

● What's on today . . . ●

Meeting: ZH Sikder Cardiac Care and Research Centre will hold a clinical meeting on "Unstable Angina". Venue: Conference hall of the centre at Monica Estate, West Dhanmondi. Time: 8.00 am.

FEMA-CPB meeting: Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) will hold meeting with Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) on Electoral Law Reform. Venue: CPB office at 21/1 Purana Paltan. Time: 11.00 am.

SNS rally: Sammilita Nari Samaj (SNS) will hold a rally to press its demand for introducing a bill in the Jatiya Sangsad regarding direct elections to reserved seats for women in parliament. Venue: Muktangon. Time: 3.00 pm.

Founding anniversary: Chandina Juba Kalyan Samity, Dhaka will observe its second founding anniversary and hold its annual general meeting. Venue: Engineers Institution, Ramna. Time: 3.00 pm.

Film show: Tanvir Mokammel's *Chitra Nadir Pare* will be screened. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 3.00 pm, 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

ASB meeting: The monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the Society. Time: 4.00 pm.

BILIA AGM: The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) will be held. Venue: Institute premises at house no 22, road no 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.00 pm.

Seminar: A dissemination seminar on findings of the 1999 HPSP Baseline Service Delivery Survey. Chief guest: Salah Uddin Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 9.00 am.

Workshop: A 2-day workshop on "Reporting on Information Technology" will begin. Organisers: Dhaka Reporters Unity Computer Club (DRUCC) and BIASL. Venue: DRU office. Time: 9.30 am.

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Annual general meeting: The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Terry Towel & Linen Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BTTMEA) will be held. Chief guest: Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries. Venue: Ballroom of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7.00 pm.

Weather

Thundershowers likely

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

Day temperature may fall by 1 to 2 degree Celsius over the country during the period, according to Met office.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest of 21.8 degree Celsius at Chandpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.22 pm today and rises at 6.03 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity percentage	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.8	62	83	79
Chittagong	29.7	48	92	85
Rajshahi	29.6	23	80	88
Khulna	29.5	20	92	87
Barisal	30.0	25	83	95
Sylhet	29.0	25	84	84
Cox's Bazar	28.3	24	80	97

HERE and THERE

BUET

Scores of cybernauts from different parts of the capital observed manoeuvres of excellence among the software programmers of BUET in the first intra-BUET computer programming competition '99 hosted by Association of Computer and Electrical Students (ACES) on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Welcoming the endeavour, Vice Chancellor of BUET Professor Nooruddin Ahmed said as prime institution of technology, BUET should lead the country to encounter the challenges of the next millennium created by the information super highway. He expressed optimism about the ingenuous efforts of the students of BUET and said that information technology (IT) world is dominated by the young entrepreneurs and the BUET family should try to win the position of honour in the cyberworld.

Professor Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury said the young professionals should be imbued with a vision to project Bangladesh as one of the software exporting country in the world.

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Young participants at the annual science fair of Sunshine School which was held at the school premises at Khilji Road in the city recently.



Udichi Shilpi Goshthi brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the theatre festival that began yesterday.

— Star photo

Conversion of six-digit phone numbers

By Staff Correspondent

Work for conversion of all the six digit digital telephone numbers of Dhaka city beginning with the figure '8' into seven digit numbers was due to have started at 11.55 last night.

The conversion work is part of the countrywide telephone expansion programme. In this process all the present digital telephones starting with the figure '8' will be changed but the last four digits of all the present telephone numbers will remain the same. The first two digits will be converted into three digits.

After the conversion, the first two digits of the present number in Mirpur exchange starting with 80 will be changed into 801 while the first two digits of present number in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar exchange starting with 81 and 82 will be changed into 811 and 812.

The first two digits of present number in Gazipur exchange starting with 82 will be converted into 821 while the first two digits of present number in Mognobazar exchange starting with 83 and 84 will be changed into 831 and 832.

Besides, the first two digits of present number in Uttara exchange starting with 89 will be changed into 891.

A T & P press release earlier said that during the conversion process, the subscribers may face temporary problems.

The first two digits of present number in Nilkhel exchange starting with 86 will be changed into 861 while the first two digits of present number in Gulshan exchange starting with 87 and 88 will be converted into 881 and 882.

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