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Registration will be on First Come First Serve basis. Please contact the Hotel Sheraton Banquet/Front Desk Lobby Between 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. for your Registration. Last Date for Registration is 7th February 1999.

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## President, PM greet Khatami

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate messages yesterday felicitated Iranian President Seyed Mohammad Khatami on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Islamic Revolution in Iran, reports BSS.

In his message President Shahabuddin recalled the sufferings and sacrifices of the Iranian people in achieving the victory aimed at establishing an exploitation-free society based on equality, justice, freedom and rule of law.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message, said the people of Bangladesh who endured tremendous sacrifices and sufferings for achieving freedom and social justice, share the jubilation of the Iranian people on this occasion.

Appreciating the Iranian leadership towards achieving socio-economic goals and Islamic social justice, Sheikh Hasina supported the proposal of Iran for a dialogue among civilisations.

She expressed the confidence that under the wise leadership of President Khatami Iran would achieve greater political and socio-economic successes.

**Prof Shahadat Ali appointed Pro-VC of DU**

By DU Correspondent  
Professor Shahadat Ali of the Zoology Department was appointed Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University yesterday. He will take over his new charge today.

The post of Pro-VC fell vacant as Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed resigned on January 14 to join a university in the USA as visiting professor.

Prof Ali joined the university as a lecturer in 1968. He served as the chairman of the Zoology Department from '91 to '94 and was Dean of the Biological Science Faculty during 1994-95. He was also house tutor and acting provost of Fazlul Haq Hall and Shahidullah Hall.

He is the author of four textbooks for graduate and post-graduate level and two books on science.

He was awarded a gold medal by Bangladesh Women Scientists Association in 1994 for his outstanding contribution to science.

Meanwhile, appointment of an additional Pro-VC has already been finalised by the Parliamentary Committee, sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury said another Pro-VC is essential to face the rising pressure of various administrative activities of the university.

However, he said, appointment of another Pro-VC would be made after passing of the bill in the parliamentary session.

The bill for appointing another Pro-VC for DU is awaiting the final approval in parliament, sources said.

All other universities of the country have two posts of Pro-VC except the DU.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the sixth unit of Ghorasal Power Station yesterday. (Story on Page 1). — PID photo

## 'Country's environment suitable for hybrid rice'

Environment in Bangladesh is highly conducive to producing hybrid rice as well as seed, reports APB.

This was stated by National Professor of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and founder of hybrid rice in India, Dr E A Siddiqi, while addressing a seminar and dialogue session on 'Hybrid Technology for Sustained Growth of Rice Production' at BARC in the city yesterday.

He said that the technology orientation among the administrators, policy makers and adequate investment in this regard are of prime importance to help flourish cultivation of hybrid rice in Bangladesh.

The Indian agri-expert also called for concerted efforts of researchers, extension workers, private entrepreneurs and NGOs to develop and disseminate the technology at the farmers' level.

Dr M A Hamid Miah, Director General of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) said, "we want to grow hybrid seed and seedlings locally for their easy access to the growers."

Presiding over the seminar-cum-dialogue, BARC executive chairman Dr Z Karim said hybrid production could be doubled than that of the traditional variety provided necessary climatic condition is maintained.

"After a few years, hybrid might be suitable than that of the existing varieties," he said

and urged the private sector to invest in seed production and added that hybrid rice imported from India and China, has already been tested through necessary procedures.

According to sources, import of four varieties of hybrid rice — ACI Seed, Mallika, Macdonalds and Seedmans — have already been permitted by the government.

## BETA Eid reunion held

By Staff Correspondent  
Bangladesh English Teachers' Association (BETA) and English Language Teaching Improvement Project (ELTIP) will work together to promote and boost the cause and standard of English language teaching in the country.

This was agreed at the BETA Eid reunion meeting at the Officers' Club on Wednesday, says a press release.

Presided over by BETA president Prof M Anisur Rahman, the function was attended by Tom Hunter, team leader of the ELTIP, as a guest of honour.

Other distinguished guests included ELTIP field manager Dr Simon Kay, project director Raihana Shams and teacher-training adviser Ian Thomas.

The programme was conducted by BETA organising secretary Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman.

## Prize bond draw results

The 14th draw of 100-Taka Prize Bond was held in the city yesterday with Additional Commissioner Dhiraj Malakar in the chair, says a press release.

The results are as follows:  
First prize — 034322; Second prize — 0036378; Third prize — 0181112 and 0958166; Fourth prize — 0144537 and 0829486; and the Fifth prize — 0005122, 0014632, 0037108, 0084890, 0094618, 0109195, 0127663, 0138666, 0162878, 0194056, 0219591, 0279024, 0281758, 0325169, 0350755, 0361445, 0404050, 0414257, 0432505, 0505417, 0513472, 0521085, 0547123, 0578236, 0578770, 0583410, 0630628, 0690141, 0709256, 0726226, 0733728, 0807055, 0861178, 0863943, 0883738, 0886597, 0900030, 0902956, 0922276, 0957108.

## 34 arrested in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested 34 persons on various charges from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours, reports BSS.

CMP sources said, one Abdul Majid was arrested in connection with kidnapping of Belal, 22, from Rajkhal area here on Saturday.

Majid and Belal are locked in a dispute over land property. Belal remained untraced till the writing of this report.

The remaining 33 arrested persons included seven wanted criminals, 16 under CMP Act and 10 on different charges.



