

## News

## ● What's on today.... ●

**National workshop:** USC Canada-Bangladesh in association with Adolescent Development Forum-Bangladesh will hold the 3rd day of a 4-day long national workshop on 'Adolescent development and Gender'. Venue: VHSS/USCC-B compound, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9.00 am.

**Film show:** Swaborni will screen 4 movies on the third day of its Millennium Films show. The movies are *The Fugitive*, *Pretty Woman*, *The Mummy and Armageddon*. Venue: The Public Library auditorium. Time: 10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, and 6.30 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre will hold a discussion meeting followed by a cultural show in observance of the golden jubilee of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Venue: Shishu Academy premises. Time: 4.00 pm.

**Gathering:** Gano Forum will hold a gathering followed by a procession to protest against price hike of essentials, repression on women, deterioration of law and order in the country, terrorism and other issues. Venue: Muktangan. Time: 4.00 pm.

**Exhibition:** An exhibition of solo drawing and painting by Utam Karmaker will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Prof Abu Sayeed, State Minister for Information. Venue: Gallery-21, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00 pm.

**Film show:** Tanvir Mokammel's *Chitra Nadir Pare* will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House no 510, Road no 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 3.00 pm, 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm.



Jatiyatobadi Chhatri Dal activists brought out a procession on the DU campus yesterday demanding release of its arrested members. — Star photo

## ..... and tomorrow .....

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**Film show:** Swaborni will screen 5 movies on the third day of its Millennium Films show. The movies are *The Great Expectation*, *Never Been Kissed*, *Runaway Bride*, *Species-2* and *Saving Private Ryan*. Venue: The Public Library auditorium. Time: 9.30 am, 12.00 pm, 2.30 pm, 5.15 pm and 7.00 pm.

**Seminar:** Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on 'Geotextiles, technical textiles and the new biotechnologies used in the textile industries'. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00 am.

**Seminar:** UNICEF in collaboration with Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will present a photo exhibition followed by a seminar on 'Acid Violence'. The photographs are by MAP photo Agency. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 2.00 pm.

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## Weather

## Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower with temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy elsewhere over the country till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature yesterday 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and Jessor and the lowest 23.4 degree Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.54 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	33.0	24.5	77	77
Chittagong	32.5	25.0	82	80
Rajshahi	32.8	24.4	85	86
Khulna	34.0	24.4	84	—
Barisal	32.4	23.4	83	87
Sylhet	32.0	25.1	82	80
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.4	85	89

## HERE and THERE

## BSME

Prof Dr Md Anwar Hossain, Director General, Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), Gazipur, and Prof Dr A K M Sadru Islam, former Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering, BUET have been elected president and secretary general respectively of the 19-member executive committee of Bangladesh Society of Mechanical Engineers (BSME), says a press release.

The election was held at BUET on Friday at the first annual general meeting of the Society. Prof Dr M H Khan, Vice-Chancellor, AUST, conducted the election as Election Commissioner.

Other office bearers of the executive committee are: Vice-presidents (Admin and Academic) — Engg Sqn Ldr (Retd) Khawaja Muyeenuddin and Prof Dr A S W Kurni, treasurer — Prof Dr Maglub Al Nur. Fourteen members are: Md Amirul Momen, Khabirul Haque Chowdhury, Aminur Rahman, Sk Abdus Sattar, Dr Mahiuddin Ahmed, Dr Akram Hossain, Dr A K M Mohiuddin, Md Kamrul Islam, Mosbah Alim, Engr Shahiduzzaman, Dr Zohurul Haq, Engr Capt (ex) Nasir Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Prof A M Aziz-ur-Haq (ex-officio) and Prof Dr Imtiaz Hossain (ex-officio).

## Narcotics Control Board

The National Narcotics Control Board has expressed serious concern at the rising trend of drug abuse among the youths and urged the conscious citizens to help check it strictly, reports UNB.

## BCS (Economic) Officers' Assoc

The election of executive committee of the BCS (Economic) Officers' Association for the year 1999-2001 was held in the city on Saturday, says a press release.

## M A Sattar Bhuiyan, Md Abdul Hye Talukder and Md Nurul Islam Mollah were elected as president, general secretary and treasurer respectively of the Association.

Other office bearers are: Nasar Ahmed Khan, Mir Md Abdul Bashar, Abdul Huq Mia, S A S M Taifur, Khaleda Akther vice presidents, Sarder Elias Hussain, K M Muzammel Huq, Sheikh Nazrul Islam, Ahsanul Karim, Swapan Kumar Ghose joint secretaries, Md Helaluddin, office secretary, Golam Shafuddin, literary secretary, Farid Aziz, publicity secretary, Md Shoel, cultural secretary, Md Mahbubur Rab, sports secretary, and Shamima Akter, women affairs secretary.

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## Tk 9.98 cr Udyan to be built in Rangamati

## RANGAMATI, Oct 10: A 13000-acre park, "Kaptai Jatiya Udyan," will be set up in the district at a cost of Tk 9.98 crore in a bid to protect the environment and attract tourists, reports UNB.

Officials said the Chittagong Hill Tracts Forest Department (South) has put forward a plan to the government in this regard.

The aims of the ambitious project also include creating biodiversity by protecting the wildlife and facilitate research works.

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UNB adds: A group of 16

different law-enforcing agencies

to find out who managed to

get such powerful explosives

and from where," he said referring to the anti-tank mine and the bombs. He did not elaborate.

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