

Bangla Academy book fair to be reached across globe online

With Bangladesh steps into the latest e-commerce net, the Bangla Academy book fair this year will virtually be reached across the globe online.

"Anyone staying anywhere across the world will be able to go through all publications in the Boi Mela and buy any books through online orders," Mahbub Zaman of Datasoft that developed the related website, told

The website, www.bangla-books.com, also a huge databank of all major Bengali publications from oldest ones to latest pieces, was inaugurated through a premier show yesterday.

As soon as the Boi Mela begins tomorrow, anyone will be able to purchase books through this online e-commerce site. The payment could be made by credit cards. America-based Angenet will coordinate selling system.

"It will be great opportunity for expatriate Bangladeshis. For domestic buyers, however, there will also be separate arrangement," Mahbub Zaman said.

He said the e-trading is designed not only for the book fair, rather it will be a permanent one. He mentioned that time is not far away when e-commerce will dominate businesses also in Bangladesh.

At present, 31 per cent businesses in United States of America take place through e-com-

merce. By the end of year 2001, experts said the e-commerce will grab 91 per cent of total

Experts think e-commerce will bring a lot of foreign exchange for Bangladesh. For India, income through the electronic trading by the end of this year will stand at US dollar 5,000 crore, they said.

Among those present in the launching banglabooks.com today were Dr Anisuzzaman, Sontosh Gupta, Dr Iqbal Mahmud, Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Dr Zafar Iqbal, Dr Fazlur Rahman, M Hamid, Dr Yasin Haq, Dilara Hashem, Atiq-e-Rabbani, Nayem Ahmed and Timothy L Forsyth to US Embassy.

The first e-commerce website was launched in the country on January 24. Techno Big Ltd. in cooperation with Corona International introduced the

15th Rover moot begins today

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Feb 4: The 6-day long 15th Rover moot of Bangladesh Scout will be taking place at Bahadurpur under Sadar Thana in Gazipur.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman will inaugurate the programme as a chief guest. Local MP Ahsan Ullah Master and National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scout Manzurul Karim will attend the function as special guests.

Including 450 females, 4200 Rovers, 400 Rover Scout leaders will participate in the programme. Besides, a team of 18 members of Bhutan National Scout will also take part in the moot which will continue till February 10.

A 10-bed temporary hospital has been set up for the participants. Under 'Safe Blood Circulation' programme at least 100 bags of blood will be donated to the Red Crescent Society of Bangladesh by Rovers.

The theme of the moot is "Rovering for the 21st Century."

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote prog on Ekushey

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) has taken elaborate programmes marking the International Mother Language Day. reports BSS.

It will hold a 12-day programme at the Central Shaheed Minar. Language hero Abdul Matin will inaugurate the programme on February 8.

Besides, a ten-day programme has been arranged in the City Corporation auditorium at Mirpur 10. Language hero Gaziul Haque will open it.

Earlier, the SSJ formed an 'Ekush Uddjan Committee' with Hassan Arif and Alzal Hussain as its convenor and member secretary respectively.

It will hold a press conference in the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) auditorium at Dhaka University at 5 pm today for ensuring the use of Bangla language in all spheres of society.



A sequence of the drama 'Punoruththan' presented by Udichi. The street drama was staged as part of 'National Street Drama Festival 2000' being held at the Central Shaheed Minar. The festival has been organised by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation.

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CJA,B condoles death of BAU VC

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2 killed in city road accidents

Two people, including a young man, were killed in two separate road accidents at Mohakhali and on Tipu Sultan Road in the city yesterday, police and hospital sources said, reports BSS.

They said Shuvashish Saha, 25, a resident of Narinda, was run over by a speeding truck at 10 am and killed instantly.

The accident occurred when he was crossing the road.

The body of Shuvashish was sent to hospital for autopsy.

Police failed to seize the truck.

In another incident, an unidentified man, 40, was run over by a train at Mohakhali at about 10:30 am and died on the spot.

His body was sent to the morgue of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

Brother of Mirza Abbas dead

By Staff Correspondent

Ersahidul Hosain Rokon, younger brother of former

city Mayor Mirza Abbas and Ward Commissioner Mirza Khokon, died at Elizabeth Hospital of the United States of America (USA) on Tuesday.

The body of the deceased will be brought to Bangladesh at 6:00 am on Monday. The naim-e-janaza of the deceased will be held at his residence and he will be buried at Shahjahanpur family graveyard.

City BNP's rally today

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Dhaka city unit will hold a rally at Muktagan in the city at 3:00 pm today and bring out a procession to protest what it said the bomb explosion at BNP office and arrest

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club Shahbag, says a press release.

Rotarians are cordially invited to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bona fide manufacturers for the supply of materials under DPHE, Store Division, Dhaka for IDB assisted rural water supply project in the coastal belt of Bangladesh. The tender documents/bill of quantities/specification will be available by the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Dhaka/Chittagong/Khulna/Natore and office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division up to 13.2.2000 during office hours by the prefixed amount (Non-refundable). The tender documents will be received by the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Dhaka/Chittagong/Khulna/Natore and by the Divisional Commissioner Office, Dhaka Division on or before up to 2-00 PM on 14-2-2000 and this will be opened in the office of the Superintending Engineer, DPHE, Store Circle, Dhaka at 2-30 PM on 15-2-2000 in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any present at that time).

Metropolitan

'Int'l recognition of Feb 21 justifies all movements till '71'

The seminar on "Recognition of February 21 as International Mother Language Day and contribution of the Bangabandhu from the Language Movement to the War of Liberation" was organised by the Kendro Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela.

"This recognition is not for the language only. Various stages of democratic movements until achievement of the War of Liberation in 1971 have been proved to be reasonable with this recognition," he said while addressing a seminar in the city.

Dr Malek said Pakistani rulers and their foreign mentors had employed propaganda against all democratic movements of the Bangladeshi people.

They tried to sully the great Language Movement of 1952 as a communal one and termed the six-point demand of the Bangabandhu as a document of CIA, he said.

"With the global recognition of our Language Movement it has been proved beyond any doubt that all movements until 1971 were legitimate," he added.

said a certain quarter and some intellectuals have been trying to undermine his contribution.

"There is no reason to undermine the Bangabandhu as the movements of 1952, 1954, 1966, 1968, 1969 culminated into the War of Liberation, and the Bangabandhu led all these movements," he said.

The political adviser said the Bangabandhu deserves sole credit for turning the movement of Bangali nationalism into a national entity in the history of 3,000 years.

Justice KM Subhan said the cultural emancipation came with the Language Movement which started under the able leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Bangabandhu was arrested from in front of the Secretariat on March 11, 1948, while he was leading the Language Movement, he added.

Justice KM Subhan said the Bangabandhu played a pioneering role in all the democratic movements and emerged as the indispensable leader by dint of his leadership quality.