

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 Sonargaon Hotel. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salauddin 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 Argaoa 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 Sangsab Bhaban with its Chairman Mohammad Shamshul Haque in the chair.

The meeting also discussed different steps that may be taken for re-starting the Shamshugan 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 Mokhsur Rahman and Emdadul Haque Bhuiyan attended the meeting. Secretary of the Jute Ministry Mafuzul 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 posts.

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 Kawran 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 rain.

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.

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 Chittagong and the lowest of 23 degrees at Sathkhira.

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	76
Khulna	35.5	24.0	88	75
Barisal	34.5	25.0	89	78
Sylhet	29.7	24.0	100	86
Cox's Bazar	32.0	23.5	97	92

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 councillors will figure high in the discussion of the meeting to be chaired by the Chairman of Council Jyotirindra Bodhipriyo Larma, the sources said.

Chief executive officer of CHTRC Jatinanda Proshad Tan-changya 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.

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.

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 Sangsab Bhaban with its Chairman Col. (retd) Shawkat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the District Judge Court (Jurisdictions of Basic Rights Enforcement) Bill '98 introduced by Rustom Ali Farazi, Criminal Court (Power Consolidation) Bill '98 and the Civil Courts Amendment Bill '99 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, Rajluddin Ahmad Raju and Barrister Rabeeya Bhuiyan attended the meeting.

No-Tobacco Day today

Bangladesh joins the world community to observe the World No-Tobacco Day '99 today in a bid to rid people of the perils of smoking, reports UNB.

World Bank in a recent study found, with current smoking patterns, about 500 million people would eventually be killed by tobacco use.

"More than half of these future deaths will occur among today's children and teenagers," it said in a grim prediction about the noxious effect of tobacco on human health.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages in observance of the day, calling for gearing up the anti-tobacco campaign. Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia also gave a message.

The day's theme this year is "Keep the Pack Behind" that makes an appeal for the smokers to keep off smoking.

Various anti-smoking and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to give a thrust to the campaign for tobacco-free society.

ADHUNIK, country's leading anti-smoking organisation, will bring out colourful procession from the National Museum premises at 8:30 am towards Jatiya Press Club.

Bangla Bazar Patrika Editor, reporter released

By Court Correspondent

The CU Syndicate at meeting today with Vice Chancellor Abdul Mannan in the chair decided to reopen the University.

The University was closed on May 15 after a student was killed in a gunfight between Islamic Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra League. The deceased, Jubair, was a final year student of Economics Department and a Shibir activist.

On May 21, Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat, called for an indefinite strike in the University to protest the killing.

It called off the strike today after a dialogue with a liaison committee, formed to create congenial academic atmosphere through discussion with student organisations. The committee today submitted its report to the Syndicate.

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 (Retd) M M Rahman (Ex DMS), died at her Banani residence on Saturday at 3:40 pm on Saturday, says a press release.

She was buried at the Cantonment graveyard.

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

NILPHAMARI, May 30: Begum Sabeya Rahman Sabi, wife of former minister late Masirul Rahman and mother of former minister Shafiqul Gani Swapani, 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 quikhwani 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.

News

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 told this murky afternoon that they were better off purveying their mundane trade in the more provincial surrounds 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, Azharuddin 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

missed out again; but they have a whole millennium lying ahead of them. They may overcome, 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 is 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 mark-sheets 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 1-150 (9 am to 1 pm), 151-300 (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) and June 14: 2601-2800 (9 am to 1 pm), 2801-3000 (2 pm to 5 pm).

Besides, BSCBA will accord a welcome reception to the newly appointed 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.

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reception to the new Chief Justice at its auditorium at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, said a press release.

Certificate giving ceremony of IHE course held