

## ● What's on today.... ●

**Daily Star award giving ceremony:** The Daily Star has organised an award giving ceremony to honour the brilliant students who achieved outstanding results in O and A level examinations (June 98-June 99 session). Venue: Chartered Accountants' Building Auditorium (9th floor), 100, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 3 pm.

**Artifacts exhibition:** A 19-day long exhibition on artefacts recovered and collected from Mahasthangarh will begin. Organisers: Archaeological Department, French Archaeological Mission, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka and Bangladesh National Museum. Venue: Temporary exhibition room of the National Museum. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the exhibition at the Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium of the museum. Time: 4 pm.

**Musical soiree:** Shadonia, A Centre for Advancement of Sub-continent Music will present classical music by Shirpa Khan and her disciple Anefah Ehsan Khan. Venue: Mukti Joddha Jagadhar. Time: 6:00 pm.

**Memorial Lecture:** Ajit Guha Memorial Council has organised the fourth Ajit Guha memorial lecture to mark his 30th death anniversary. Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim will deliver a lecture on 'Education, Student, Education System and State System'. Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**RMMRU conference:** Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) will inaugurate a 2-day conference on 'Women and children in refugee and refugee like situations in South Asia.' Organisers: RMMRU in association with British Council and UNHCR. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 9:45 am 5:00 pm.

**Birth anniversary:** The Baha'i community will hold a programme to mark the 182nd birth anniversary of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i World Faith. Venue: National Baha'i Centre at 7 Nawraton Colony, Circuit House Road, Shantinagar. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Sangskritik Jote conference:** The fourth biennial conference of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote will be held. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 9:30 am. A cultural function has also been arranged to mark the event. Venue: Fine Arts Institute. Time: 3:00 pm.

**Exhibition:** A 9-day long exhibition of excavated materials and finds from Mahasthangarh and its environs will be inaugurated. Organisers: Department of Archeology in association with the National Museum, French Archaeological Mission in Bangladesh, Embassy of France and Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 4:00 pm.

**SASS conference:** Student Association For Social Service (SASS) will hold its biennial conference. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House-510, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

## ● ..... and tomorrow ●

**Concluding ceremony:** The concluding ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Notre Dame College will be held. Chief guest: Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal. Special guest: Father William Dorwart, CSC, Provincial, Indiana, Congregation of Holy Cross Priest Society. Rev Michael Rozario, Archbishop of Dhaka and Chairman of the college governing body will preside over the ceremony. Venue: College campus. Time: 3:45 pm.

**Meeting:** Z H Sikder Cardiac Care and Research Centre will hold a clinical meeting on 'Early Management of Acute Myocardial Infarction.' Venue: Conference hall of centre at Monica Estate, West Dhanmondi. Time: 9:00 am.

**Children's Day:** The High Commission of India organises a variety of activities for children on the occasion of Children's Day, celebrated on the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Venue: India International School premises at Dhanmondi Road no 2. Time: 9:30 am.

## Weather

## Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

The country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 14.4 degree Celsius at Satkhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:12 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	31.5	77
Chittagong	32.0	78
Rajshahi	30.0	83
Khulna	31.4	76
Barisal	31.5	82
Sylhet	31.2	70
Cox's Bazar	32.0	65

## HERE and THERE

**Biplobi Lila Nagh Birth Centennial Committee**

By Staff Correspondent  
Biplobi Lila Nagh Birth Centennial Committee was formed in a meeting Tuesday with poet Sufia Kamal as advisor of the committee to mark the birth centennial of Lila Nagh.

Lila Nagh, the first female student of Dhaka University, played a pioneering role in the anti-British movement. She was active worker for uplift of women's rights in the subcontinent. She had also established various women's organisations for their welfare.

A central coordination committee was also formed to coordinate the event with Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique and Prof. Ajoy Roy as President and Secretary respectively.

The members of the centennial committee include among others, Prof. Sardar Fazlul Karim, Syed Ali Kabir, Santosh Gupta, Prof. Anisuzzaman, Prof. Rangila Sen and Syed Hassan Imam.

**BCS Somonay Committee**

By Staff Correspondent  
The BCS Somonay Committee at a meeting expressed resentment over a recent recommendation made by parliamentary standing committee on the ministry of establishment regarding promotion of 321 cadre posts.

