

Nat'l workshop on quality health service begins today

A two-day national workshop on 'Local Level Planning for Quality Health Service' begins in the city today, says a press release.

Beginning at 9 am, the first session will be held at Sonaraggon Hotel. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf will be present as chief guest at the closing session tomorrow.

This is the last of a series of three national workshops organised by Thana Functional Improvement Pilot Project (TFIPP), a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Funded by European Commission (EC), TFIPP stands as a model of quality health service at the grassroots level.

The workshop have been organised by TFIPP in order to disseminate lessons learned from the project functioning in 55 thanas of six districts — Bagerhat, Barisal, Comilla, Nilphamari, Sunamganj and Rangpur. The overall objective of TFIPP is to increase the demand and use of health and family welfare facilities in the districts by improving the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of the health service.

The first workshop on User Fees for Quality Services was held on April 20-21 at LGED auditorium at Agargaon in the city. The second workshop on Community Clinics was held on May 10-11 at the BRAC Centre in the city.

The main components of the TFIPP programme include improvement of the health service delivery system, training of health service providers which include the doctors, nurses, health workers and assistants and even the health complex sweeper, bringing about behavioural changes in the service providers, improving infrastructure facilities, providing medical equipment, furniture, transport, promoting community participation and others.

JS body to visit Adamjee Jute mills

Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Jute Ministry yesterday decided to visit the Adamjee Jute Mills on June 19 to see the overall condition of the mills, reports BSS.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the committee held at the Sangsodhan Bhawan with its Chairman Mohammad Shamsul Haque in the chair.

The meeting also discussed different steps that may be taken for re-starting the Shambhuganj Jute Mills in Mymensingh. It advised the sub-committee to submit its report in this connection to the main committee before June 24.

Committee members, State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Haque, Dr MS Mokhelesur Rahman and Emdadul Haque Bhuiyan attended the meeting. Secretary of the Jute Ministry Mafizul Islam was present.

IDE concerned

By Staff Correspondent

The Institute of Diploma Engineers (IDE) has demanded of the government not to appoint the professionals with technical skills in administrative jobs.

At a meeting on Saturday, the central executive committee of IDE also expressed concern at the growing trend towards placing more and more technical personnel in administrative posts.

As a result, administrative system in the technical and engineering fields is on the brink of collapse and the crisis in water and power sectors is mounting, the meeting observed. IDE president Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan presided over the meeting, says a press release.

USIS Director's clarification

USIS Director John Kincannon yesterday clarified his position on the private universities in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

In a clarification of his speech at the AmCham-NSU seminar on Saturday, Kincannon said the UNB story that appeared in different newspapers yesterday reads as if 'I issued a blanket condemnation of private universities in Bangladesh. That is not my view.'

On the contrary, I am a strong advocate of quality public and private education. I believe that a great deal has been achieved in the private education sector that is positive and has offered valuable additional educational options to Bangladeshi students and their parents.

Kincannon said what he stated was 'There are a few private universities in Bangladesh that are aspiring to provide a high standard of education. Others are little more than computer training facilities with 75-100 students.'

'With 75-100 students, a university cannot give the wide range of multi-disciplinary educational training and the course offerings that the word 'university' implies.'

'To me, it makes sense for Bangladesh to regulate and accredit institutions that aspire to provide a university education separately from institutions that provide technical training, although both university education and technical training play a useful role in developing the Bangladesh economy.'

WASA pilot project to preserve rainwater

The Dhaka water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has taken up a pilot project for preserving rain water at its Kauran Bazar head office building to reduce the use of underground water in our daily life, reports BSS.

Under this project, WASA will reserve rainwater in a reservoir and supply it after the rains.

The decision to launch this pilot project was taken following the meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the WASA Authority on April 4.

In the meeting, the Prime Minister advised the WASA Authority to find out the ways and means to reduce the pressure on the surface water.

A WASA official said, the groundwork on the pilot project has already been started and it will be completed before the monsoon sets in.

The total cost of this project is estimated at Tk four lakh which will be spent on constructing a roof with cement wash, installing pipelines, and a filtering system. The rainwater will be preserved in a reservoir on the 6th floor of the WASA building and the water will be supplied through the pipelines to the users.

