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Four BCSIR laboratories to be set up

Chairman of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Prof Mosihuzzaman has said four BCSIR laboratories will be set up in Rangamati, Saidpur, Cox's Bazar and Sundarbans.

(Mongal), reports BSS. Prof Zaman disclosed this while presenting his keynote paper at symposium in the city yesterday.

The chairman of BCSIR said

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1. Name of work : Contract of 44 nos. new dist. headquarter in Bangladesh one at Madaripur. SH: Improvement of low land area and site of boundary wall in front of Dist Judges Court Bldg at Madaripur for the year 1998-99.

2. Estimated cost : Tk 9,92,778/-

3. Earnest money : Tk 19,856/-

4. Time allowed : 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the date of issue of work order.

Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, notice inviting tender, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and the office of all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Barisal on payment of usual charges during office hours on all working days. The tender form will be sold up to 28-12-98.

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The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India, is offering scholarships to meritorious students from Bangladesh to study in various Indian Colleges and Universities during the academic year 1999-2000. These scholarships are for studies in various general disciplines, for courses in traditional Indian languages like Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit, courses in various Sports disciplines and for studies in the field of Culture. They are available for courses at the under-graduate, post-graduate, M.Phil., Ph.D., M.Tech. and post-doctoral research levels.

Students interested in applying for these scholarships may do so in the prescribed format to the First Secretary (Education), High Commission of India, Dhaka. They may also send a copy of their application to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh. THE LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AT THE EDUCATION WING OF HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IS JANUARY 25, 1999.

Further information along with forms for applying for this scholarship, may be collected from the Education Wing, High Commission of India, House No.120, Road No.3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka (Tel No.500597), on any working day w.e.f. December 23, 1998 between 0830 hrs and 1100 hrs. Forms can also be collected from and deposited with the Assistant High Commission of India, Chittagong/Rajshahi.

Programmes to observe birth anniversary of Shawkat Osman

By Staff Correspondent

Shawkat Osman Parishad (SOP) has drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the 83rd birth anniversary of noted litterateur Shawkat Osman on January 2, says a press release.

The programmes include visiting the mazar of the litterateur at the Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard in Mirpur in the morning and a discussion at the National Museum at 11 am. The National Museum will also hold an exhibition on the day, the release said.

Earlier, the SOP held a meeting at the National Museum on December 7 to discuss the birth anniversary celebrations. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural affairs Obaidul Quader, DG of National Museum Dr Shamsuzzaman Khan, journalists Abed Khan, Abul Kalam Azad, A Latif Khan and Udayan Bikash Barua took part in the discussion presided over by SOP convening committee member Santosh Gupta.

Cable operators protest killing of Sohel Chowdhury

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Cable Operators' Association, Bangladesh Cable TV Owners' Federation and CIDAKEB yesterday protested the killing of filmstar Sohel Chowdhury.

The members of three associations also condole the death of the filmstar at a meeting on the Banani Mosque premises.

In protest of the killing, the members decided to hoist black flags at all cable network offices from 18-23 December. Operation of all cable network across the country will also be suspended for three hours from 3 pm, on December 23. And a condolence meeting and *milad mahfil* will be held on December 23.

Federation senior vice president Talat Iqbal, general secretary K M Ahmed Razu, vice president Hamidullah Sarkar Majibar, association general secretary Khan Manjurul Islam Palash and office secretary Sha Emran Azad, among others, were present at the meeting.

President for setting up high speed optical link to Internet

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday said despite resource constraints Bangladesh must try to establish high speed optical (fibre) link for getting access into Information Superhighway, reports BSS.

Bangladesh doesn't have any physical link to the world of Information Superhighway and our access to the Internet is limited by the maximum bandwidth offered by Virtual Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT).

President Shahabuddin Ahmed was inaugurating a three-day International Conference on Computer and Information Technology at the auditorium of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

He said establishment of high speed optical link to the Information Superhighway will not only ensure higher speed, but it will also help increase the overseas trade and commerce of the country.

He said the revolutionary developments in the field of computer and information technology have made a tremendous impact on mankind.

"Computers, which are now being used in almost every sphere of life from simple household uses to highly automated production lines, also play a vital role in decision-making activities," the President said.

The President said the people around the world are much closer today than even a few years ago due to the rapid development.

opment of the Internet Technology and Information Superhighway. The world of information is now a finger tip away, he observed.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed said adequate measures should be taken to check abuse of Internet. Security of transactions over the Internet must be ensured for safeguarding all parties involved in the electronic commerce, he said.

Stressing introduction of new laws, the President said necessary laws must be framed in order to prevent abusive use of Internet.

He said proper copyright laws must be enacted to protect the Information Technology developers.

Elaborating the significance of IT sector, the President said no organisation, be it educational or commercial, can reach its desired goal without

exploiting the vast potentials of Information Technology.

Wishing success of the conference, the President said the presence of distinguished foreign academicians and researchers will give Bangladeshi academicians, information technology professionals and students an opportunity to evaluate their work in broader international perspective.

