

What's on today.....

Premiere of Bihanga: The Premiere of 'Bihanga', a feature film produced by the Centre for Rehabilitation of Paralytic (CRP) and directed by Abdullah Al Mamun, will be held. Chief guest: State Minister for Planning Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir. Venue: House No: 8, Road No: 62, Gulshan. Time: 6 pm.

RMMRU consultation: Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) will hold a consultation to discuss the need for ratification of the 1990 Convention on the Rights of the Migrant Workers and Members of their families. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

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Film show: Three French movies Les perles de la couronne, un indien dans la ville and le petit soldat will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 11.00 a.m., 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Inauguration: The inaugural ceremony of a painting exhibition by Murtaja Baseer will be held. Venue: Divine Art Gallery, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5.00 pm.

Exhibition: The inaugural ceremony of the 3rd solo painting exhibition by Zinat Sattar will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5.00 pm.

Scientific conference: The inaugural ceremony of the Ninth Annual Scientific Conference (ASCN) of ICDDR,B: Centre for Health and Population Research will be held. Venue: Sasakawa auditorium, ICDDR,B. Time: 6.30 pm.

Weather

Light rain forecast

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and the river basins of the country during night/morning, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 11.0 degree Celsius at Srimangol, Rangpur and Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.50 pm and rises on Friday at 6.35 am.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

HERE and THERE

Proshika MANIKGANJ, Feb 9: The newly appointed Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka, David Preston, today said his country would continue its assistance to Bangladesh to develop its basic human resources, alleviate poverty and attain good governance, reports BSS.

While expressing his optimism over a prosperous future of the country Preston said that Bangladesh with its vibrant, energetic and hard-working people has scope to emerge as a prosperous nation.

He expressed these views while talking to newsmen after visiting a number of development projects being run by Proshika in Saturia and Dhamrai thanas of the district.

Preston lauded the achievement of Proshika in enhancing the condition of the country's poor. He particularly mentioned the endeavours of Proshika in empowerment of women and imparting education to the children. Referring to his exchange of opinion with women group members, the Canadian envoy said, "I am happy to see that the women in this remote rural areas attained quality to express their own views, properly react with social and environmental conditions."

Sayed asks youths to build 'Sonar Bangla'

GAZIPUR, Feb 9: State Minister for Information Prof. Abul Sayeed today asked the members of the youth to dedicate themselves for establishing "Sonar Bangla" free from hunger, poverty and exploitation being imbued with the spirit of patriotism, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a youth forum in the week-long rover moot at Bahadurpur here, Prof Sayeed said there is no alternative to patriotism that derives from love for the country, feeling for the people and commitment to the national development.

The State Minister said the Bengali nation under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had earned the independence and sovereignty of the country by breaking the shackles of thousand years of subjugation.

Prof Sayeed lauded the role of the youth community in the great war of liberation, Language Movement and other democratic movements of the past.

He also underlined the need for changing age-old social system to remove discrimination between man and man and also eradicate social ills.

The State Minister said the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to present before the nation a modern and time-befitting education system.

He said judiciary should be modernised for the sake of rule of law.

Prof Sayeed said administration and education system should be made modern and science-oriented.

He asked the new generation to come forward in facing the challenge of the time.

