

## Weather

## Night temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with partly cloudy sky during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. reports UNB.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, according to Met Officer forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 13.3 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets today at 5:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:31 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	Max 28.5 Min 17.4	82 80
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Khulna	29.0	81 80
Rajshahi	28.0	86 82

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## 50th anniversary of HR Declaration today

The 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

Fifty years ago, a group of human rights activists gathered at the French capital of Paris and prepared a universal document for upholding the basic rights of the mankind.

On this day in 1948, the UN General Assembly adopted the document making it a Declaration of the UN. Since then, the human rights activists worldwide observe the day as Human Rights Day every year.

Various government and non-government and human rights organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion.

Shahabuddin Ahmed in his message said, "We aspire and strive to promote the global cause of freedom and to fulfil our obligation to create a more peaceful, tolerant, secure and prosperous world for succeeding generations."

The President reaffirms Bangladesh's commitment to the principles of this sacred document.

In her message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the international community to come together on an integrated approach to the question of human rights so that every man, woman and child can live in peace with dignity and enjoy all freedoms.

Sheikh Hasina said her government is determined to ensure the full implementation of the provisions contained in the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights.

The Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (DHRB), a project under the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs will hold a seminar on "All Human Rights for All" at a local hotel at 4:15 pm today.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will attend the function as chief guest while Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru will preside.

The DHRB will also hold an open discussion on the Draft Bill on National Human Rights Commission in Bangladesh at 11 am at the same venue on the occasion.

Amnesty International will bring out a colourful procession from Ramna Batai to National Press Club at 7:30 am.

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission will hold a national seminar at CARITAS auditorium at 10 am. Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights will organise a discussion at its office at 11 am.

## New DPRK envoy presents credentials

The newly appointed Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Bangladesh R I Sang Il presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the Ambassador, President Shahabuddin recalled with deep appreciation and gratitude that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was one of the first countries that recognised Bangladesh after independence in 1971.

He said the relations between the two countries are very close and friendly and it can be further strengthened through greater bilateral cooperation, especially in the field of trade, commerce and investment.

The President mentioned that Madhyapara hard rock project is being implemented with North Korean assistance and 20 Bangladeshis are getting training in mine technology in North Korea.

He said both the countries may share expertise and experience for the welfare of the two peoples. The President observed that both the countries share common views in the international and multinational fora.

Reciprocating the sentiment, R I Sang Il expressed the hope that the existing friendly bilateral relations between Bangladesh and DPRK would be further strengthened in future.

Earlier, on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the Ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's guard regiment. He took the salute and reviewed the guard.

Secretary to the President Mohammad Enamul Huq, Foreign Secretary Mustafizur Rahman and MSP Major General A M Siraj were present on the occasion.

## IPAC, BOI discuss investment prospects in Bangladesh

The visiting delegation from Brussels-based International Public Affairs Centre (IPAC) yesterday had a meeting with the Executive Chairman of the Board of Investment, Farooq Sobhan, to discuss investment prospects and opportunities in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

IPAC president Dr M H Battal led the 25-member delegation.

During the meeting at the BOI conference room, Farooq Sobhan explained in details the excellent investment opportunities in Bangladesh available to foreign investors.

The BOI Chairman highlighted the policy measures being implemented by the government recently for attracting FDI in Bangladesh.

He also made a multi-media presentation on "Investment Prospects and Opportunities in Bangladesh."

He sought cooperation of IPAC delegation in attracting Foreign Direct Investment in Bangladesh, especially in some thrust sectors like — oil and gas exploration, power generation, telecommunications, textiles, infrastructure, roads and high ways, software development and chemicals.

The IPAC president thanked the government of Bangladesh for organising the visit and assured that he would try his best to convey the prevailing business and investment friendly atmosphere in Bangladesh to the seven thousand members of the IPAC forum.

The meeting was followed by a question-answer session.

## Birth anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi

The 146th birth anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi will be observed today at Ramakrishna Mission in the city, says a press release.

