

News

What's on today....

Discussion on Janmasti: Vivekananda Shiksha O Sangskriti Parishad, Dhaka University unit has organised a discussion meeting and baby-food distribution programme to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna (Janmasti). Chief guest: Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Dr Md Shahadat Ali. Venue: October Smriti Milonataon, Jagannath Hall, DU. Time: 9 am.

Janmasti programme: Mahanagar Sarbojon Puja Committee, Dhaka has taken up a two-day programme to mark the Janmasti festival. A historic Janmasti procession will be brought out on the occasion. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple's fair ground. Time: 3 pm.

Seminar: Transparency International-Bangladesh will hold a seminar on 'Corruption in Public Administration'. Chief guest: Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 9:00 am.

Film session: Rainbow Film Society in association with Goethe Institut will screen two movies *A Judgement in Store* and *Blood of Others* on the concluding day of 'Focus on New Wave Film Makers'. Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

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Sandhani Council: The third central council meeting of the Sandhani National Eye Donation Society will be held. Venue: Radiology Gallery of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Time: 10 am.

SID roundtable discussion: The Society for International Development (SID), Bangladesh Chapter has organised a roundtable discussion on 'WTO and Bangladeshi'. Chief guest: Minister for Commerce and Industry Tofal Ahmed. Venue: BUP auditorium, House No: 33, Road No: 4, Dhanmondi. Time: 9:30 am.

Seminar: Bangladesh Fertility Society and the College of General Practitioners of Bangladesh have jointly organised a lecture session under its CME programme. Venue: BCGP auditorium, 215/A, Outer Circular Road, Baramagbazar. Time: 9 am.

Painting exhibition: The inaugural ceremony of the 3rd solo painting exhibition by Sunil Ronjan Howlader will be held. The exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till September 16. Chief guest: Frederick T Temple, Country Director, World Bank. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5 pm.

Janmasti discussion: Mahanagar Sarbojan Puja Committee, Dhaka has organised a discussion meeting to mark the Janmasti festival of Lord Krishna. Dhrupad Kala Kendra will present a dance programme at 7:30 pm. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple's fair ground. Time: 5 pm.

Recitation: A Muktabuk production *Jetay De Ma Ghurey Ashi* will be staged. It's a recitation form of juvenile statement from Shaheed Janani Jahana Imam's Novel *Ekatturer Dinguli*. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial auditorium of Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 7 pm.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind is likely at few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls may occur at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the period. Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.2 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Srimangal and the lowest 24 degrees at Sathkhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature			Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	Morning	
Dhaka	32.4	26.2	82	76
Chittagong	31.6	24.8	77	89
Rajshahi	32.7	26.8	86	73
Khulna	31.0	25.2	87	87
Barisal	31.5	25.0	82	85
Sylhet	33.2	26.0	82	85
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	85	82

HERE and THERE

Gregorian Association

The 14th founding anniversary of the Gregorian Association was held recently at the LGED auditorium in the city, says a press release.

A large number of Gergorians along with their families attended the function which included a cultural show and dinner.

The programme also installed the association's executive committee for 1999-2000. Grn Shamsul Azam was elected president of the association while Grn Munadir Islam, general secretary, Grn Faezul Huq, State Minister for Jute and Grn Osman Ali Khan were elected vice presidents.

FBUTA

The pro-liberation panel supported by Awami League won all the seven seats of the executive committee of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) in the election held on Saturday at Dhaka University Club, says a press release.

Defeating the candidates of the combined panel of BNP, Jamaat, those elected in the election are: President — Prof Abdul Awal Khan of Bangladesh Open University.

Among others, club moderator Gopinath Karmoker and co-moderator Ranajit Kumar Nath also spoke on the occasion.

SKS opens new flour packing unit in city

A new *atta-maida* (flour) packing unit operated by Sena Kalyan Sangsta (SKS) was opened yesterday at the Sevay Ice-cream Factory complex at Tejgaon Industrial Area, reports BSS.

Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army and Chairman Management Committee of Sena Kalyan Sangsta Maj Gen Muhammad Masudur Rahman, Bt Protik, was the chief guest on the occasion. After inaugurating the *atta-maida* packing unit, he said that the produced flour of the SKS would be acceptable to the consumers with a competitive price.

The activities of this SKS started in Bangladesh from 1972, with the patronisation of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and was named as Sena Kalyan Sangsta.

Among the leaders who spoke on the occasion were Sadek Ahmed Khan, Biswajit Nandi, Nasim Uddin Ahmed, Habibur Rahman, Abdul Kalam Mostafa, Motiur Rahman, Anwar Hossain Parhi and Shahidul Islam.

Ishraq Aziz Ulfat, convenor of the organisation, presided over the emergency meeting.

