

## What's on today....

**Seminar:** A seminar will be held to mark the launching of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) clinic at the NDN Executive Health Check Centre (EHCC). Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 11:00 am.

**BUP roundtable:** Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will hold a roundtable discussion meeting on Urban Housing in Bangladesh. Venue: BUP auditorium, House No 33, Rd No 4, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.

**INFOFISH seminar:** An investment seminar on "Value Added Fishery Product" organised by INFOFISH, a Malaysian organisation will be held in collaboration with Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation and Bangladesh Frozen Food Exporters Association. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon.

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**Workshop:** A 2-day workshop on "Environmental Law and Sustainable Development" will begin. Organisers: Environment Directorate in collaboration with UNEP, SAKEP and NORAD Joint Environmental Law Project for South Asia. Time: 9:00 am.

**Conference:** Bangladesh Association for American Studies and the United States Information Service will inaugurate a two-day conference on "US Society and Culture". Venue: Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhel. Time: 9:30 am.

**BCPS lecture:** Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) will hold two lectures on "Bell's Palsy and its management" and "Diagnosis and management of acute gout". Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 11:00-11:50 am and 12:00-1:00 pm respectively.

**CESTI seminar:** Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on "Foreign Investment in Pharmaceutical Industry in Bangladesh". Venue: Sasakawa auditorium, ICDDR,B. Time: 3:30 pm.

## Weather

## No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Chittagong, Sylhet and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said moderately heavy falls may occur over the central parts of the country during the period. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and the lowest of 24.5 degrees at Teknaf.

The sun sets today at 5:57 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:47 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	Evening
Dhaka	30.7	26.5	79	78
Chittagong	31.6	25.0	93	87
Rajshahi	33.4	26.0	84	98
Khulna	31.5	26.0	83	100
Barisal	30.6	26.0	85	92
Sylhet	32.4	26.0	93	86
Cox's Bazar	29.4	24.6	100	95

## HERE and THERE

## BAI

The orientation course for the newly admitted 1st Year BSc Ag. students of Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI), Dhaka was held on Sunday, says a press release.

Dr Md Abdur Razzak, Director General, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) was the chief guest while Prof Md Shahid Ulla, Principal, BAI chaired the function. Mr Md. Abdus Satter, Director (T&C), BARI and Dr Md Haronur-Rashid, Vice Principal, Patuakhali Krishi College attended the function as special guests.

BAICCSU General Secretary Dewan Mahbubur Rahman Badal and AGS Hedayat Hossain Sipon delivered speeches at the function. They drew the attention of the Director General to their various problems including accommodation, transport, etc. Dr Razzak, DG, BARI himself a former student of BAI, in his address recalled his memories with BAI and appreciated the existing problems.

Prof Md Shahid Ulla in his speech asked the students to devote themselves in the pursuit of knowledge so that they could

## Utsho Bangladesh essay competition

Utsho Bangladesh, a voluntary organisation, has announced an essay writing competition for school children to celebrate "World Children's Week", says a press release.

The title of the essay is "My Freedom".

All school children are eligible to enter the competition in any of the three groups:

Class III - 50 words

Class IV - V - 150 words

Class VI-VIII - 250 words

Entries can be in Bengali or English and must reach Utsho Bangladesh, 109 East Rayerbazar, Rd No 150(d), Dhanmondi by October 31.

Three prizes will be awarded in each category and a selection of the essays will be brought out in a publication, the release added.

Utsho Bangladesh runs a residential school for education of children of low-income group parents. It relies on local resources for its maintenance.

## Khulna Press Club office-bearers

KHULNA, Sept 20: Shahabuddin Ahmed and Zakir Hossain were elected president and general secretary of Khulna Press Club respectively, reports BSS.

S M Nazrul Islam, Beludin and Arun Shah were elected vice-presidents in the election held at the local Press Club today.

Other office bearers are: Joint secretary - Hasan Ahmed Mollah, assistant secretaries - Shahab Ali and Masuduzzaman, Rana, secretary - Nur Mohammad Tona, and members - Alhaj Liakat Ali, Begum Feroush Ali, A Zahir Hossain, Motahar Rahman Babu, Didarul Alam, Asrafur Alam Bachchu, Harun-ur-Rashid, Syed Abdul Matin and Kazi Anjanullah.

Re-polling would be required for the post of treasurer as two candidates got equal number of votes.

A top US daily has commended Bangladesh highly for its success in disaster management, reports BSS.

The New York Times, said to be one of the world's most influential and prestigious newspapers has come up with an appreciation of Bangladesh in its management of natural calamity that has drastically reduced deaths and destruction.

The daily in an editorial published yesterday under the title "Making disaster less disastrous", mentioned in 1991, flooding in Bangladesh killed at least 1,40,000 people. It said last year (1998) the floods were more widespread and long-lasting, but fewer than 1,000 people died.

This, the paper commented was "due in part to better sanitation that reduced post flood disease, more effective warnings and school programmes about disaster risks and responses". The paper while appreciating Bangladesh said many effective measures to cut deaths in disaster are "within reach of even the poorest countries".

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