WASA supplies 110 crore litres of underground and surface water everyday to the city dwellers against the demand for 140 crore litres.

Ninety-six per cent of the supplied water come from underground level while the source of rest four per cent is surface water.

Officials said that if they could successfully complete the pilot project, they would take it up as a model and start motivational work in this line from next year.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at many places elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 37 degree Celsius was recorded at Chuadanga and the lowest of 23 degrees at Sathkura.

The sun sets today at 6:42 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 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	33.7	26.0	92	78
Chittagong	31.5	24.0	95	90
Rajshahi	35.8	25.5	86	75
Khulna	35.5	24.0	86	75
Barisal	34.5	25.0	89	78
Sylhet	29.7	24.0	100	86
Cox's Bazar	32.0	23.5	97	92



Cattle traders of Gabtoli brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press for the realisation of their outstanding dues from the traders in Chittagong. — Star photo

Cattle traders protest extortion

By Special Correspondent

Cattle traders of Gabtoli, the main cattle market of the country, staged demonstrations in the city yesterday demanding what they said, realisation of Tk 10 crore from the merchants of Chittagong and protesting extortion by different groups.

The Gabtoli Dhaka Gabadipashu Babosayi Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity also held a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club to highlight their plight particularly about the 'toll' they have to pay on the way while bringing cattle to Dhaka from 21 government-authorized points in the southwest and northwest region. It also sought intervention of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister in this regard.

General secretary of the Samity Anjad Hossain in a written statement accused the 'Sagorika Garu Bazar Babosayi Samity, Chittagong' of breach of contract on payment of outstanding dues.

He also refuted the allegations made by the Chittagong traders in this regard. On harassment of cattle traders by 'toll' collectors, he said that different kinds of people are involved in the extortion but did not reveal their identities.

He also gave some typical examples: When a consignment of cattle is transported from Daulatpur of Kushtia, a bordering thana, the 'Ijardar' collects extra Tk 23 for each cow at the Tarimahal ghat besides the government fixed toll. On the other side of the river at

Aratmahal, the 'Ijardar' also collects Tk 30. At Raita Patharghat of Behramara, the 'toll' is Tk 150 per truck carrying the cattle from there.

While crossing the Pabna district, each truck has to pay 'tolls' at the following rates: at Najipur school point—Tk 50, Pabna Sadar Traffic crossing—Tk 130, Pabna bus stand—Tk 250, and Kashinathpur Sadar—Tk 70, he said.

Truck coming from Rajshahi pays Tk 200 at Kashidanagar crossing, Kathalbari crossing Tk 250, Puthia traffic crossing Tk 50, Natore traffic crossing Tk 200, and Dashedia crossing Tk 50.

And the trucks coming from Natore pay Tk 100 at Bagha sadra thana crossing and Tk 300 at Lalpur thana crossing. Coming from Jhenidah, a truck pays Tk 650 at Sadar Sweet Mor Crossing, Tk 200 at Gopalpur Bazar Road and Tk 450 at Kaliganj thana bus stand crossing. At Bhaina crossing in Magura, a truck pays Tk 750, Tk 300 at Wapda crossing in Sirpur thana Tk 150 at Kamarkhali bazar (Madhukhali thana).

Tk 20 lakh foreign cigarettes seized

CHITTAGONG, May 30: Bangladesh Navy Ship Sagor during its routine patrol apprehended two country boats with 3,410 cartons foreign cigarettes worth about Tk 20 lakh 59 thousands on Saturday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

CHTRC first meet June 3

RANGAMATI, May 30: The first formal meeting of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) will be held on June 3 in the conference room of the makeshift building of CHTRC, the council sources said here today, reports BSS.

The organogram of the CHTRC and privileges of the council will figure high in the discussion of the meeting to be chaired by the Chairman of Council Jyotindra Bodhipriyo Larma, the sources said.

Chief executive officer of CHTRC Jatindra Prasad Tanchangya told BSS this evening that all the 21 councillors would attend the meeting which would take necessary decisions regarding the proper functioning of the CHTRC.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the CHTRC passed a busy day today at his official residence meeting people from different walks of life.