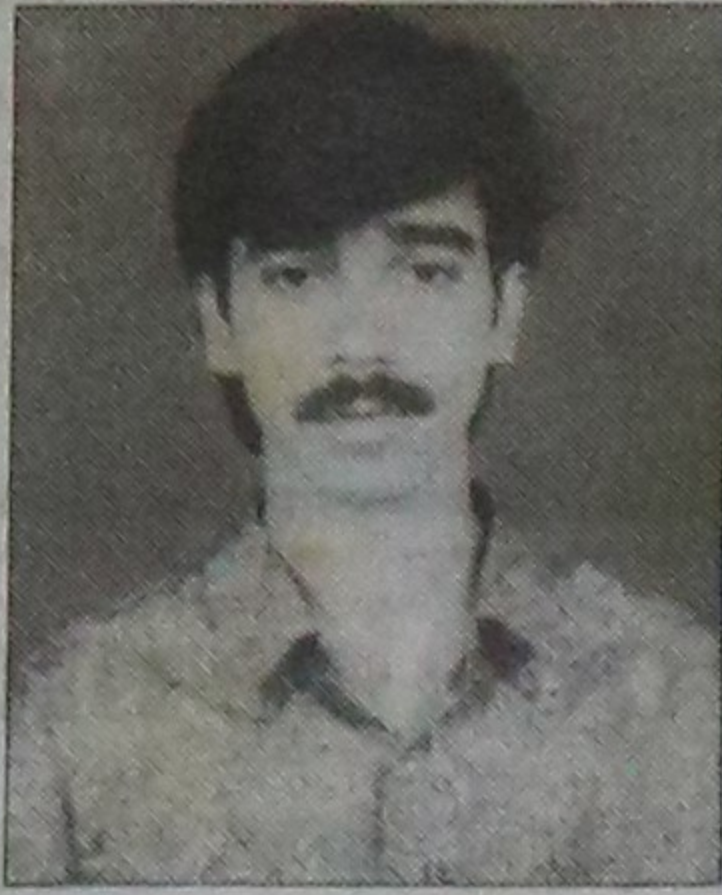
Prof Sayeed said the government had raised the rate of literacy to 62 per cent from 47 per cent during the last three and a half years.

He underscored the need for grooming the new generation through proper utilisation of human resources to build a bright future for the country.

The function was also addressed, among others, by coordinator of the youth forum SM Gaziar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of National University Prof Aminul Islam, National Commissioner of Rover Scouts Zinal Abedin, representative of Bhutan Master Kinlay and representative of Pakistan Obaidur Rahman.

Prof Sayeed visited the camps of the rover moot. About five thousand rover scouts from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Bhutan are participating in the moot.

Congratulation



Naadir Junaid stood first class first in the Masters Final Examination of 1997 (held in 1999) from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka university, says a press release.

He also stood first class first in the BA (Honours) Examination of 1996 from the same department and secured 16th position in the Humanities group of Dhaka Board in the HSC Examination of 1997.

Naadir Junaid is the only son of Professor Mohammad Junaid, Principal, Government Titumir College, Dhaka and Professor Kamrun Nahar, Head of the Department of Political Science, Eden Girls College, Dhaka.

50 thousand more new telephone lines to be installed in Ctg by next year

CHITTAGONG, Feb 9: Fifty thousand more new telephone lines will be installed in the city by next year while all thanas of Chittagong zone would be brought under digital network, reports BSS.

This was told at the 26th meeting of the Chittagong City Development Co-ordination Committee held at the corporation auditorium here today, a city corporation press release said.

The meeting discussed in details various issues and urged the authorities concerned to prepare their respective plans within shortest possible of time in line with the mega city concept, which would later be placed to the government.

The meeting recommended inclusion of the Commissioner of Customs and Roads and Highways (R&H) in the co-ordination committee and empowerment of the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) for spending to the tune of Taka 50 crore instead of the existing five crore to make it self-reliant and port activities more dynamic.

Presided over by the Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the meeting was attended by heads and representatives of different organisations and public utility services, the press release added.

New schedule for American Citizen Services Unit

The US Embassy in Dhaka announces the following schedule for the American Citizen Services Unit in the Consular Section, according to an USIS press release.

The unit's office hours are from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Sunday through Thursday. Telephone hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Sunday through Thursday. The telephone and fax numbers are 882-3805 and 882-4449 respectively.

In case of an emergency, American citizens should contact the Embassy in person or by telephone. During workdays, Sundays-Thursdays, 8:00 am-4:30 pm, please call American Citizen Services at 882-3805. In other times, one should call the Embassy switchboard at 882-4700, and ask for the Duty Officer. An emergency is, for instance, if a US Citizen has died, is seriously ill, is in immediate physical danger, or has lost his/her passport (if needed for travel before the next regular business day).

