

Month-long Ekushey programmes begin in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: A month-long programme marking the first International Mother Language Day and the immortal Ekushey began here today amid much enthusiasm and festivity, reports BSS.

Tiny tots inaugurated the function at Central Shaheed Minar this morning playing the national anthem while Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury hoisted the National Flag.

Two school children delivered speeches on Ekushey and some others recited poems on the freedom struggle and in praise of the language martyrs.

In the afternoon, an international book fair was inaugurated and a discussion held at the main venue of the month-long programme at Laldighi Maidan.

Language hero Gazul Haq inaugurated the book fair.

Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan was the chief guest at the discussion on Ekushey. CCC Mayor and President of the International Mother Language Day and Ekushey Celebration Council Mohiuddin Chowdhury presided.

Executive President of the Council Prof Anupom Sen, so-called Agartala Conspiracy Case accused Bidhan Chandra Sen, Assistant High Commissioner of India in Chittagong Jaideep Sarker and Chief Executive of CCC Abdul Wahab took part in the discussion.

While inaugurating the book fair Gazul Haq called upon people to use Bangla in all spheres of national life. "Even after 48 years of the Language Movement, Bangla has not been widely introduced," he lamented, adding that a vested group is still working against our language and heritage.

Speaking on the occasion Labour and Employment Minister Mannan urged the people to come forward to build a happy and prosperous country as dreamt by the heroes of our Liberation War and the Language Movement.



Shoppers have long been occupying the greater half of this road, leading from Nawabpur Yusuf Market towards Sadarghat, for loading, unloading and storage. Concerned authorities don't seem to bother about the situation. Incidentally, this particular area is just across the road from the DCC Mayor's residence. — Star photo

All set to ban black polythene bags across the country

All is set to ban the production and marketing of environmentally hazardous black polythene bags and import of its raw materials in the country for the greater interest of conserving the nature.

Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Mursheed told BSS yesterday that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had already approved the ban on the production and marketing of black polythene bags and import of its raw materials in the country as a first step towards complete phasing out of all kinds of polythene products.

Marghub said that the government has also approved the recommendations of the Steering Committee on Polythene to phase out the production, marketing and utilisation of polythene products and raw materials in the country.

The high-powered Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Polythene headed by Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury in its meeting on April 13, 1999 described polythene as a hazard to health and environment and decided to phase it out.

Marghub said the prime minister last week approved it and as a first step look the decision to instruct all concerned agencies for enforcing the ban on the production and marketing of black polythene bags and its import in the country.

Quoting a study, the environment secretary said that every day about six million polythene bags are used in the capital city alone and out of it only 20 per cent can be removed while the other 80 per cent remains back polluting the environment.

Experts said polybags are not environment-friendly, not biodegradable and rather causes soil degradation, water logging, drain congestion and loss of soil fertility.

They also observed that black polythene bags are the most hazardous ones.

Chairman of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh Quamrul Islam Chowdhury underscored the need for complete ban on polythene bags in the country and promotion of environment-friendly jute products and paper bags.

He said promotion of cheaper jute bags will also create millions of jobs across the country which would help propel the national economy forward.

Environment and Development Alliance Director Syed Shah Tareqzaman welcomed the decision to phase out polybags and underscored the need for its immediate enforcement to conserve nature and reduce health risk.

DU History Dept Alumni Association reunion Mar 10

By DU Correspondent

The annual reunion of Dhaka University History Department Alumni Association (DUHDA) will be held on March 10 at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of the university, said a press release.

Former students of the department who wish to participate in the forthcoming reunion, have been requested to contact the office of the department chairman.

The DUHDA will also publish a directory of the registered members and former students are advised to register their names by February 23, the release added.

Children's art competition begins in city

Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday inaugurated children's painting competition at the Shishu Academy premises in the city, reports BSS.

Haji Shahabuddin Social Welfare Foundation organised the competition to celebrate the UNESCO's decision to observe February 21 as International Mother Language Day.

The minister encouraged the competitors and said the Language Movement of 1952 sowed the seed of the War of Liberation in 1971.

President visits SR Paul's house

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday visited the residence of renowned late Advocate Sabita Ranjan Paul who died last Friday at the age of 90, reports BSS.

President Shahabuddin stayed there for some time and talked to Mrs Rani Paul, wife of the deceased and other members of the bereaved family and consoled them.

The President also registered his tribute in the condolence book describing S R Paul as a legend in the legal profession.

Justice S K Sinha, Barrister Shoukat Ali Khan, Advocate Subrata Chowdhury were, among others, present on the occasion.

DMCH to be upgraded as centre of excellence

Health and Family Welfare, Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim yesterday said Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) will be upgraded as a centre of excellence through installation of ultra modern equipment, reports BSS.