JS body reviews Private Members' Bills

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions was held yesterday at the Sangsodhan Bhawan with its Chairman Col. (ret'd) Shawkat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the District Judge Court (Jurisdiction) Bill '98 introduced by Rustum Ali Farazi, Criminal Court (Power Consolidation) Bill '98 and the Civil Courts Amendment Bill, 1998 introduced by Abdul Mannan and The Bangladesh Whips (Amendment) Bill, '99 introduced by Advocate Mohammad Rahmat Ali. It took a number of resolutions on these bills.

Committee members Abdul Latif Mirza, Rajiuddin Ahmad Raju and Barister Rabeya Bhuiyan attended the meeting.

Beyond the boundary

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land came face to face with reality for the first time in this competition. Suffice it to say, they were found wanting in more senses than one. India shrugged off any implications of the brown man's burden. This they did with an ease that bordered on nonchalance, that could almost be construed as, well, criminal.

Defending a total of 232, India with its paper thin bowling strength, put paid to English aspirations in the most conclusive manner possible. England, at the best of times, are a team of bits and pieces cricketers, who were today this murky afternoon that they were better off purveying their mundane trade in the more provincial surroundings of county cricket, rather than in the bigger setting of the World Cup.

Limping at 73 for 3 overnight, England never came to terms with a born again Indian team that was not ready to take a defeat in the proper spirit. For a change, Ashrafuddin himself revealed inner strength and a totally different personality that motivated his bowlers and fielders to deliver over and beyond the call of duty. Ganguly made it a match to remember, by picking up three English wickets while Kumble exposed the frailties of English batting in the most unflattering manner possible.

It was a cruel joke, England's dream of winning this World Cup remained just that, an ill advised dream. India dreamt and dared. That was the essential difference. India climbed unfamiliar heights in bowling and fielding to put the issue beyond doubt. They managed it to the Super Six. But, only just. England, on the other hand

missed out again; but they have a whole millennium lying ahead of them. They may over come, someday.

Australia, which kick started its campaign by virtue of its resounding win over Bangladesh, put the West Indians in their place, in no uncertain manner. They needed to win, and they won convincingly and in effortless style. Glenn McGrath carved the West Indian batting order like a serial killer gone berserk and the rest of the Australian bowling homed in on the kill.

Except for Ridley Jacobs, who must have been left wondering why he should have been the one to fight a lone battle, the rest of the batting, including Brian Lara, capitulated meekly. Australia romped home but in the process served a warning to the exclusive group of six. There is evidently more from where this came from. June promises to be a month to remember, broken dreams being the order of the day.

Now that South Africa has shown the chinks in their armour and the Indians their resilience, can the Aussies be far behind? Points, extra or otherwise, Super Six is obviously the place to be. This is where the action and teams who have made it the hard way must be on their best behaviour. After all, people who live in glass houses should not undress with the lights on.

DU admissions

Viva voce of Ka unit begins June 6

By DU Correspondent

The result of the admission test for the first year Honours course of 1998-99 of the Dhaka University under 'Ka' unit (Science, Biological Science, Pharmacy, Statistics and Institute of Nutrition and Food Science) were published yesterday.

The details of the result have been put up on the notice board of Faculty of Science. A total of 3,000 candidates have been called for the viva voce according to their merit positions. The viva voce will begin from June 6 at the Dean's office of the Faculty of Science.

The selected candidates have been asked to bring along admit cards of the admission test, original marksheets of SSC and HSC examinations and three copies of attested passport size photographs. They have been asked to collect two forms from the Dean's office and fill them up before the viva voce.

The detailed time table for the viva voce is as follows: June 6, merit position 1-50 (9 am to 1 pm), 51-100 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 7: 301-450 (9 am to 1 pm), 451-600 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 8: 601-750 (9 am to 1 pm), 751-900 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 9: 901-1050 (9 am to 1 pm), 1051-1200 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 10: 1201-1350 (9 am to 1 pm), 1351-1500 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 11: 1501-1650 (9 am to 1 pm), 1651-1800 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 12: 1801-2000 (9 am to 1 pm), 2001-2200 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 13: 2201-2400 (9 am to 1 pm), 2401-2600 (2 pm to 5 pm), June 14: 2601-2800 (9 am to 1 pm), 2801-3000 (2 pm to 5 pm).

Bangla Bazar Patrika Editor, reporter released

By Court Correspondent

The Editor and a reporter of Bangla Bazar Patrika got bail from the CMM's Court in a defamation case yesterday.

