

News

What's on today

IDR seminar: Institute of Democratic Rights (IDR) will hold a two day-long seminar titled "South Asian Seminar on Human Rights Education." Venue: House No-135, Rd No-9/A, Dhamondi R/A. Time 9.00 am.

BLAST roundtable: Bangladesh Legal Aid And Services Trust (BLAST) will hold a roundtable discussion on "Responsibilities of Garments Workers: Problems & Solutions." Venue: CIRDAP conference room, Topkhana Rd. Time: 4.00 pm.

Discussion: A discussion will be held to mark the 21st death anniversary of Mashru Rahman Jado Mia. Organiser: Jado Mia Death Anniversary Observance Committee. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4.30 pm.

Open discussion: Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Associations (BFTA) will hold an open discussion on "Public Examinations: Existing System and its Reforms." Venue: VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 3.30 pm.

Slide show: A slide show of photographs taken by Anwar Hossain will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 6.30 pm-7.30 pm.

Film show: The Muse will screen "The Sound of Music." It will be followed by a discussion on the movie. Venue: Bishwa Shishu Kendra auditorium. Time: 6.00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Sonali Bank Employees union 202 CBA will hold a discussion meeting on Independence Day. Venue: BCIC auditorium, Motijheel C/A. Time: 10.00 am.

Weekly discussion: The weekly meditation and discussion of Quantum Master will be held under the auspices of Quantum Foundation. Venue: Meditation Hall, 1/1 Pioneer Road, Kakrail. Time: 6.30 pm.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Railway Employees League will hold a discussion meeting and rally on the occasion of International Labour Day. This will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: Discussion — Dhaka Railway Station; Rally — from Dhaka Railway Station to Jatiya Press Club. Time: 10.00 am. 11.00 am. Cultural show: 7.00 pm.

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Workshop: A workshop will be held on Public Consensus Process under the Kalni-Kushiyara River Management Project. Organisers: Ministry of Water Resources and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9.00 am-1.00 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on "The Life and Philosophy of Shaheed G C Dev" will be held. Venue: Arts Faculty Building of Dhaka University. Time: 10.00 am.

ADAB roundtable discussion: Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) will hold a roundtable meeting on "Consumers' Rights: Role of Government and Duty of Civil Society." Venue: SPARSO auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.00 pm-6.00 pm.

PLAGE workshop: A day long workshop will be held on "Determination of need for set up of a Documentation and Resource Centre (DRC) on Gender Issue" under the auspices of Policy Leadership and Advocacy for Gender Equality (PLAGE). Venue: Seminar room of LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00 am.

Weather

Temperature likely to rise

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

Light rise in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.6 degree Celsius at Jessor and the lowest 16.4 degree Celsius at Sakhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.14 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.53 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	33.3	20.6
Chittagong	31.0	20.3
Rajshahi	34.3	18.2
Khulna	35.0	17.4
Barisal	34.2	17.6
Sylhet	31.2	19.4
Cox's Bazar	28.5	23.5

HERE and THERE

BARC workshop

More than 200 research projects will be reviewed at a workshop that began at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The eight-day long annual workshop on "Annual Review of Contract Research Projects" is being attended by about 500 participants including coordinators and principal investigators from various agricultural research institutes, universities, NGOs, banks and donors agencies, a press release said.

The annual progress of the on-going agricultural research projects, funded by World Bank, has been taken for review.

Dr Zahurul Karim, Executive Chairman of BARC, inaugurated the workshop.

Organised by BARC, the workshop will also review the progress of research projects in the field of plant protection, technology transfer, varietal improvement, seed production, collection and evaluation of

germplasm, crop production, bio-technology, crop physiology, forestry, agricultural engineering, livestock, nutrition, fisheries, agricultural economics, rural sociology and the press release added.

New Govt High School Old Boys Assoc

The Eid reunion of New Government High School Old Boys Association was held on Thursday at Kakruli Community Centre, reports BSS.

Naushaba Ahmad, daughter of the late headmaster of the school Syed Anwar Ahmad, was the chief guest while her husband Rabindra Sangeet singer Kalim Sharifi was the special guest at the function.

A large number of former students of the now-defunct school of the city, along with their wives and children, attended reunion.

DUS owner denies allegations

By DU Correspondent

Takdir Hossain Jashim, owner of Dhaka University Snacks (DUS) yesterday at a press conference at the DUS Chittagong DU campus denied allegations by sculptor Shamim Sikder that he was responsible for the damage done to her sculpture "Shoparjita Sadhinata" at TSC road island. He also denied that he had a hand behind the felling of the betel nut trees next to the sculpture a few days ago.

Rather, he said that he had initiated the building of the sculpture at the venue, had provided Tk 2,80,000 for it and had been looking after it since 1988.

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Rajshahi-5 by-poll
Ex-student leader gets AL nomination

The ruling Awami League nominated former student leader Nurul Islam Thandu for parliamentary by-election in Rajshahi-5 constituency, reports UNB.

Voting in the by-poll will be held on April 22. The seat fell vacant following the death of State Minister Dr Mohammad Alauddin on February 26.

The Awami League Parliamentary Party declared the nomination "on the basis of consensus" after interviewing the intending candidates.

USTC M Pharm results published

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Mar 28: The results of M Pharm (General Group) final examination of 97, held in the year '99 under University of Science & Technology, Chittagong, (USTC) was published here today.

The results were as follows (according to merit):

2nd Class: 1601, 1609, 1611,

1606, 1602 and 1603.

3rd Class: 1604 and 1608.

Pass: 1607 and 1610.

Withheld: 1605, 1612, 1613 & 1614.

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CARE BUILD project launched in Juniadaha

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 28: The launching ceremony for the CARE Capacity BUILD Project in Juniadaha Union was held at Juniadaha High School ground this afternoon.

Saidur Rahman, chairman of Juniadaha Union Parishad, presided over the ceremony while Dr Sarder Badaruddin, Civil Surgeon, Kushhtia, was present as chief guest. Dr Anwarul Karim, former principal of Kushhtia Government College, Shahin Anam, Co-ordinator, Integrated Food Security Programme of CARE, and Abu Md Habibulla Co-ordinator, Operation BUILD Project, attended the project inception session as special guests. Mritunjay Ghosal, Project Manager of BUILD CARE, Jessor, also attended.

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BNP chief's political tour programme

Opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia will embark on a series of political tour to Khulna, Cox's Bazar, Jessor and Chittagong on March 31 for mobilising support against the government, reports UNB.

On March 31, she will start a 3-day tour to Khalispur, Mongla of Khulna and Narail of Jessor where she will address public meetings.

On April 4, the opposition leader will address a joint meeting of the 4-party alliance in Chittagong.

Begum Zia is scheduled to hold public meetings at Chokora, Moheshkhali and Ukhia of Cox's Bazar district April 9-11.

She will go to Jessor and address public meetings at Monirampur and Kalaroa in Jessor district on April 17 and 18, party sources said.

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