The up-gradation of DMCH would help reduce the trend of the patients to go abroad for treatment as well as siphoning of hard earned money, the minister said while paying a surprise visit to DMCH last morning.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah, Director General of Health Services Prof A B M Anisul Hossain and Director of DMCH were present during his visit.

The minister went round different wards and sections including CCU, Operation Theatre, Spiral CT Scan Unit, X-ray, medicine, female and outdoor wards, and medical stores.

The DMCH authorities appreciated the minister of problems of surgical instruments including radiotherapy machine. Two referral wards of both male and female will be functioning from February 15, the DMCH authorities informed the minister.

The minister directed the authorities for immediate procurement of another Cobalt Cancer Machine and necessary fund will be provided. He urged the doctors to improve the quality of services for ensuring better medicare facilities to the patients.

Public Safety Act makes people's life insecure, says Ershad

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad yesterday said that the repressive Public Safety Act has made people's life insecure instead of providing security, reports UNB.

"This law is not for safety of the people, it is rather the last resort for safety of Awami League," he told a press conference, rejecting the Public Safety Bill passed in parliament Sunday.

Ershad termed it a black law and said it would curb fundamental rights of people. "This Act was passed to suppress the opposition and its movement," he added.

The Jatiya Party Chairman said that he had met with President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Banghaban yesterday and requested him to see whether there is any scope to send the bill to the Supreme Court.

36-hour hartal 'illogical': BCL

By DU Correspondent

Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday urged the BNP to form a four party opposition alliance not to enforce any more hartal for the sake of development of the country.

Termining the 36-hour hartal scheduled to begin today morning as 'illogical', they said that such hartal will destabilise the peaceful atmosphere and destroy the flourishing economy of the country.

The BCL leaders warned that they would not allow any more destructive, political programmes like hartal in the future.

"The aim of the hartal is nothing but to save the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu," alleged Bahadur Bepari, president of the ruling party-backed student organisation.

He condemned the opposition for calling the hartal only on the ground of protesting the Public Safety Act and said that the act would save the people from destruction, terrorism, repression on woman and children and extortion.

Among others, BCL general secretary Ajay Kar Khokon and A K M Ajim addressed the rally.



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Dy General Manager (Com)
For Managing Director

Roads & Highways Department Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender notice number : 42 BRD of the year 1999-2000.
- Name of work : Work of different groups (as per group list) under Barisal Road Division during 1999-2000.
- Estimated money : As per group list.
- Security money : As per group list.
- Time for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractors to submit tender : As per group list.
- Offices where tenders will be available : Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Patakhali/Bhola/Pirojpur/Jhalakathi/Barguna/Planning Division (PD), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer R&H, Road Sub-Division-1/2, Barisal/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Barisal, will be available on all working days during office hours except holidays. No tender form will be sold on the day of opening tender.
- Last date and time of selling tender schedule : 10-02-2000 till 5:00 PM.
- Offices where tender will be received in sealed condition : Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Barisal Zone, Barisal/ Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Barisal/Superintending Engineer R&H, Monitoring and Evaluation (PD) Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal/Jhalakathi/Pirojpur.
- Last date and time of receiving tender in sealed condition : 14-02-2000 till 12:30 PM.
- Date and time of filing tender in sealed condition : 14-02-2000 at 12:45 PM.
- Place, date and time of opening tender : In the office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Barisal, 20-02-2000 at 11:00 AM.
- Date and time of lottery : 28-02-2000 at 11:00 AM.

Group No	Name of work and location	Estimated money	Security money	Time of completion of work	Head of expenditure	Eligibility of contractors to submit tender
1 (One)	Construction work of RCC guide pillar with the work of widening of pavements with HBB (hard shoulder) of both the sides of Nabagram intersection bridge on the 2nd K metre of Barisal-Burghata Highway under Barisal Road Division during 1999-2000 year.	Tk 6,72,687/-	13,454/-	25 (twenty-five) days	168 RBF	Eligible contractors of 'A' to 'C' classes of general category of Roads Highway Department and 'D' class general category of Barisal Road Circle and 'E' general category of Barisal Road Division
2 (two)	Widening of pavement on the 1st K meter (part) with construction of traffic island, underground drain and footpath of Barisal-Burghata Road under Barisal Road Division during 1999-2000 year.	Tk 17,77,072/-	35,542/-	45 (forty-five) days	do	do

NB: Tender schedule will not be sold and received in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, Group No 1 (one).

Md Harunur Rashid
Executive Engineer, R&H
Barisal Road Division.

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সিরপুর-২, ঢাকা।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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