The committee at a meeting on Wednesday regretted that the standing committee made a recommendation to promote a portion of the controversial 321 cadre posts. Instead of a consensus decision the recommendation was made in the presence of only a few members, the committee alleged.

The meeting was presided over by the secretary general of

the committee Chowdhury Khalequzzaman, Agriculturist Nazrul Islam, Prof Kafil Uddin, Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan GM Nurul Huda, Dr Mahbubul Haq and Kazi Imdadul Haq took part in the discussion.

The speakers urged the government to cancel the government order. The meeting viewed that the decision regarding promotion of the cadre post should be taken on the basis of consensus.

The meeting also demanded cancellation to discriminatory policy regarding quota system in giving promotion to the post of deputy secretary and above. This system should be abandoned and promotion should be given on the basis of merit, the meeting observed.

**Jatiyatobadi Peshajibi Parishad**

By Staff Correspondent  
Jatiyatobadi Peshajibi Parishad has strongly condemned the Prime Minister for her recent remarks on BNP chairperson and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia.

In a statement yesterday, leaders of the Parishad termed the remarks of the PM as 'undemocratic, and arrogant' and said the PM always gives 'untrue and irresponsible' speeches.

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Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad yesterday brought out a procession in celebration of the shifting of the proposed NAM summit venue from Osmani Udyan.

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## Contemporary art

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most vibrant modern art movements in Asia.

In tracing the development of Bangladeshi arts, the opening article of the volume touched upon Bengal School as a prelude to the history of modern art of this region and the rise of Bengali Muslim middle-class and how they strove to build their identity. This background survey of arts movement in East Bengal has been supplemented brilliantly, an indepth look at the class formation in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The following 15 essays have competently covered the subsequent arts scenario.

There is a feature about the teaching of arts in Bangladesh, and the syllabus of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka has also come up for discussion.

According to a cross section of people, who talked to The Daily Star, AL has been able to narrow down the gap between Shahjahan and his strongest rival, Siddiqui, 'to a large extent'. Still, the ruling party candidate has a long way to go to pose a real threat to Siddiqui's position, many local people said.

At 80 pages, *Contemporary Art in Bangladesh* (priced at 20 pounds sterling, equivalent to 1620 taka) has done a formidable work to present an account of our artistic pursuit.

This volume has been co-edited by Syed Manzoorul Islam (guest editor in Dhaka) and Azra J Ahmed (coordinating editor in London).

## Rotary News

Seminar

A seminar on arsenic free water organised by Rotary Club of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka will be held tomorrow at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Deputy Minister, LGRD & Cooperatives will be the chief guest in the seminar.

Rtn Iftekharul Alam, Past District Governor and Rtn Ozair Farooq, District Governor, Rotary International, District 3280 Bangladesh will be the special guest & guest of honour respectively in the inaugural session. The inaugural session will be chaired by Rtn M Mosharraf Hossain, Past District Governor.

The chief engineer of Public Health Engineering Quadrizam will present keynote paper while two other papers will also be presented in the business session by experts from UNICEF & MCC.

## Bismillah Airlines plane detained for 3 hrs at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Authority yesterday detained an aircraft chartered by Bismillah Airlines for allegedly landing without prior permission.

The AN12 cargo plane of Bismillah Airlines landed at the Zia International Airport yesterday at about 7:15 am from Bangkok with cargo, airport authorities said.

The captain of the flight failed to explain why he had landed the aircraft at Zia without prior permission, security officials said.

When connected, the control tower at the ZIA said that after satisfactory discussions with the airlines, the plane was allowed to leave for Bangkok from the airport at about 10:30 pm.

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## Kalyan Singh resigns

LUCKNOW, Nov 11: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh today tendered his resignation to Governor Suraj Bhan, reports PTI.

Accompanied by his cabinet colleagues, Kalyan Singh drove to the Raj Bhawan at 0815 hours and submitted resignation letter.

Rofij Uddin, from Kaliaganj Thana under Gazipur district, died on November 8. A mid-malif will also be held at his village today.

He has left behind his wife, four sons, four daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

**Deadline extended**

The last date of registration for the silver jubilee programme of the Dhaka University Marketing Department has been extended till November 16, says a university press release.

She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Golam Sarwar.

## Sanjana wins top prize in Shankar's Int. Children's Competition

Sanjana Sarwar, a student of Class IX of Sunbeams School, has won the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Medal in the Shankar's International Children's Competition 1999, says a press release.

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