

OCAS condole death of cadets

By Staff Correspondent

The Old Cadet's Association of Sylhet (OCAS) in a press release yesterday condole the death of two students of the college and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls.

Two cadets — Reza and Iqbal — were crushed to death under a roller on the college ground on November 11 last. Both were students of class seven and were on the ground to attend a routine parade in the morning.

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Reserved seats of women in JS

Khasru urges Leader of Opposition for consensus

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday appealed to the Leader of the Opposition for reaching a consensus on reserved seats of women in Parliament, reports UNB.

The term of 30 women MPs will end with the expiry of the 7th Parliament. The provision of 30 or more women reserved seats is required amendment to the Constitution. And the Constitution amendment will require support of the major opposition party, said the minister.

Addressing a conference on the development and empowerment of women, organised by World Hunger Project, Khasru felt the urgency of reaching a consensus on reserved seats of women and necessary amend-

ment to the constitution in the next session of Parliament.

The minister said the passage of a bill in the next session would be highly beneficial for the nation. Otherwise, the next Parliament would go without the women reserved seats. That will tarnish the image of the country, he added.

He lauded the role of the World Hunger Project for development and empowerment of women and welfare of children.

Project president Juan Holmes, its country director Badiul Alam Chowdhury, Rafiqul Islam Sarkar, AZM Obaidullah Khan and former secretary Shah Abdul Hannan among others spoke at the function.

World Diabetes Day '99 today

World Diabetes Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the globe today aiming at raising the awareness about the disease, reports UNB.

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh has taken elaborate programme to mark the day.

It will bring out a procession from Shishu Park at 8:30 am followed by a discussion in the National Press Club.

Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain and State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah are likely to join the procession and discussion.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has laid emphasis on creating awareness about controlling of diabetes disease, reports UNB.

"Awareness about diabetes disease and controlling measures could check untimely disability, blindness and other harmful consequences," said the President in a message yesterday on the eve of "World Diabetes Day" today.

In a similar message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed delight on the observance of "World Diabetes Day 1999" in the country to create mass awareness about the disease.

She said, "Every year the disease is attacking innumerable people in the world including Bangladesh. I am confident that the programme on the observance of the day will help minimize the sufferings of the patients and their mortality rate," she said.

Construction of Bio-Technology Instt to start soon

Minister for Science and Technology Mohammad Nooruddin Khan has said the construction of the Institute of Bio-Technology, first of its kind in Bangladesh, would start soon on 10 acres in Savar, reports BSS.

"We have rich bio-diversity and various medicinal plants like 'Neyantara' tree which are left uncared for in different forests and gardens across the country has elements that can cure cancer," he said.

The minister said these while inaugurating the 10th Botanical Conference as the chief guest in Teachers Students Centre of Dhaka University here organised by Bangladesh Botanical Society.

President of society Prof. Aktaruzzaman presided over the function. It was addressed, among others, by secretary general of society and Vice-chancellor of the university Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, pro-vice chancellor Mohammad Shadat Ali and Prof AKM Nazrul Islam.

The proposed institute will play a pivotal role in the development of environment by carrying out important researches on bio-diversity in the country, he said.

Norwegian minister due today

Hilde F Johnson, Minister of International Development and Human Rights, Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway arrive today for a two-day visit, says a press release.

During her stay she will have meeting with the minister of finance and call on the ministers of Education, Labour and Employment and Women and Children Affairs. She will also meet with the local World Bank, IMF and NGO representatives.

JUDS to hold inter-university debate championship

Jahangirnagar University debating Society (JUDS) will organise "CLOSE-UP 4th Inter University Debate Championships 1999" from December 3 to 9, says a press release.

Debates will be held in both Bangla and English languages in Austral-Asian format. All public as well as private universities, medical colleges, BITs are invited in this championships. CLOSE-UP toothpaste is sponsoring the programme. Other co-sponsors include NIT BEXIMCO Systems Limited, CITYCELL DIGITAL and Hallmark cards. Invitation letters and preregistration forms have already been posted to respective institutions.

Last date to confirm the participation is November 22. For further inquiry, JUDS, 14/11, Bally Square, Bally Road, Dhaka. Tel: 0175223222, 8915270 (president), 8311845, 412895 (general secretary), 011804119 (exec VP). Fax: 02-8913071. E-mail: shikders@bangla.net or bidhu@bangla.net, may be contacted.

Amu, Zillur condole death of Muhammadullah

Acting president of Bangladesh Awami League Amir Hossain Amu has expressed deep shock at the death of former president and Speaker Muhammadullah, reports BSS.

In a condolence message on Friday, Amu prayed for peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

General secretary of Awami League and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman in a similar message also condole the death.