Earlier, the court issued a warrant of arrest against Zakaria Khan, the editor, and Naim Nizam, the reporter, after advocate Salma Islam filed a case accusing the two on May 19.

Advocate Salma, wife of Nurul Islam — the managing director of Jamuna Group of Industries, in the case demanded Tk 10 crore as compensation.

Salma alleged that the daily had published false reports in which has undermined and defamed her in the society and damaged the reputation of her husband and family.

Obituary

Razia Rahman, wife of late Col. (Ret'd) M. Rahman (Ex DMS), died at her Banani residence at 3:40 pm on Saturday, says a press release.

She was buried at the Cantonment graveyard.

Her kulkhwani will be held at her residence at 95 DOHS (old) Banani, Rd 6/B, after Asr prayers today.

NILPHAMARI, May 30: Begum Sabaya Rahman Sabi, wife of former minister late Masur Rahman alias Jadu Miah and mother of former minister Shaiful Gani Swapan, died of old-age complications at a hospital in America on Saturday. She was 68, reports UNB.

She left behind five sons, six daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her death.

Local MP Ahsan Ahmed and BNP leaders and Nilphamari Press Club president have expressed their sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of renowned lawyer of Chittagong, Advocate Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury, former member, Bangladesh Bar Council and former President, Chittagong Bar Association was held at his Chittagong residence on Saturday, reports BSS.

Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury died of a heart attack in Dhaka on May 26.

Tribute paid to Zia

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BNP and its different front organisations began a 12-day programme on Saturday to recall the contributions of Zia who introduced Bangladeshi nationalism, restored multi-party democracy and built friendly relations with the Islamic world.

The programmes included quran khwani, milad mahfil, photo exhibition, blood donation, discussion meetings and destitute feeding.

Yesterday, the day's programme began with hoisting of the National Flag, black flags and party flags at half-mast at BNP offices in the city and elsewhere in the country.

Different national dailies also published special supplements on the life and works of President Zia.

The quran khwani started at the mazar early in the morning, followed by a milad mahfil. It was attended by BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia, widow of Ziaur Rahman.

Begum Zia along with party's top leaders including Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain placed wreaths and offered fataha at Zia's mazar at 9:45 am.

Several thousand leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations, party MPs and supporters were present when Begum Zia placed wreaths.

She was followed by leaders of Chhatra Dal, Jubadal, Samik Dal, Mohila Dal, Krishak Dal, Jasas, Sechashebak Dal, Ulema Dal, Jatiyabadi Sangskritik Jote, Ainjibi Forum, Zia Academy and Zia Shishu-Kishore Academy.

Witnesses said BNP supporters wearing black badges started arriving at the mazar

SC Bar Assoc to accord farewell to former CJ

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association (BSCBA) will accord a farewell reception to outgoing Chief Justice ATM Afzal today, reports UNB.

The function will be held at the first court room of the Supreme Court at 10:30 am.

Supreme Court Lawyers' Association (SCLA) will also accord a separate farewell reception to Justice ATM Afzal at 4:30 pm on the same day at its auditorium.

Besides, BSCBA will accord a welcome reception to the newly appointed Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal at the Supreme Court first court room at 10:30 am Tuesday.

SCLA will also accord a reception to the new Chief Justice at its auditorium at 4:30 pm Thursday, said a press release.

Certificate giving ceremony of IHE course held

By DU Correspondent

The certificate awarding ceremony of five-week long course on 'Health Economics', conducted by the Institute of Health Economics (IHE) of Dhaka University, was held on Saturday at a city hotel.

Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of the university gave away the certificates among the participants as the chief guest.

Presided over by Prof AK Moavaruddin Ahmed, acting director of the institute, the programme was addressed, among others, by Prof Shahadat Ali, DU Pro-VC, Shantanu Mitra, First Secretary, DFID of British High Commission in the Dhaka and Azizur Rahman.

A total of 30 health administrators and doctors from the Ministry of Health, Directorate of Health Services and NGOs took part in the course.

WDYF GS exchanges views with DU student bodies

By DU Correspondent

Harachana Singh, General Secretary of World Democratic Youth Federation (WDYF) yesterday exchanged views with different student organisations active on the Dhaka University campus.