The American Citizen Services Unit does not handle visas or green cards. For assistance with these, Visa Services may be called at 882-3800, Sunday through Thursday, between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. Citizens may also appear in person on Tuesdays before 9:00 am. Citizens wishing to file immigration petitions should come to Window 7 on any workday between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

FM asks Al Azhar university to provide more seats for Bangladeshis Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has requested the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar University to provide more seats and scholarship to Bangladeshis students, particularly female students for Islamic study, reports UNB.

The request was made when the Foreign Minister called on the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar University Mohamed Sayed Tantawi in Egypt, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The Foreign Minister praised the role of Al Azhar in study, research and dissemination of Islamic culture.

He also invited the Grand Sheikh to visit Bangladesh.

In response, the Grand Sheikh said Al Azhar would actively consider Bangladesh's request for more scholarships and talked of closer relations with Bangladesh in the field of Islamic research and culture.

He also informed the Minister that they had recently started an Al Azhar Institute in Dhaka.



Fumes engulf two men as they open the cover of a manhole at Bijoy Nagar area to clean it. - Star photo

Insurance sector injecting dynamism in economic activities

Tofail says at inauguration of new firm

Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed said as per WTO obligations, Bangladesh would also have to welcome foreign companies in insurance business within 5-10 years and advised local entrepreneurs to become competitive before the opening up, reports UNB.

He made the suggestion while opening a new insurance firm, Rupali Life Insurance Company, at a function in a city hotel yesterday.

The minister informed the meeting that the present government had given permission to 11 life insurance companies to prepare local entrepreneurs to face future challenges of open competition throughout the world.

With the increase of economic activities, insurance business is also increasing," he said. More insurance activities will enhance dynamism in economic activities," he said, adding that the present government is strengthening rural economy through ensuring good infrastructure, electricity, subsidies in agriculture and incentives for local raw material-based small and cottage industries.

The Industries Minister suggested that life insurance agents should make rural people aware about the necessity of insurance schemes. Opening of new insurance companies will also create employment opportunity, he added.

Referring to problems of the industries sector he criticised the previous government for drastically reducing import duties from 350 per cent to 50 per cent in 1993 without preparing the domestic entrepreneurs for competing with products from outside.

"It created sick industries," he said, adding that the BNP government also withdrew tariff and non-tariff barriers to imports at that time.

Although the growth rate of foreign investment in Bangladesh is higher than other regional countries, the amount is not so very healthy, he said. "We have created conducive environment to attract FDI despite opposition's movement."

He said investment is a matter of profit and loss and if an entrepreneur can eye a profit from his investment, only then one would be interested to invest in it.

The opening session was also addressed, among others, by Mostafizur Rahman MP, Managing Director of Rupali Life Insurance AKM Saiful Islam, its director Ben Afroz and Abdul Matin.

Foundation of space theatre

From page 1 through a planetarium. Feature films on space and galaxy will be shown.

The sky, planets and stars will be projected on a big dome-like screen to make people feel that they are watching the sky and travelling through it. The space theatre building will itself be a modern architecture. There will be 350 seats for the spectators in the main hall.

The space theatre will be set up on 5.17 acres of land at an estimated cost of Tk 70 crore. Its operation will start by March 2001. Bengali and English languages will be used in the spectacular shows.

This space theatre will facilitate learning through entertainment and help the people acquire knowledge about science and technology," the prime minister said.

The Prime Minister said present government has taken up time-befitting programmes to cope with mainstream development of science and technology. It has also taken up an important project, National Institute of Biotechnology, aiming at socioeconomic development.

She hoped that the project being set up on Atomic Energy Commission premises in Savar would create a new chapter for quick breeding of animals and plants.