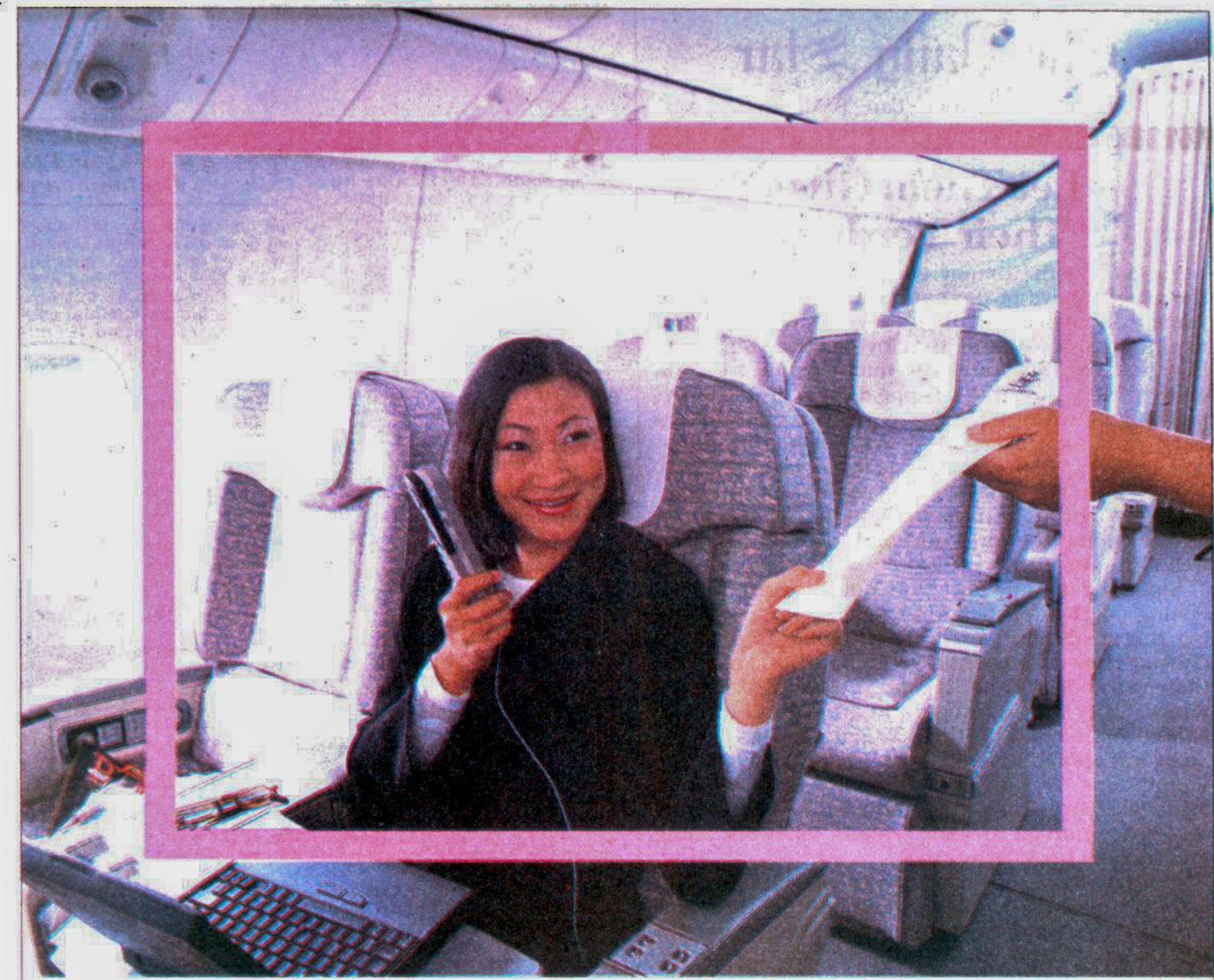
The programme consists of special puja, homa, devotional songs, and study of scriptures.

A discussion on 'The life and ideal of Sri Sarada Devi' will be held at 5 pm with Chitra Bhattacharya MP in the chair.

