of the youth festival include a 'youth fair' to be inaugurated by Com-merce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed on Tuesday afternoon at the Sultana Kamal Woman Sports Complex.
Seminars will also be ar-

ranged on the occasion. Obaidul Quader listed the various development programmes undertaken by the government across the country for generating employment for

the youths. He said computer training centres ere being set up in different district headquarters to turn young men and women into a skilled workforce.

During the current fiscal, the state minister said, an amount of Tk 27 crore out of the total Tk 63 crore has already been disbursed among the jobless

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The assurance came from the visiting three-member team One held with of CIDA who paid a courtesy call on Law Minister Abdul arms in Narsingdi Matin Khasru at his office yes-

Robert D Woodhouse, Bangladesh Affairs Country Director of CIDA, led the delegation, said an official handout. During the meeting, they also discussed the proposed National Human Rights Commission, Grameen Court and the

office of Ombudsman. The Law Minister sought financial and technical assistance from CIDA for the successful setting up of the proposed institutions - National Human Rights Commission, Grameen Court and the office of Ombudsman.

Khasru apprised the delegation about the government's various programmes to reform the country's conventional laws, especially those related to commerce, finance and bank-

### ABC general body AGM today

The annual general meeting of general body of Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) will be held at its head office today, reports UNB.

The election to ABC's executive committee for 1999-2000 will be held at 6:00 pm after the AGM, said a press release.

#### CIDA keen to PM condoles provide help death of for legal reform PN Haksar programmes

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock at the death of PN Haksar, former Special Assistant to the then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, reports UNB.

In a message yesterday, Hasina said, "We remember him with great admiration and affection for the invaluable role that he played during our glorious war of liberation in 1971." The prime minister said Bangladesh had lost a good

friend by the death of Haksar. She prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her heart-felt sympa-thy to the bereaved family members.

### British state minister due today

British Minister of State for Competition and Consumer Affairs Dr Kim Howells arrives in the city today on a three-day visit, reports BSS. This will be his first official

visit to Bangladesh. Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed and Dr Howells will jointly inaugurate a three-day UK trade fair at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on December 2.

During his visit, Dr Howells will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

He will also call on the Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia. Dr Howells will also have

discussions with the local business leaders at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry

#### Picture on Dhaka's flood to be used on front cover of WB publication

A photograph of Dhaka during this year's devastating flood will be used on the front cover of the forthcoming publi-cation of World Bank to illustrate the vulnerability of Bangladesh to climate changes, sources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said yesterday, reports BSS.

Colorado based Stratus Consulting Inc. which counsels the World Bank on environmental matters, recently spotted a photograph on the Website run by external publicity wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The photographs depict the situation in the capital's diplomatic area during flood which

engulfed a large part of the city.
The consulting firm said they are in the process of developing a report on Bangladesh. The company sought permission to use the photograph and consent has already been given, the sources said.

### FBCCI team leaves for Kathmandu

A three-member delegation of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) left Dhaka for Kathmandu yesterday to attend a meeting on "Economic Cooperation in the Emerging East, reports APB.

FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintoo, who is leading the delegation, will chair a session of the meeting, being jointly organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta and Asian Development Bank.

The other members of the delegation are FBCCI Executive Committee member Abdul Haque and General Body member of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Safiullah Chowdhury.

### Relief goods distributed

Bangladesh Navy Ship Surma rushed to the cyclonehit area of Dublar Char with relief materials received from DC Khulna and TNO Bagerhat following directives of the gov-ernment, on November 24, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

BNS Surma distributed relief goods among 800 cyclone-hit people at Dublar Char. The relief goods included biscuits, chira, molasses, candle, matches and fresh drinking water. A navy medical team also gave treatment to the affected people



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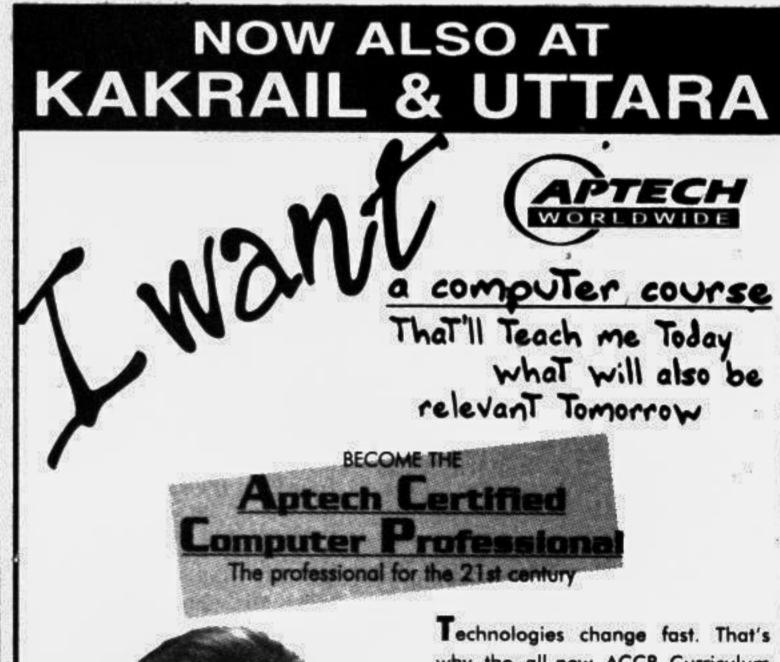
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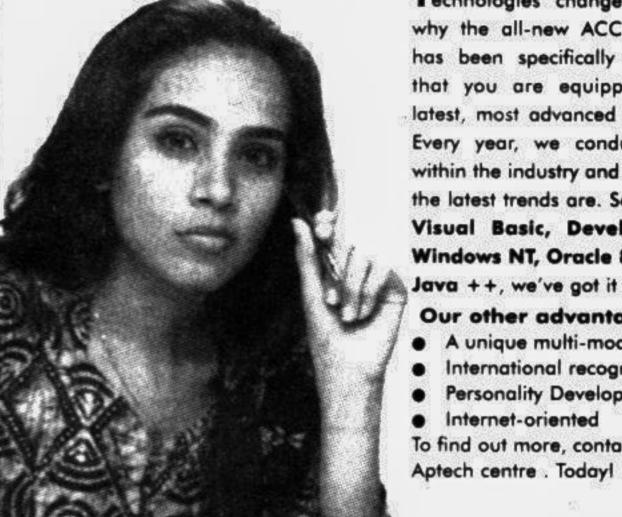
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with morning mist over the river basin across the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today. reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 16.5 degree Celsius at Rajshahi. The sun sets today at 5:10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:25 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	29.8	17.5	<b>7</b> 6	80
Chittagong	31.2	21.2	72	78
Khulna	30.0	18.2	71	75
Rajshahi	29.2	16.5	74	89
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A discussion meeting will be held to commemorate the 2nd death anniversary of A S M Mostafizur Rahman, former Home, Commerce and Foreign Minister, former member of the Standing Committee of BNP and one of the primary founders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. You are cordially invited to grace the function, with your presence.

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