Chaired by Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof Noor Uddin Ahmed the inaugural session was addressed by noted IT and computer experts Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Prof MA Karim, Prof M Kaykobad and Prof Syed Mahfuzul Aziz.

A total of 165 IT and computer experts from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Finland, Japan, United Kingdom, USA, Malaysia, Thailand, Canada and Singapore are participating in the conference.

New committee of Feni Jubo Dal

A new executive committee of the Feni district unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal was formed yesterday, reports UNB.

The district convening committee at a special meeting at the Jubo Dal central office in the city made Syed Mizanur Rahman president and Jahangir Alam general secretary of the unit, said a party press release.

Presided over by district Jubo Dal convenor Zia Uddin, the meeting was also attended by its general secretary Sayed Khan and Prof Joynal Abedin.

The new president and general secretary meet BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at her official residence in the evening.

Ikebana show held

The Ikebana Show '98 competition, an exhibition of Japanese style presentation of flowers, was held at Parjatan Hotel, Abakash, in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Some 52 competitors took part in the competition, organised by the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh.

Rina Rahman, Rahim Afroz and Farida Samad won first, second and third prizes respectively, said a press release.

State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Huq distributed prizes among the winners.

Minister of Japanese Embassy in Dhaka Shigeru Maruyama inaugurated the show in the morning. A large number of flower lovers visited the day-long show.

Weather
Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country 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 the Met Office.

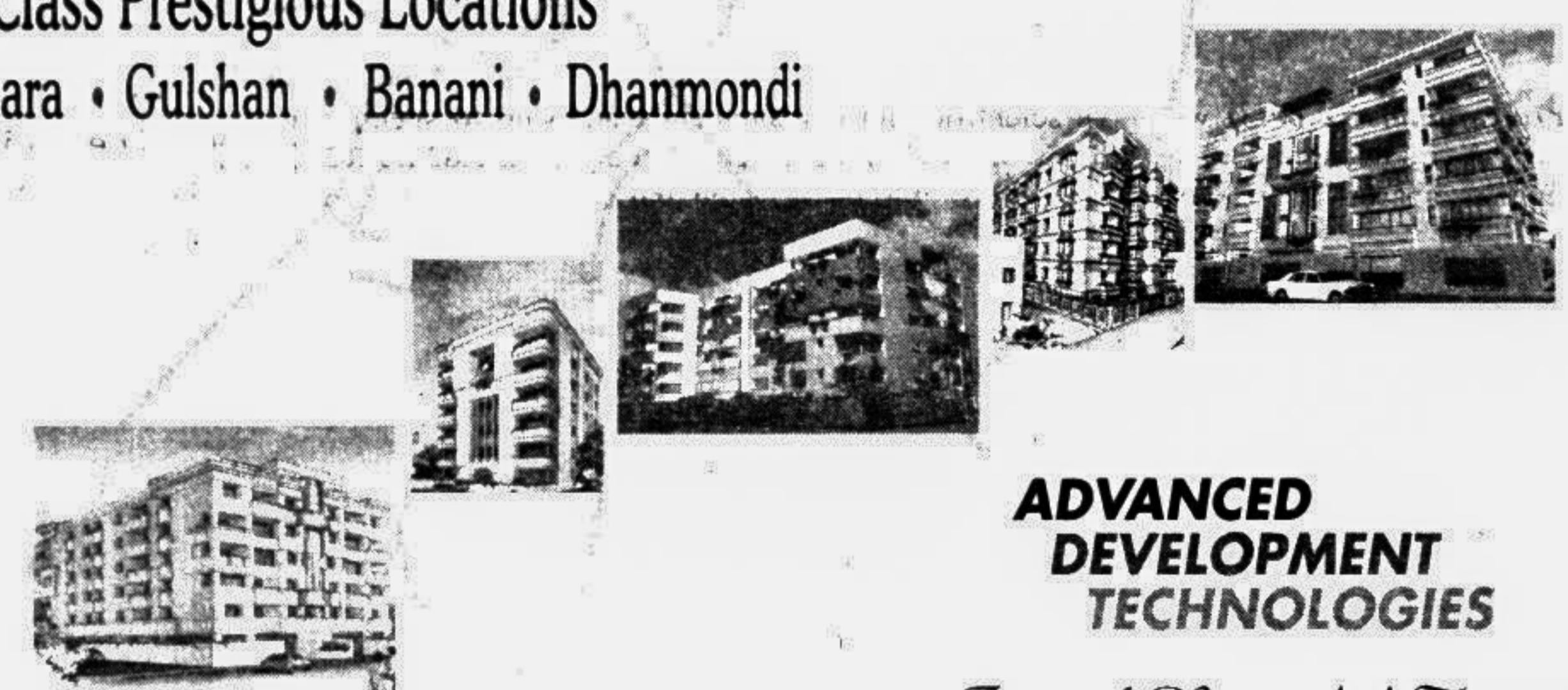
Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and Cox's Bazar and the lowest 12.0 degree Celsius at Jessore, Chittagong and Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:15 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:36 am.

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