

Metropolitan

Install pollution control devices in industrial units'

Science and Technology Minister Lt General (Retd) Mohammad Nooruddin Khan yesterday stressed the need for equipping all industries, irrespective of sizes, with pollution control devices, reports BSS.

Each industry should have a waste water treatment plant so that environmental pollution is kept at a minimum level or it can be controlled up to a reasonable extent, the Minister told a national workshop in the city.

Khan was the chief guest at the inauguration of a four-day long national workshop on "Waste Water Treatment in Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)" at the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) seminar room of BCSIR in the city.

The seminar is jointly organised by the Asia and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), New Delhi and Ministry of Science and Technology, Presided over by Secretary of the Ministry M Fazlur Rahman, the inaugural session of the workshop was addressed, among others, by Dr S K Hossain, Environment specialist, APCTT, Secretary Environment and Forest Syed Margub Morshed and Chairman BCSIR Prof M Mashihuzzaman.

Iranian envoy calls on Ershad

Mohamed Razaee Nouri, the Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh, yesterday made a courtesy call on Hussain Muhammad Ershad, the Jatiya Party chief and former president at the latter's Baridhara office, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to bilateral and international issues.

Anup Chetia Case

Eighth prosecution witness cross examined

By Court Correspondent

A prosecution witness in the Anup Chetia's case on illegally possessing foreign currency yesterday said that Chetia and his associates were arrested in front of him almost two years ago.

Abul Bashir Miah, the eighth witness being cross examined, said yesterday said that Chetia and his two associates were arrested from a residence at Adabar under Mohammadpur police station December 21, 1997.

Police arrested Chetia and his two associates — Babul Sharma and Laxmi Prasad Goswami — and recovered a satellite telephone and foreign currency of 16 countries from their possession, said the witness who is also the brother of the owner of the house Chetia was a tenant of.

The three accused were produced in the court of fifth assistant metropolitan sessions judge at about 2:30 pm yesterday for hearing of the case against them filed for illegal possession foreign currency.

Several important papers are scheduled to be presented in the workshop with historical background on the development of chemical industries and environmental management by Dr S Rajamani, head of Environmental Division of Central Research Institute, Chennai, India. Waste Water Treatment in Textile Dyeing by Prof R B Charan, Head, Textile Technology Department, IIT, New Delhi, India. Waste Water Disposal Treatment by Dr M Serajul Islam of BUET, Waste Water from Electroplating Industries by Subder All, BUET, Waste Water Treatment in Pharmaceutical and Toiletries Industries by Eng Raliqui Islam of Aqua Fresh.

Nooruddin Khan emphasised the need for involving all concerned industrialist in such an important workshop.



Construction of the 2nd bridge on River Buriganga is incomplete and no one yet knows when it's likely to be completed for use. — Star photo

Dollars 169.9 m project under NFE progressing satisfactorily

The government's 169.9 million US dollars project-four under the Non-Formal Education (NFE) programme to literate 2.29 crore people of the country is progressing fast, official sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Education Ministry officials said the project-four, ten times bigger than the donor supported NFE project, is a part of the government's plan to achieve the goal of Education For All (EFA) by the year 2006.

Project-four is a gigantic project under the original plan launched in 1990 which will be implemented solely from the government's own resources," said the officials.

The objective of the entire NFE programme is to make 3.44 crore people literate by the year 2006.

Project-four was launched basing the performance of the

on-going 51 million US dollars World Bank supported NFE project.

The World Bank in its project status report released recently lauded the government initiative saying, "the overall literacy rate is increasing as the government is giving education a high priority."

The objective of the World Bank supported NFE is to reach an estimated 25 lakh learners of the 15-24 age group of whom 13 lakh are females. The project was launched in the middle of June last year for completing by June 2001.

The World Bank termed the performance of its project as satisfactory saying the programme has so far progressed well in terms of improving and expanding Non-Formal Education, the bank's project status report said.