Hasina mentioned that the government had taken steps to establish National Marine Science Research Institute in Chittagong for research on marine science and collection of marine resources.

Attaching importance to development of Information Technology (IT), she said an IT village is being set up on 47 acres of land at Mohakhali for facilitating software industry and disseminating information.

Entrepreneurs and businesspeople involved in hi-tech could get all physical facilities in expansion and development of software industry, she said adding some 264 acres of land have been allocated at Kalkor to set up a hi-tech park.

Hasina said the government has been allocating Tk 12 crore in revenue sector from FY 1997-98 so that scientists and technologists could make contribution to socioeconomic development.

Raid by DB men

From page 1 3:30 am, woke up Sumon and attempted to drag him out," she said. They were accompanied by about 20 local people who were wearing masks, some of them armed. Sumon's mother claimed. Some of the intruders had prior link with police, she claimed.

The family members challenged them and asked them to show warrant of arrest, but they failed. The family members then managed to release Sumon, she said.

Sumon then went inside a room at the ground floor of the house. When he attempted to leave the room, a local man wearing a mask caught him at gunpoint.

One of the DB men then fired on Sumon. He died on way to hospital, she said.

JS body unhappy

From page 1 committee earlier. It also decided to summon the heads of these organisations and the secretary of the ministry concerned to the next meetings of the committee in phases to discuss the progress and problems they have been facing.

The meeting also stressed the need for maintaining specific principles in forming the Board of Directors of these organisations and corporations.

Alhaj Syed Masud Reza, AKM Mosharrif Hossain, SM Abul Hossain and Faruq Khan attended the meeting.

Dockers

From page 1 abstention in two bitumen loaded vessels as they stuck to their demand for increasing workers in gang-booking, port sources and stevedores said.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association (BMSA) has said it would stop gang-booking at Chittagong port from tomorrow if the labour problem is not solved.

In a statement issued to the press today, BMSA chairman A H M Monjur Alam alleged that the stevedores were incurring huge economic loss due to abstention from work by labourers.

The dock workers illegally stopped their work defying rules and regulations to realise extra wages and tips, BMSA chairman said.

He said that two letters have already sent to the authorities concerned to resolve the problems.

IJO mandate

From page 1 Of the total annual world jute production of about 3.37 million tonnes, India's yield has been estimated at 836 million tonnes, followed by Bangladesh with 900,000 tonnes.

Bangladesh's exports constitute 70 per cent of the global market.

He said the importers contributed funds for research, development and promotion of jute fibre.

Jute's market has shrunk due to cheap synthetic products, such as plastic. However, the IJO is trying to find alternative uses for it in an eco-friendly marketplace.

BSS adds: A special session of International Jute Council (IJC) ended in the city yesterday with no instant commitment of the European Union to go for a fresh agreement for continuity of the IJO.

The session of the IJO, the governing body of the IJC, was convened to finalise a draft agreement which could not get through following stiff opposition from the EU, conference sources said.

The EU delegate, however, told the session that his organisation would inform the IJO secretariat its final decision on the issue before a crucial meeting to be held at Geneva before the current mandate of the IJO expires in April.

The IJC session was chaired by the current council Chairman and Jute Secretary of Bangladesh Mahfujul Islam.

Later, the prime minister unveiled the plaque of the foundation stone and saw the design of the space theatre.

Swedish envoy calls on Amu Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Anders Johnson called on Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations.

Second phase of poppy destruction begins in Bandarban BANDARBAN, Feb 9: A special team of army began its 10-day long second phase drive to destroy poppy fields in the southern areas of Bandarban hill district from Barakadam under Thanchi thana on February 3, according to official sources, reports BSS.

The first phase of the drive was launched from Al Kadam thana in January last. Three-month old poppy plants on one and a half acres were destroyed and about 5 kg poppy seeds and fruits were recovered in this drive.

In 1998 and 1999, army and BDR, in a joint drive, had destroyed poppy cultivation on 54 acres and 108 acres respectively.

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