

BKL to accord reception to PM Feb 14

Bangladesh Krishak League (BKL) will accord a grand reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for winning the Ceres Award at the historic Paltan Maidan on February 14 at 3 pm, reports BSS.

Rashed Mosharraf, President of BKL and State Minister for Land, told this at a press conference last morning at the party central office in the city. General secretary of BKL Harun-ar-Rashid Hawladar, Dilara Harun MP, Agriculturist Golam Kabir, party central leaders Athar Hossain Mollah, Bazlur Rahman, Goutam Benarjee, Abdul Alim Khan and MA Wadud among others, were present at the press conference.

Nat'l science seminar begins today in city

A three-day national science seminar aimed at fixing Bangladesh's strategies to combat scientific challenges of this millennium begins today at BIAM auditorium in the city's Easkaton area, reports BSS.

The seminar will frame scientific agenda in conformity with the decisions of the World Conference on Science held in the Hungarian capital from June 26 to July 1, 1999.

Science and Technology Minister Lt General (Retd) Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan will inaugurate the seminar. State Minister for Planning Dr Muhieddin Khan Alamgir will preside over a technical session. Science and Technology Secretary Muhammad Fazlur Rahman will deliver address of welcome while Secretary of the World Conference on Science (WCS) Howard Moor will present the keynote address.

At least 150 participants are attending the three day seminar, split into ten technical sessions.



A boutique salesgirl displaying their product to a potential buyer at a Meenabazar stall yesterday. Gulshan Ladies Club organised the Meenabazar at the Shishu Park in city's Gulshan-2 area.

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2 cr smokers in country

'Third World' opting for smoking while 'First World' giving it up

The number of smokers is decreasing by 1.1 per cent in the developed world while increasing double that rate in the developing countries, says a latest WHO report that also gives a sorry state of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

According to an estimate 2 crore of people of Bangladesh are smokers, 60 per cent of them male and 15 per cent female," said National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, a pioneer of anti-smoking campaign in the country.

He gave his observations on the basis of the report of the World Health Organisation and the findings of different studies.

Recently the High Court directed the government to enact appropriate law toward prohibition of cultivation, import and consumption of tobacco and its products, including cigarettes.

It also asked the government to take effective measures for prohibition of smoking, manufacturing of tobacco-based products in the open for maintenance of public health.

Terming the verdict as victory for the anti-smoking movement Dr Nurul Islam said: "We have been conducting our social campaign to create awareness among the people."

Research recently has shown that smoking cessation greatly reduces the risk of tobacco-related diseases, so that most of these 100 million deaths are potentially prevented by intensive cessation.

Children are almost three times more likely to smoke if their parents do. Therefore helping parents stop smoking may not only prevent their children from starting it, but also may encourage adolescents to give up the bad habit.

Giving the experience against smoking Dr Nurul Islam said that high public profile against the injurious habit on all media could reduce the number of smokers in the country.

President attends SR Pal's Sraddha

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday attended the Sraddha programme of eminent Advocate Sabita Ranjan Pal at the Supreme Court Bar Association premises.

Justice BB Roy Chowdhury and Shekher Pal, the eldest son of SR Pal, received the President when he arrived at the Supreme Court premises.

The President exchange greetings with Rani Pal, spouse of late SR Pal, his daughters and relatives.

Judges of the Supreme Court, senior lawyers, close associates and members of SR Pal Smriti Raksha Committee attended the Sraddha.

Nat'l Association of UNESCO Clubs invite applications for grants

The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh has invited applications from the poor and meritorious college or university students for award of lump sum grants for the year 2000-2001, reports UNB.

Two grants of Tk 1000 each will be awarded to each group, said a press release.

Applications for the grant should be reached secretary general of the clubs, Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, at Sultan Building (2nd floor) Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 by March 20, 2000.

A certificate of the results of the last year's examination from head of the institution or department where he/she has been studying, should be enclosed with the application, the release added.

Discussion on Saraswati Puja held

A discussion on the occasion of Saraswati Puja was held at Hori Sava Temple premises in Rajarbagh area in the city on Thursday, reports BSS.

President of Sabujab Thana Awami League and Ward Commissioner Mosharraf Hossain Manji was present as the chief guest at the discussion with general secretary of Barodeshwar Kal Mata Shashan Committee Chitta Ranjan Das in the chair.

Arranged by Rajarbagh Juba Unnayan Committee, it was attended, among others, by city Awami League leader MA Kader, local organisers Khokon Chandra Das, Kabir Uddin and Loknath Das.

The committee also staged a drama title 'Sabuj Bangla Rokte Lal' at the same venue.

28 pirates arrested from villages near Sundarbans

KHULNA, Feb 11: Dacop Thana Police arrested 28 pirates from Dhangmari and Banishanta villages, adjacent to the Sundarbans, under Dacop Thana of Khulna District recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, acting on a tip-off, a police team led by OC Abdul Kader Beg raided the village Dhangmari and arrested twelve persons including 8 pirates.

The pirates were identified as Asgar Ali, Hakim Dhall, Sekender Ali, Bellal Sheikh, Tusu, Debasish Gain, Biplob Gain, and Dipok Gain. Dacop Thana Police, in other drives, also arrested 20 pirates from Banishanta and Dhangmari village near the Sundarbans.

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Resist oppositions destructive designs unitedly'

MEHERPUR, Feb 11: Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury today urged the people to unitedly resist the destructive opposition designs, reports BSS.

This was stated at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Religious Affairs at Sangsads Bhaban Thursday with committee chairman Shahi Haduzzaman in the chair, says a press release of Parliament Secretariat.

The meeting was told that 114 houses would be rented in Saudi Arabia for the accommodation of Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims and 120 local workers were appointed to look after them.

It discussed measures to improve facilities in the Hajj camps in Dhaka and emphasised the need for focussing on different aspects of Hajj in mass media.

Committee members State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana M Nurul Islam, M Shahadat Hossain, M Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, Prof M Abdullah, Abdul Wahab Khan and Haji Abdul Majid attended the meeting.

Chaired by Meherpur Awami League President Moqbul Hossain MP, it was also addressed by the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Housing and Works M Akhteruzzaman, MP and Prof. Abdul Mannan MP.

Earlier, the minister visited the Mujibnagar and placed wreaths at the memorial there.

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2 killed in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Feb 11: Two people including a woman were killed in two separate incidents in the district here yesterday.

In one incident one youth identified as Motahar Hossain, 17, was shot dead, reportedly, centering a football match held at PC Sen High School at Kalaychut under Boalkhali thana last evening.

Motahar was on his way back home after the postponement of the match following a quarrel when some unidentified miscreants shot him from behind killing him on the spot.

In another incident, one Shobha Rani was chopped to death reportedly, by her step-son Milon Chowdhury at around 10 pm last night.

The incident that took place at Kadri under Satkhana thana Shobha Rani was working at the kitchen when her step-son attacked her from behind with a sharp weapon.

A case has been filed in this connection.

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