Professor Nilima Ibrahim will be present as chief guest while the speakers are Prof Razia Sultana, Department of Bengali, Dhaka University, Sufia Rahman, Introducer, Bangladesh Betar, Ayesha Zulias, Research Fellow, University Grants Commission and Pratima Sen, Lecturer, Lalmoni Women's College.

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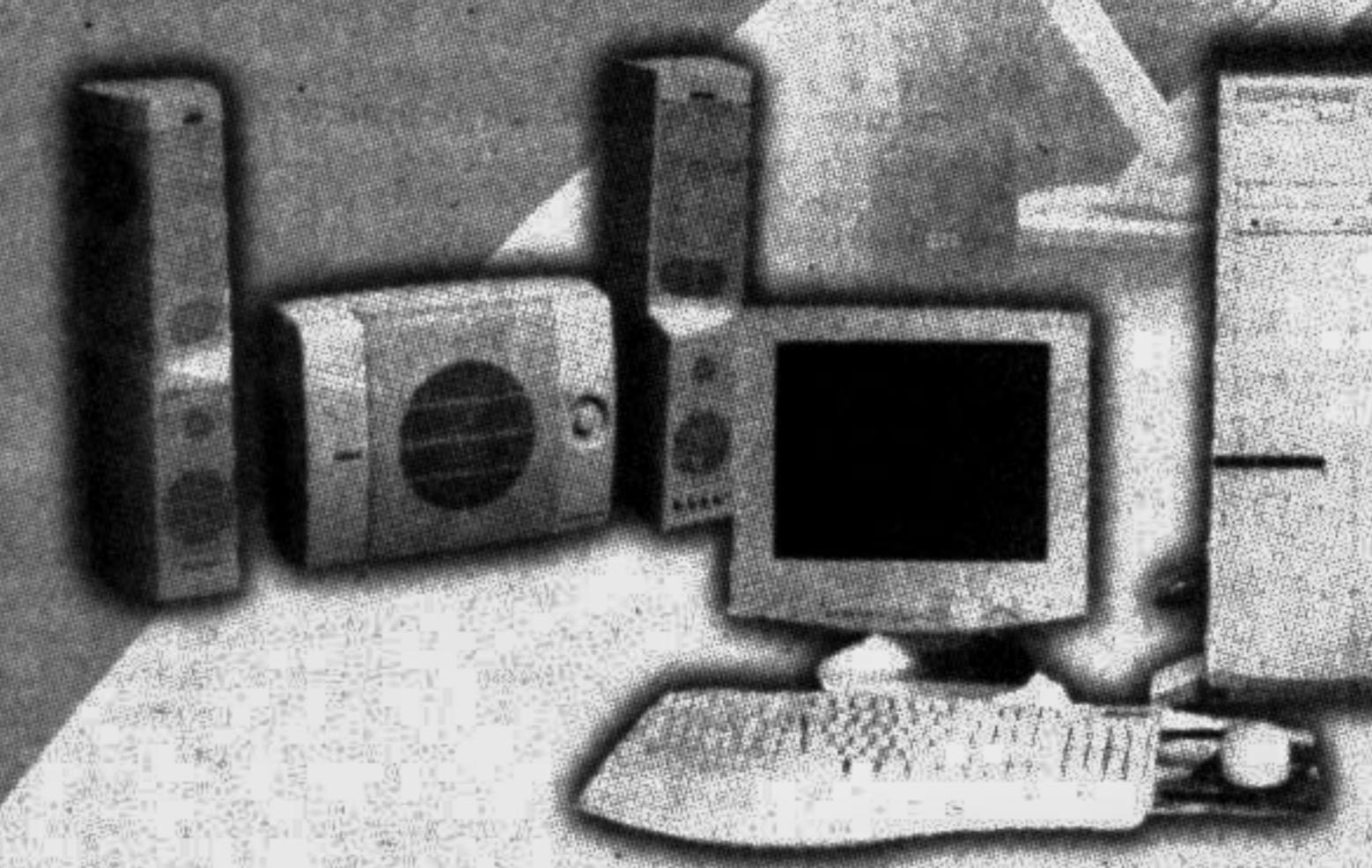


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