

What's on today....

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 Dhamundi. 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.

Inauguration: The weekend course in Anesthesiology, Part I, will be inaugurated. Organiser: Anesthesiology deptt of BSMU. Venue: Samad Seminar Room of BSMU. Time: 3.00 pm.

Memorial meeting: A meeting will be held in memory of former IOJ Bangladesh Group vice-president, journalist and writer Mir Nurul Islam. Organiser: Bokolpo Gonomadhyom. Venue: Muktijuddha Jadughar. Time: 3.30 pm.

Education Programme: The 2nd Continuing Professional Education Programme '99 (CPE'99) on 'MRP, MRP-II and Enterprise Resource Planning' and 'E-commerce, Internet and Groupware Applications' begins. Venue: Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) auditorium. Time: 4.30 pm.



Congratulations

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 12: Rajshahi University has conferred PhD on Md Moksd Ali, a scientific research officer of Bangladesh Science and Industry Research Laboratory, Rajshahi recently.

He conducted research on 'Isolation, purification, characterisation and structure function relationship of lipases from different varieties of rice bran' under Human Resource Development Project of Bangladesh Science and Industry Research Council.

Dr Nurul Abser, Professor of Biochemistry Department of Rajshahi University was the supervisor of the research work of Moksd Ali.



From left, Dr Juel Fine, Carrie Skrzynski, Mavis Clark, Nilsa Wilkins, Sharon Golden and Dr Ajmal of the 'Operation Bangladesh' mission currently in the city.

A noble medical mission

By Staff Correspondent

A team of US surgeon, surgical technologist, anesthesiologist and sterilization specialist are in the capital on a mission of treating the underprivileged.

"Our special mission is aimed at providing general, laparoscopic and vascular surgeries (non-cardiac) for the poor in Bangladesh," said team leader Dr Ajmal Sobhan, a surgery specialist (vascular surgeon) from Virginia State.

The mission has been initiated by a group of 16 expatriate Bangladeshi physicians practising in United States of America who has established an organisation called Project Bangladesh to establish healthcare for the poor here.

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"As far as this surgical mission is concerned, the team will make a visit every year. We also plan to bring a plastic surgeon next year to treat congenital defects and deformities."

He said, "We have tons of medical supplies like antibiotics, blood pressure medicines, and drugs for management of respiratory illnesses. We also have surgical instruments and grafts for vascular procedures. Unfortunately, due to difficulties in carrying the supplies could not come with the team."

The team which has performed six cases till last Friday also include Dr Joel Fine, anesthesiologist, Mavis Clark, scrub technician, and Carrie Skrzynski, operating room nurse.

"This is our second mission," Dr Sobhan said adding, "We treated 25 cases in two weeks in July 1998. Several local clinics namely Dr Salauddin Hospital, Ayesha Memorial Hospital, Japan Bangladesh Hospital and BIRDEM Hospital generously provided space for those operations."

"This time we intend to perform more operations than we did last time. We particularly prefer women and children's cases," he said.

Nilsa Wilkins, a surgical technologist, said, "I was surprised to find so many people here who live with deformities and suffer which need simple correction. It's quite sad."

Sharon Golden, a sterilization specialist, said, "We have tons of medical supplies with us and more in US waiting to be transported here."

She said, "It is important that the medical supplies arrive in the country for the follow-up programmes."

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