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

**Concluding ceremony:** The concluding ceremony of the 2-day seminar on 'Role of BSCIC in industrialisation in the 21st century' will be held. Chief guest: Md Hasibur Rahman Swapan MP. Venue: Academy of Planning and Development auditorium, Nilkhet. Time: 8 pm.

**Club meet:** The Rotary Club of Dhaka-Buriganga will hold its weekly meeting. The club will welcome a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from USA as special guests. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Condolence meet:** A condolence meeting will be held in memory of Dr Ahmad Sharif. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises. Time: 3 pm.

**Drawing competition:** Gandaria Kisholoy Kachi-Kanchar Mela has organised a 3-day programme on the occasion of the second Zainul-Qamrul National Drawing Competition for Children '99. Mostafa Monwar will inaugurate the programme. Venue: Mela premises, 15 Dinanath Sen Road. Time: 4 pm.

**Weather**

**No change in temperature**

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country during the next 12 hours, reports UNB. No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country, the Met Office predicted.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and Teknaf and the lowest 12.2 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets today at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18 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	30.9	16.3	37	42
Chittagong	33.0	18.5	56	41
Rajshahi	30.7	12.8	54	54

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**Suhrawardy Hospital to be turned into 375-bed hospital**  
Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said the Suhrawardy Hospital will be turned into a 375-bed full-fledged hospital to reduce growing pressure on Dhaka Medical College Hospital, reports BSS.  
"Work in this regard has already started," he said while speaking as the chief guest at a reception accorded to Prof RJ Garst and Merry Garst, now visiting Bangladesh, in the Pangu Hospital auditorium.  
Chaired by Pangu Hospital Director Prof Ruhul Huq, the function was also addressed by Bangladesh Medical Association Secretary General Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin and Prof Kazi Shahidul Alam.  
Recalling the humanitarian services rendered by Prof Garst for the recovery of disabled freedom fighters immediately after the War of Liberation, the health minister said, "Bangladesh will remain ever grateful to you for your contribution to the distressed humanity."  
In his speech, renowned orthopaedic Surgeon RJ Garst said, "Only the patients are the most important persons for any hospital. Treat them as if they are your parents and close relations."  
The minister unveiled the plaque of paraplegia ward of the Pangu Hospital after the name of RJ Garst.

**Hasina visits residence of Mustafiz**  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited the Gulshan residence of foreign secretary Mustafiz Rahman and placed wreaths on his coffin, reports BSS.  
Mustafiz Rahman died of cancer on Monday at a Singapore hospital and his body was brought here Monday night.  
The Prime Minister offered *fateha* and special *munjat* seeking divine blessings of Almighty Allah for eternal peace of the departed soul.  
Sheikh Hasina also consoled the wailing relatives of the late Rahman including his wife, son and daughters. She stayed some time with them.  
Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed, press secretary to the Prime Minister Jawadul Karim, acting foreign secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed and former president of FBCCI Yusuf Abdullah Haroon were present.

**Condolence meeting on Mustafiz Mar 4**  
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold a meeting on March 4 to condole the death of foreign secretary Mustafiz Rahman, reports BSS.  
Meanwhile, the *qulhwani* of Rahman will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at the official residence of foreign secretary at House No. NE (K)-6, Road-89, Gulshan-2, family sources said.

**Contractual appointment resented**  
By Staff Correspondent  
The BCS (Taxation) Association in a special emergency meeting yesterday strongly resented contractual appointment of a member of National Board of Revenue (NBR).  
The association expressed deep concern at such appointment as there are many efficient officials in the taxation cadre to fill up such positions, said a press release.  
With its president A S Zahir Mohammad in the chair, the meeting was held at its Segun Bagicha office. The association demanded of the government to stop such appointments.

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