It also said that the bank's

project has achieved 64 per cent female participation during phase-1 of the NFE delivery programme, which is well over the project target of 50 per cent.

The bank is rating the performance of the project based on successful completion of the first-phase of the programme by 95 NGOs whereby NFE courses were imparted to 168,000 learners.

The status report said currently 138 NGOs are running 14,835 centres with an estimated 4,45,050 learners under the project. It said that 194 NGOs were selected for delivering NFE through 14,595 centres and reaching about 4,37,850 learners.

A committee has already selected NGOs for the fourth phase and these NGOs will run 17,961 centres where 4,05,900 learners will be trained.

Govt urged to take steps before gas block drills

A former lawmaker yesterday urged the government to take immediate steps to ensure environmental safety in the 'vulnerable gas blocks' in Baniachang thana under Habiganj district, reports BSS.

Termed the area "endangered and environmentally-vulnerable like Magurchara," Zakaria Chowdhury said: "Government's agreements for exploration, drills and distribution of gas should also embrace local demands for ensuring administrative transparency."

Addressing newsmen at the National Press Club he demanded that international certification of standard like ISO and OSHA should be produced before any drills at Ratna-1 and Block-12 while international insurance guarantee should also be taken to face any accident.

The gas exploration company working in the area should also create annual development fund for economic growth in Baniachang, he said, adding the road connecting the village with the district headquarters should be developed to make up the damage caused by vehicles of the company.

Chowdhury also demanded that the people of Baniachang should be supplied with gas for domestic and industrial use after the launching of commercial distribution.

Zoological Society confce begins Friday

The three-day 12th Biennial National Conference of Zoological Society of Bangladesh (ZSB) begins Friday at Teachers-Students' Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University, reports BSS.

Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury will inaugurate the conference while Prof Kazi Zakir Hussain will deliver the keynote paper on "21st Century and Environmental Issue of Bangladesh."

There will be four technical sessions and a symposium on disease vector and their management. Zoologists of the country have been requested to contact general secretary of the society Dr Manzoor at the Zoology Department of DU.

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The holy urs sharif of Syedena-O-Moulana-O-Murshedena Hazrat Syed Shah Mursheed Ali Al-Quadery (RA) will be celebrated tomorrow after Margreb prayers and on February 6 (Sunday) after Margreb prayers, says a press release.

The holy urs of Hazrat Syed Shah Ershad Ali Al-Quadery (RA) will be celebrated under the auspicious of Anjuman-E-Quaderia, Dhaka in its Khanqa Sharif at 6/1 Kallyanpur South.

The said holy urs sharif(s) will also be celebrated by Anjuman-E-Quaderia Rajbari, Pabna, Sagarkandi, Chittagong and Khulna branches the same date and time.

Muggers snatch away Tk 5 lakh in separate incidents

By Staff Correspondent

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FM invited to visit Kuwait

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has been invited to visit Kuwait at a mutually convenient time, reports UNB.

Kuwaiti Ambassador Ali Hossain Al-Sammak handed over the invitation letter of First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister or Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber to Azad when the former called on him at his office yesterday.

The Foreign Minister also extended an invitation to his Kuwaiti counterpart to visit Bangladesh.

During the discussion they expressed their willingness to strengthen the economic relation and exchange of trade.

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Khandakar Salahuddin Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Rangpur DFP-1721-26/1 G-184



Maya's 1st solo exhibition opens February 4

The first solo painting exhibition of Maya, an amateur artist will be inaugurated at Hotel Sheraton on February 4 at 4 pm, says a press release.

The programme will be inaugurated by Nader Khan, Chairman of Prime Bank Ltd as the chief guest.

Some 32 pieces of work in oil by the artist will be on display at the 3-day exhibition.

Rotary News

Meeting postponed

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will not be held today, says a press release.