Former resident students of the Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University came to the dormitory yesterday to join its silver jubilee celebrations. — Star photo

**Weather**

### Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky across the country during the next 12 hours, reports APB.

The Met Office says slight fall in night temperature is expected during the period over the country.

There would be little change in the subsequent two days and no remarkable change is likely in the following five days.

The country's lowest temperature of 8.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishurdi and the highest 30.4 degrees at Sandwip.

The sun sets today at 5:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	12.6	26.8	56	63
Chittagong	16.8	28.3	72	60
Rajshahi	9.3	24.7	64	63
Khulna	12.8	26.5	71	54
Barisal	12.4	26.8	67	45
Sylhet	12.3	27.7	79	45
Cox's Bazar	17.8	29.2	74	66

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Department of Agriculture Extension Horticulture Development Project Horticulture Centre, Tebunia, Pabna

### Tender Notice

Memo No: 16 Dated: 7-1-99

Scaled bids are invited from manufacturers, bonafide firms/having trade licence, and workshop to supply furnitures for the Horticulture Centre Tebunia, Horticulture Development Project (DAE Component) under the Asian Development Bank Loan No-Ban (SE)-1010. Tender documents will be available at the office of the Asstt. Horticulturist, Horticulture Centre, Tebunia up to 10th February, 1999 during office hours.

Cost of tender : Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only.

Intending supplier must submit their original trade licence, and VAT registration during the purchase of tender schedule, without which tender schedule will not be sold.

Earnest money : 2.5% (two & half) of the quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/DD in favour of Asstt. Horticulturist, Horticulture Centre, Tebunia, Pabna.

Date & time of : 11th February, 1999 up to 11:00 AM.

dropping tender

Place of dropping : Office room of Asstt Horticulturist, Horticulture Centre, Tebunia, Pabna.

tender

Date & time of : 11th February, 1999 at 12:00 Noon opening tender (in presence of the tenderer, if any).

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Md Abdus Samad Shek** Asstt Horticulturist Horticulture Centre Tebunia, Pabna.

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### Admission in IIT

It is notified for information of the candidates (passing HSC examination in 1996-1998) who applied for admission in the 4-year BSc Programme in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Mechanical Engineering during the 1998-99 Academic Year in the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Board Bazar, Gazipur that the candidates having aggregate of 78% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics in the HSC examination have been placed in the waiting list and are eligible for admission. They are asked to see the list of the eligible candidates in the Notice Boards of the Administrative Building of the IIT or the Notice Board of the Bangladesh Manpower Employment and Training Bureau (BMET), Kakrail, Dhaka, as no separate selection letter will be issued and sent to the individual candidates.

The last date of payment of the fees of US\$ 4500/- (Four thousand five hundred US dollars) or Taka equivalent (Bangladesh currency) of US\$ 4500/- in the form of Demand Draft drawn on "Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd or any other scheduled Bank on their Dhaka City Branch" favouring "Islamic Institute of Technology, Dhaka" is 07 February, 1999 failing which this provisional selection will stand cancelled.

**Registrar**

**What's on today . . .**

**Art exhibition:** The fourth art exhibition organised by Purbita, a group of women artists, will be inaugurated. Venue: Children's auditorium, National Museum. Time: 10:30 am. The exhibition will remain open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Museum's main auditorium till Feb 3.

**Award ceremony:** Aranyak Natya Dal will present the first 'Aranyak Dipu Smriti Award', named after late actor Dipu, to actress Shimul Yusuf. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 6 pm.

**Workshop:** A day-long workshop on "Y2K issues in the financial system of Bangladesh" will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management. Venue: BIMM seminar hall, Plot: 4, Rd: 1(South), Section: 2, Mirpur. Time: 9 am-6 pm.

**Rotary meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

**Nat'l workshop on education begins today**

Dhaka Ahsania Mission and the National Curriculum and Text Book Board (NCTB) have jointly organised a 4-day national workshop with the objective of preparing curriculum outline for re-orienting education towards sustainable development, development of teaching-learning materials, specially on the aspects of quality of life, and experimental use of the packaged materials in practical learning situation, says a press release.

Selected policymakers, planners, experts, educationists and professionals will participate.

The workshop will begin today at the conference room of Ahsania Mission at House: 19, Rd: 12, Dhanmondi.

**CU classes resume today**

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Classes of Chittagong University will resume tomorrow after a 46-day long vacation for holy Ramadan. Eid-ul-Fitr and Saraswati Puja, reports BSS.

All dormitories of the university have been opened and students are returning to their respective halls.

**ELT book exhibition**

A 3-day international conference on English Language Teaching (ELT) is being held in the city, says a press release.

An ELT book exhibition began at the British Council at Fuller Road on Saturday to coincide with the conference.

The exhibition will be open till tomorrow from 10 am-4 pm.

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- The procurement will be financed under Cash Foreign Exchange Resource.
- Qualification of the Contractor/supplier : Manufacturers/Suppliers having proven experience of similar works/supply.
- Where tender documents will be available : BGSL Offices at:  
a) Head Office Complex, Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh.  
b) BGSL's Liaison Office, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.  
c) Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Sales Department, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholasahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- Selling time of tender documents : From 07.02.1999 to 23.03.1999 during office hours.
- Place of tender receiving : BGSL's Liaison Office, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.
- Bid bond amount : 2.5% of the total quoted amount.
- For further information and clarification please contact : Dy. General Manager (Purchase), BGSL, Comilla, Bangladesh. Fax No. 880-2-886317 880-2-9569199
- BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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