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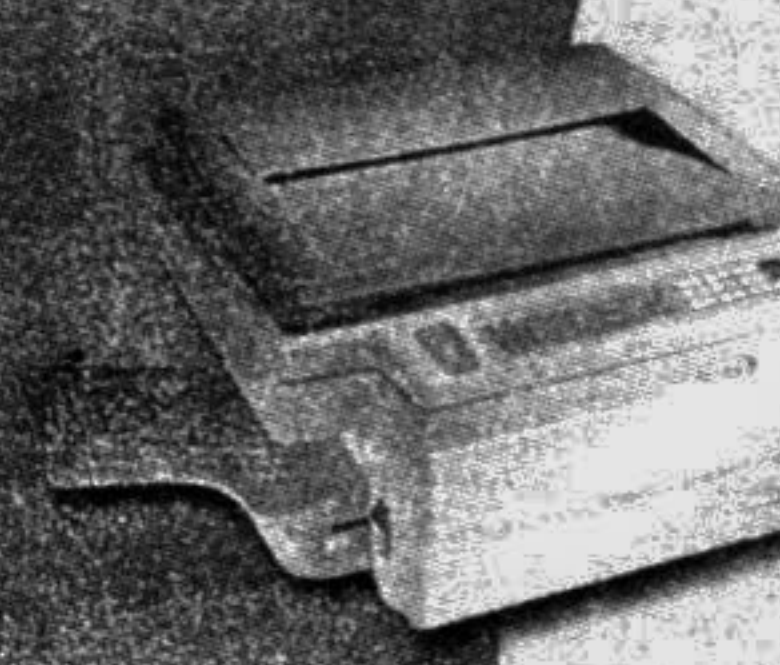
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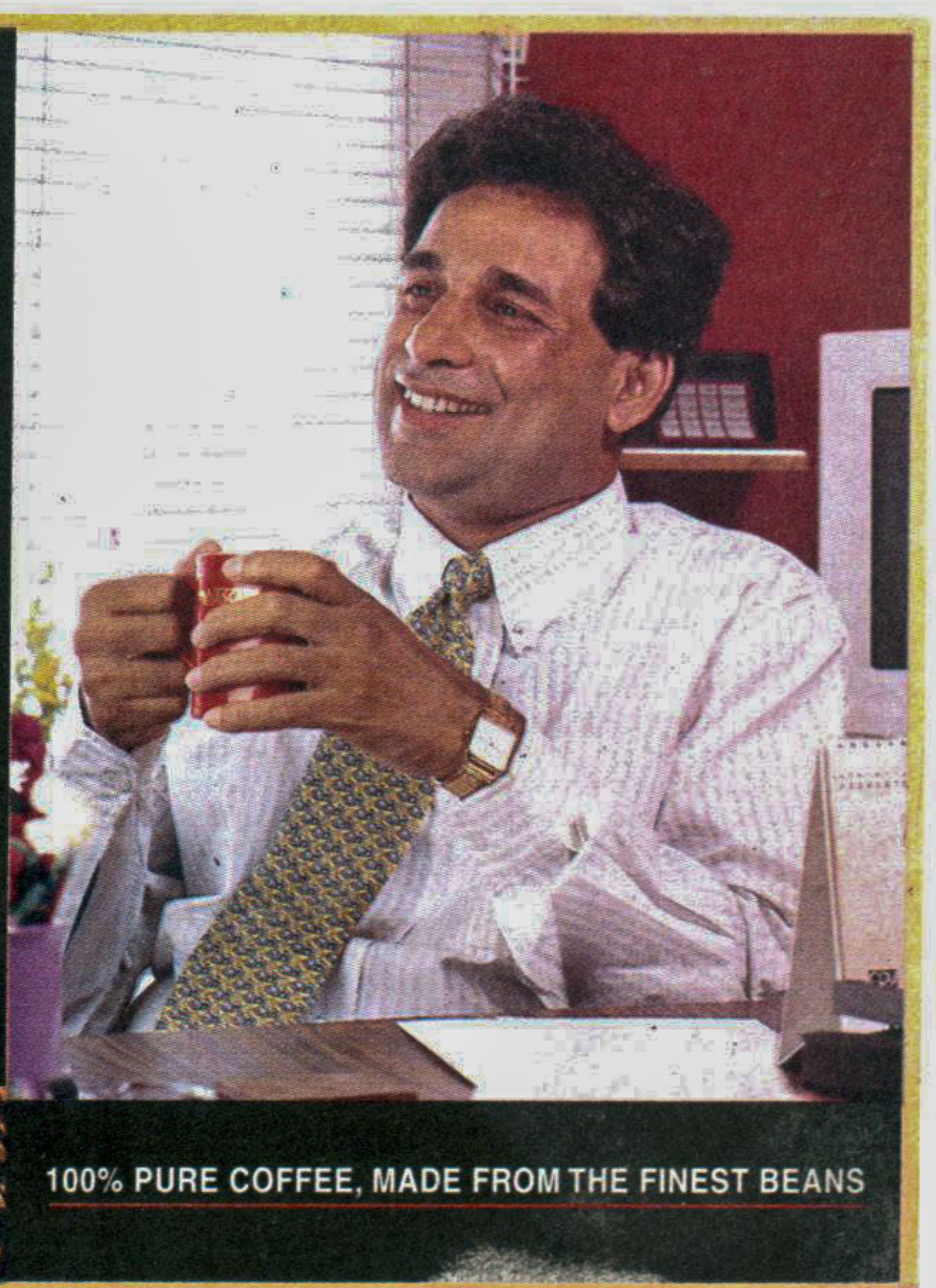
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