The next weekly meeting will be held at Dhaka Club Ltd on February 9 at 5:30 pm, the release added.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Chief Engineer (Incharge), BTMC, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A., Dhaka from the interested persons/organisation/citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad for selling of approximately 9.89 acre land of Noakhali Textile Mills at Mouza Chor Boga & Chor Rakhalia, Raipur, Lakshimpur, including the existing structure on the land as it is where it is basis.
Tender documents may be purchased from the office of the Chief Accountant, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong & Mills Office on cash payment of Tk. 750/- (non-refundable) per set up to 16-2-2000 on all working days during office hours up to 1-00 pm. Tender will be received by the above office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban (2nd floor), BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong & in the reception room adjacent to the Gate No. 1 & 3 of Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka on 17-2-2000 up to 11-00 am & will be opened in each & every place at 12-00 noon in presence of the bidder (if any) except in the Gate No. 1 & 3 of Bangladesh Secretariat which will be opened in office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka at 12-00 noon.
2½% security deposit of the quoted value must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO in favour of BTMC from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. In case of the citizens of Bangladesh staying abroad will submit 2½% security money in the form of Bank Draft in foreign currency along with the original bank receipt with the tender. Representative of the foreign citizen may submit tender on behalf of the citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad. Tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected.
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Khandakar Salahuddin Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Rangpur DFP-1721-26/1 G-184

Institutional capacity of union council to be strengthened

Minister for Local Government Zillur Rahman yesterday stressed the necessity of strengthening institutional capacity and efficiency of union councils enabling to take active part in the local development activities for expediting the current socio-economic development programmes, reports BSS.

During a meeting with a delegation of Bangladesh Union Council Chairmen Association at his office in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, the minister said the present government has established a powerful union council at the country's grass-root level for ensuring a better life of the rural masses.

The government is now implementing a Taka 50 crore Capacity Building Project with funds from the UNDP for strengthening institutional capacity and efficiency of the

Union Council," he said.

Zillur Rahman called upon the union council chairmen to play their bold role to speed up the revenue collection throughout the country and also the on-going development programmes including construction and reform of rural infrastructures, preservation of public health and sanitation, protection of environment and removal of illiteracy and poverty from the country.

Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government Badiur Rahman was present on the occasion. The delegation led by the association president Meer Enayet Hussain Mantu handed over a 12-point demand to the minister who assured them of taking due step in this regard. Other members of the delegation were Abdul Khaleque, Abdul Wahab Khokan, Sahabuddin, Golam Sarwar Monir and Golam Mostafa.

Classes not held at CU

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: Classes were not held but the administrative building were remained open at the Chittagong University (CU) today, the first day of the strike for an indefinite period.

Anti-Government Student Alliance (AGSA) led by Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) enforced the strike on the campus.

The shuttle train or teachers' bus plied between the campus and the city and more than ninety per cent teachers and employers were present on the campus specially for drawing salary despite the strike.

Following a seventeen-day siege programme, AGSA launched a fresh strike programme for an indefinite period from today.

AGSA protesting the killing of two Shibir activists in a clash with Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the campus on December 19 last year.

Their five-point demands include removal of the VC and Pro-V of the university and arrest and trial of the killers of the Shibir activists.

Meanwhile, CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan held an emergency meeting with the teachers at the Teachers' Club in the city this afternoon.

Dhaka College Ex-students Assoc '84 batch reunion Feb 11

A meeting of the Dhaka College Ex-students Association ('84 batch) was held in the city recently, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by its convener Anisul Hoque Litu. The meeting fixed up the date for the reunion of the ex-students of 1984 batch of Dhaka College on February 11. The registration fee has been fixed at Tk 300 per person and Tk 500 for couples.

Interested students of the said batch have been requested to contact Anisul Hoque Ph: 9561062-4 (off), Jalal Ahmed Swapan Ph: 9559561-3 (off), 9660782 (res), Bappy Ph: 9343667-8 (off), 011-862836 (Mobile) and Sharif Ph: 500749 (off), 9333469 (res) by February 7.

Queens University closed sine die

Queens University will remain closed for an indefinite period with effect from today due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Students have been ordered to vacate the hostel by 7 am today.

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