

Bharatnatyam performance on March 3

A Bharatnatyam dance performance by Prof C V Chandra Sekhar and his disciples will be held on March 3 at the Indian Cultural Centre at Satnasjid Road in the city, reports UNB.

Organised by the Indian High Commission the programme will start at 7 pm, said a press release yesterday.

IEB convention begins today

The 44th Convention of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), begins at Sylhet Stadium today, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three-day convention as chief guest at 10:30 am, said a IEB press release.

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NOTICE OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF PRIME BANK LIMITED

Notice is hereby given to all members of Prime Bank Limited that the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the company will be held on 14th March, 2000 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Winter Garden, Minto Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 at 11:00 a.m. to transact the following business and to adopt necessary resolutions:

AGENDA

- To confirm the minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting held on 15-07-1999.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1999 and the Balance Sheet as at that date together with the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- To declare dividend for the Shareholders out of the Profits of the year ended 31st December, 1999 as recommended by the Board of Directors subject to approval of Bangladesh Bank.
- To elect Directors in place of those who shall retire by rotation in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To elect 2 (two) Directors from Group B Shareholders (General Public) in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To appoint Auditors of the company for the term until the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the chair.

By order of the Board

Sd/-
MD. ANWAR HOSSAIN
Acting Secretary

Dated: February 28, 2000

Notes :

- The Register of Members and the Register of Transfer of Shares of the Company shall remain closed from 09.03.2000 to 14.03.2000 (both days inclusive).
- The Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company before 09.03.2000 shall be entitled to the dividend.
- Any Member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint any person as his/her proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. Proxies must be submitted at the Registered Office of the Company at least 72 hours before the Meeting.
- Dr. R. A. Ghani, D.Sc., Mr. Mohammad Aminul Haque, Mr. Quazi Sirazul Islam, Mr. Khandker Mohammad Khaled, Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain and Mr. Md. Nurul Haque Sikder voluntarily agreed to retire from the Board of Directors of the Company and being eligible offered themselves for re-election.
- Any Shareholder, not being a Director retiring by rotation, eligible under the Articles of Association of the Company, intending to be a candidate for the office of Director from Group-B Shareholders, shall not be eligible for election to the office of Director at the General Meeting unless a notice in writing under his/her hand intimating his/her candidature for the office of Director is submitted at the office of the Company at least 7 (seven) days before the meeting.

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No classes held at DU

By DU Correspondent

Classes and examinations of the Dhaka University could not be held yesterday due to the BNP-led opposition-sponsored hartal demanding resignation of the government and cancellation of the Public Safety Act (PSA).

Administrative activities at the Registrar's Building, however was held partially during the hartal hours, but the attendance of officers and employees was not satisfactory.

Central library of the university also remained open under police protection but sources said that a small number of students used it.

The ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and opposition BNP-supported Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) held separate rallies on the campus in protest and favour respectively of yesterday's hartal.

JCD leaders at their rally at TSC road island demanded immediate resignation of the ruling party and urged them to hand over power to a neutral caretaker government.

They also demanded that the government immediately cancel the "controversial" Public Safety Act which they claimed was introduced with a view to intensify the present repression on the opposition.

JCD leaders called upon all

to enforce a united movement to topple the "autocrat" ruler and hold fresh polls under a caretaker government.

The BCL leaders in their rally urged the people to stand up against the opposition conspiracy to destroy the country and its economy in the name of self-government movement.

They said that the current "so-called" movement was nothing but an opposition plot to grab the state power by dislodging an elected government. The BCL leaders called upon the opposition to refrain from such destructive political programmes for the sake of economy.

A plan has been taken up under the projects to convert remaining 61,000 analogue telephones in the capital.

It said 5,300 telephone lines under Chawkbazar exchange has been converted into digital and those under Savar exchange will be done by March.

The digital exchanges in Gingira, Gandaria and Bashabo will come into operation in April, while analogue telephones under Maghbazar and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar will be switched over to digital by July and those in Nilkhel and Gulshan by December.

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman said yesterday home-gardening project that is initiated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will bring about a revolution in the overall development of rural areas and help alleviate poverty, reports UNB.

The minister said this while presiding over a meeting of project formulation committee of "cooperative based home-gardening project" at the conference room of the ministry.

He said the government has undertaken various steps to make every house into a farm to strengthen the rural economy and to build a healthy rural economic foundation through making the rural people reliant.

Zillur Rahman said the aim of the project is to make every house a self-sufficient one in an integrated process through appropriate use of unused rural resources and vocational training to the youths.

The minister assured that 65,000 farmers' cooperatives and 30,000 other organisations working for the socio-economic development of the rural people would be engaged to assist in implementing the project successfully.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Advocate Rahmat Ali, Deputy Minister for Local Government, Local Government Secretary Badur Rahman, and Rural Development and Cooperatives Secretary Amlang Sen spoke on the occasion.

Tk 850.45 cr UN money goes to Gulf War victims

The Commission for Compensation of United Nations has given Bangladesh more than Tk 850.45 crore as compensation to its workers returned from Iraq-Kuwait following the 1989 gulf war, reports UNB.

This was informed at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Employment Ministry on Sunday.

On press report that some manpower recruiting agencies were sending workers to different Middle East countries including Saudi Arabia on wages lower than 500 Riyal per month, the committee was told by the officials concerned that the minimum salary was fixed at 400 Riyal for Saudi Arabia. Since the decision was made, no immigration permit or permission for appointment was given for the workers below the minimum salary in Saudi Arabia or in any other gulf countries.

Chaired by Abdul Latif Mirza, the meeting was attended by Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, Afzaluddin Ahmad Khan, Syed Wahidul Alam and Alamgir Haider Khan.

JS body reviews projects under Law Ministry

The Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurances in a meeting yesterday reviewed the progress of development projects under the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and the Industries Ministry, reports UNB.

Chaired by Rezaul Karim Hira, the meeting was attended by M Tazul Islam Chowdhury and Mirza Azam.

At the beginning, the meeting expressed deep shock at the death of State Minister for Public Works and Housing Dr M Alauddin and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Shamsuzzaman made envoy to Australia

The government appointed Mirza Shamsuzzaman, a senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia, reports BSS.

Shamsuzzaman, Director General (SAARC), will replace Maj Gen Motiul Hussain Chowdhury in Canberra.

A career diplomat, Shamsuzzaman has served different Missions of Bangladesh in Qatar, Beijing, London, Islamabad and Karachi in various capacities.

Death anniversary

Death anniversary of Mohammad Mushtaque, former general manager of Asian Television Service and director of news, Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *milad mafil* will be held at the residence of his youngest brother at Paribagh after *Esha* prayers.

Analogue phones in capital to be converted into digital by Dec

All the remaining analogue telephones in the capital will be converted into digital by December, reports UNB.

A press release of the T&T Board said yesterday that work on setting up digital telephones in Narayanganj, Savar, Dhaka and in other areas are going on under two projects.

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