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Energy sector

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take decisions on how to utilise best its natural gas.

"When these studies would be completed, we can have dialogues on the potential uses of gas," Humphrey said, adding that the gas utilisation study is expected to be completed by early October and the gas reserve study by the year-end.

The studies, scheduled to have been completed by April-June last, were taking longer time as these were the first such studies in Bangladesh. "The studies are progressing amid mutual cooperation. There are occasional disagreements," he said.

"But as I explained to the Prime Minister and other government and private industry leaders, and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, more needs to be done. Developing Bangladesh's energy sector based on sound economics is good politics by improving the quality of life for all the people of Bangladesh," Humphrey said.

"I wish to commend the government and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the impressive progress made in the seven months since my last visit. The American company AES has made continued progress in developing power plants at Haripur and Meghnaqhat, investments worth 500 million dollars which will provide over 800 MW of power—approximately, a 30 percent increase in current power generation. Two more barges, including one by the US-based New England Power Company, have also come on line, and UNOCAL's gas is flowing to your power plants and industries," he said referring to US investments in power projects.

On the controversial Western Region Integrated Project (WRIP) of Unocal, he said a consultant would be appointed with US assistance very soon. "It is being delayed because the consultant contract is being reviewed now."

Lawmakers' assoc

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would also consider nominations for election to the executive council of the proposed association.

The final plenary session of the conference would consider formation of the association, its name, and charter and rules on the concluding day on September 4, Mowlas said briefing newsmen yesterday.

There might be changes in names, and charter and rules at the final plenary session, he added.

According to the conference schedule, the concluding session would also elect the president and others in the executive council of the association, appoint an interim secretary general and select the headquarters of its secretariat.

Heads of delegations of the participating countries are also expected to sign the charter and rules if adopted at the conference.

Meanwhile, yesterday's plenary session unanimously elected Speaker of Bangladesh parliament Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury chairman of the first ever conference of the Asian parliamentarians. It also elected five Speakers of participating countries vice-chairmen. They are Prince Norodom Ranariddh of Cambodia, Tun Mohamed Zahir bin Haji Ismail of Malaysia, Ilahi Bukhsh Soomro of Pakistan, K. B. Ratnayake of Sri Lanka and Abd razak-Awab of Syria.

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Asked about the absence of representatives from India, the secretary general of the conference said Speaker of Indian parliament and others concerned extended their total support and eagerness to participate in the conference. But they could not come due to preoccupation with the forthcoming national elections in the country.

Obituary

CHITTAGONG, Sept 1: Jayishwar Chakrabarti, a noted lawyer and one of the close comrades of revolutionary leader Masterda Surya Sen, at his Cox's Bazar residence today, reports BSS.

He died of old age complications at the age of 93, family sources said here.

late Chakrabarti, author of many books on law, is survived by his wife, five sons, three daughters and a large number of professional colleagues and relatives to mourn his death.

Chakrabarti had been in legal profession over six decade.

Amanullah visits injured engr of Janakantha

State Minister for Health Prof Dr Amanullah visited the injured engineer of the Daily Janakantha Motaleb Khan at the Chest Diseases Hospital in the city's Mohakhali area yesterday, reports BSS.

Prof Amanullah inquired about the condition of Eng Motaleb who received bullet injury on Monday when some unruly terrorists allegedly from BNP mass procession attacked the newspaper office at Moghbazar.

The state minister asked the director and other doctors of the hospital to ensure the best possible treatment of the injured newspaper employee.



BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia placing a wreath on former president Ziaur Rahman's mazaar as part of programmes in observance of the founding anniversary of BNP. — Star photo



Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the 81st birth anniversary of Bangabir General MAG Osmani. — Star photo

Road march

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the members of the party's Standing Committee and Advisory Council, MPs, central leaders, leaders of the front organisations, city convenors and joint convenors in the programme have been made mandatory.

They have been asked to remain with the marchers till the end of the march.

Others interested may join the march with their own arrangements. The participants have been asked to submit their names with designation and collect sticker from the party central office by September 3.

A preparatory meeting of the sub-committee on road march for finalisation of route and meeting venues was held yesterday at Amin Bazar bus stand.

With BNP vice chairman Shahjahan Siraj chief guest, the meeting was addressed among others by Major Gen (Retd) ZA Khan, Mirza Abbas, Selima Rahman, Dr Dewan Mohammad Salahuddin MP, Abul Hashem Rana, Mohammad Kafiluddin and Hazi Jammal.

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Janmasti

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the country in the morning.

Devotees from different parts of the city will attend the Dhakeshwari Mandir in processions. Later, a procession will be brought out from the Mandir.

Dhaka city Mayor Mohammad Hanif will inaugurate the main procession.

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