During the meeting he said, 'There is no alternative to united initiatives for the development and welfare of greater community in the South Asia'.

He also pointed out that problems of the region could be solved if the countries move together.

'Students and youths have to play key role in the movement for development,' he said.



The Board of Directors of Mercantile Bank Ltd held its first meeting at the bank's Head Office in the city on Saturday. Presided over by the bank's Chairman, Md Abdul Jalil, the meeting was attended, among others, by former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Lutfar Rahman Sarker and M Taheruddin. The meeting discussed the preparations for the opening ceremony of the bank, to be held on June 2.



Kutubuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Pinata Air Int'l Ltd and Andrew Walsh, Manager South Asia, British Airways World Cargo, recently signed an agreement for GSA. Md S. Shafique of British Airways World Cargo was also present.

premises from 8 am to place wreaths.

Mazar programmes over: Begum Zia, along with some party leaders, joined distribution of food among destitutes at 68 places in the capital from 11 am to 8 pm. BNP's city unit arranged destitute feeding at some 300 places.

She also joined milad mahfil and special prayers at some other places in the city.

A BNP press release said the party organised Khatam-e-Quran and milad mahfil at some 150 places including the party central office in the city yesterday.

Shaheed Zia Adarsha Bastabangara Parishad organised a blood donation programme on Zia's mazar premises in the morning.

The Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) led by Deputy Leader of the Opposition in parliament Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury placed wreaths and offered fataha at the mazar at 10 am.

DAB also arranged a milad mahfil at Dhaka Medical College mosque after the Jahn prayer. DAB leaders Dr MA Hadi, Dr AZM Zahid Hossain, Dr AKM Azizul Haq and Mosaddek Hossain Biswas Dumble attended the programme.

Jasas, the cultural wing of BNP, organised a photo exhibition on the life and work of Zia at 2600 Road, which was inaugurated by Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia visited the exhibition at noon.

Jatiyabadi Chalachitra (Film) Parishad distributed food among the destitute on the FDC premises in the evening.

India kick out

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to miss the left-hander's leg stump.

England skipper Alec Stewart said: 'Losing Nasser Hussain was disappointing and Graham Thorpe and Andrew Flintoff being adjudged lbw were the crucial wickets.'

As Thorpe walked off, shaking his head in disbelief, former England great Ian Botham, commenting for Sky Television, said: 'That was a shocker. There is no way that could have hit the stumps.... It was absolutely mindboggling.'

Sunil Gavaskar, a former captain of India, said: 'It was one of those decisions that immediately looked not out.'

Thorpe's exit for 36 sparked a collapse as the last seven wickets fell for 88 runs, England sliding to 169 all out in 45.2 overs.

Ganguly was India's hero. He made 40 before being unluckily run out on Saturday and took three wickets on Sunday with his medium pace.

Azharuddin said: 'I am proud of the boys — everybody contributed. Ganguly did well and the crowd support we received here in Birmingham was fantastic.'

With the required run rate climbing above six an over, England were forced to hit out and they soon lost all-rounder Andy Flintoff — leg before to spinner Anil Kumble — to leave them reeling on 118 for five.

Their hopes of qualifying faded further as the run rate climbed to seven runs an over with 15 overs to go and they all but disappeared when Adam Hoggie's knee hitting across the line, became Kumble's second lbw victim.

India, however, had cause to feel aggrieved when umpire Akhtar rejected Kumble's appeal for caught behind against Fairbrother. Television replays showed that the left-hander had got a heavy bottom edge.

Fairbrother's slice of luck, however, soon proved irrelevant as he was caught behind off Ganguly for 29.

Kashmir

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But a Pakistan-based Kashmiri rebel organization, facing Indian airstrikes in the remote Himalayan mountains, today rejected New Delhi's claims that its fighters were pushed back from their positions. 'We have not allowed the Indians to advance an inch' in the Kargeh sector, said Syed Salahuddin, chairman of the United Jihad Council, an alliance of 14 separatist Muslim groups fighting the Indian rule in Kashmir.

Dozens of Indian military convoys rumbled along steep highways toward the border carrying supplies and reinforcements.

An Indian major was killed yesterday in an exchange of gunfire with up to 20 guerr