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BCL hails UNESCO proclamation

By DU Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus to celebrate UNESCO's proclamation of February 21 as the "Interna-

tional Mother Language Day." Leaders and activists of BCL, the student wing of ruling Awami League also placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday to pay homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Starting from the Madhu's Canteen in the morning, the procession paraded different thoroughfares of the campus prior to a rally at the Aparajeyo Bangla.

They said that this recognition was a tribute to the martyrs and others involved in the historic Language Movement in

IN BANGLADESH



Weekly meeting The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today at 6:00

pm at Sonargaon Hotel, says a press release. Rtn. PDG Prof. Jalal U Ahmed will speak on the Rotary Foundation.

German-funded NGOs change face of rural

communities COX'S BAZAR, Nov 21: German-funded development efforts in Cox's Bazar region, based on cooperative understanding and participatory ap-proach, are enabling thousands of the poor to get rid of poverty and be socially conscious, reports BSS.

The uplift efforts through three NGOs have changed the fate of the rural communities in the remote areas of Sadar, Moheshkhali, Ukhiya, Ramu and Teknaf thanas of the dis-

Advisor of the three NGOs. Father Klaus Beurle, told BSS that the NGOs - Bangla-German Sampreeti (BGS), Tarango, Anando — put their allout efforts in to fight a range of challenges including unem-ployment, low literacy rate, malnutrition and inadequate health and sanitation of the rural communities.

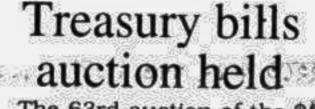
The beneficiaries of BGS actions are marginal farmers, day-labourers, street boys and widows. Anando provides needbased technical training to the rural unemployed youth and Tarango provides training on handicrafts for the poor

Anando also runs a cultural unit in rural areas to promote the cultural tradition of the tribal communities.

BGS has already constructed 4,732 low-cost houses for the poor, 25 community institutions, four cyclone shelters, 3,474 sanitation latrines, two girls' hostels, and 50 nursery schools. It also provided micro-credit for 4,269 people and med-ical care for 5,000 families.

Khurshida, 30, a teacher of BGS nursery school, said dropout rate in the school is very low as teachers rush to their students' houses to bring them back when they stop coming to school.

"The teaching job not only brings me a livelihood, but also awards me social status and respect in society," she said.



The 63rd auction of the 2815 day, 91-day, 182-day, 364-day, 2-year and 5-year treasury bills were held in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of Tk 684.50 crore, Tk 25.50 crore, Tk 87.50 crore, Tk 77.00 crore and Tk 40.00 crore were offered respectively for the 28-day, 91-day, 182-day, 364-day and 2-year bills.

Of these, Tk 649.60 crore, Tk 11.50 crore, Tk 35.00 crore and Tk 12.00 crore were accepted respectively against the bills with the range of implicit yields of 6.45-6.85 per cent, 7.67-7.70 per cent, 8.10-8.15 per cent and 8.90 per cent per annum.

Bids offered for the 91-day bill were not accepted and no bid was offered for the 5-year

Children's painting exhibition from Dec 3

A five-day long children's painting exhibition is going to be held in the cafeteria of Alliance Française de Dhaka from Dec 3, says a press release.

The exhibition will be inau-

gurated by France Lasnier. Director of Alliance Française at 5 pm. The exhibited paintings are by children between 6 to 16 years of age who participated in several children's painting workshops conducted by Masuma Khan at Alliance Francaise.

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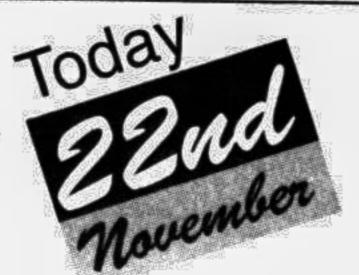
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