What's on today

Seminar: A seminar of 'Role of an Actuary' organised by Bangladesh Insurance Academy, will be held. Keynote speaker: David J Richardson, Actuary and Consultant of Asian Development Bank (ADB). Venue: Academy Bhaban, 53, Mohakhali C/A Time: 4 pm.

Meeting: A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Advisory Committee of Bangladesh Environmental Journalists Association (BEJA) will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time:

NSU seminar: The Department of Computer Science of North South University (NSU) will hold a seminar on E-commerce. Venue: NSU campus. Time: 11:10 am.

Reception: Bangladesh National Personality Research Centre and Sher-e-Bangla National Smrity Sangsad will jointly accord a reception to Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, after awarding him the Sher-e-Bangla National Award. Venue: Sher-e-Bangla Mazar premises. Time: 3:30 pm.

Annual general meeting: The annual general meeting (AGM) of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association will be held. Venue: Association auditorium. Time: 4:15 pm.

Reception: Al-Amin Journalists' Foundation will accord a reception to noted personalities for their contribution in different fields. Venue: Foundation premises, 12/3 Tajmahal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 5.00 pm. It will be followed by a cultural programme.



CESTI lecture: Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Française de Dhaka will hold a scientific lecture session on "Miniglucagon - A novel local regulator in the Pysiology of the islets of Langertians" in collaboration with BIRDEM. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 1:00 pm -2:00 pm.

Exhibition: Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association will hold an exhibition and competition of photography titled "Rupashi Bangla." Chief guest: State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Haq. Special guest: Managing Director of ACME Laboratories Mizanur Rahman Sinha. Venue: Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely over the regions of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky else-

where over the country during the period, Me fice said. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.8 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 20.0 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.19 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.39 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.0	26.5	69	51
Chittagong	32.0	24.0	85	77
Rajshahi	36.8	24.7	74	48
Khulna	35.0	25.0	78	66
Barisal	34.5	25.0	86	67
Sylhet	33.3	21.0	56	59
Cox's Bazar	33.3	26.0	77	77
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HERE and THERE

Lion Club of

Dhaka Agrani Lion Mohammad Jamaluddin Hossain and Sarware Alam

were elected president and secretary respectively of the Lion Club of Dhaka Agrani for the year of 2000-2001, reports BSS. The election was held at the annual general meeting of the

club on Monday. A 13-member executive committee was also elected. Former District Governor of

the District 315, B1, Bangladesh. Advocate MA Salam Talukder chaired the meeting.

NSU-USIS

A discussion meeting on "Higher Education in the United States" was held at the North South University campus yesterday. The meeting was presented by United States Information Services (USIS). Kathleen Kisting Alam.

USIS Regional Educational Coordinator for South Asia Region and Shaheen Khan, Educational Advisor of the USIS. spoke at meeting.

said that it is complicated, un- Anam.

familiar and expensive process | the appointment of Haroon to go to USA for higher studies and over 3000 accredited colleges and universities there vary in terms of quality, competitiveness, size, character and

RMCOSA

ciation (RMCOSA), reports BSS.

All old students of the college have been requested to attend the next meeting to be held at Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Bhaban at 4 pm on April 19 to form an ad-hoc committee.

Presided over by Professor ers, by Dr AKM Fazlul Hug, Dr sain, Dr Abdullah Al-Mamun, Dr Laila Arjuman Banu, Dr Shafiqur Rahman, Dr KM Masudur Rahman, Dr Susen Kumar Saha, Dr Nazimuddin, Dr The speakers at the meeting tafizur Rahman, Dr M Khairul

Death anniversary of AL leader Mohiuddin today

The third death anniversary of Mohiuddin Ahmed, a veteran Awami League leader and a close associate of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be observed in the city and in greater Barisal district today, reports

The late leader, who was senior vice president of Awami the killing of Bangabandhu. also served as the acting president of the party.

Besides Mohiuddin Ahmed Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, several other organisations based in Dhaka and greater Barisal have arranged different programmes ment plans for cities and towns to observe the day.

The programmes include laying of wreaths at his grave. milad mahfil and discussion meeting on the life and activities of late Ahmed.

Vice-chairman of CONCOP elected

A meeting of newly-elected executive committee of consultative committee of public enterprises (CONCOP) was held declaration said. Monday in a local hotel in the city, says a press release.

unanimously elected A F M S skirts of Dhaka and the areas Zaman, Chairman, Bangladesh thus vacated and used properly. Textile Mills Corporation as Vice-Chairman of the commit-

The old students of Rajshahi Medical College at a meeting decided to form Rajshahi Medi cal College Old Students Asso-

(Dr) Anwarul Islam, the meeting was addressed, among oth-M Abdul Awal, Dr Gulzar Hos-Chitta Ranjan Das, Dr Mos-

Two stroke

From Page 12 work) and Coalition of Envi-

ronmental NGOs (CEN) jointly organised the ICBEN on January 14-15 at BUET.

The declaration noted that although Bangladesh's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions is insignificant, it will still be severely affected by climate change, resulting in uncertainties in weather pattern. "It is recommended that

Bangladesh plays an active role League during its revival after and be a vigilant participant in negotiations and reviews of various international conventions and protocols."

The declaration expressed concern over unplanned urban isation and said that proper implementation of developshould be ensured.

It also said that Dhaka is growing fast without attention to the environmental concerns. "The Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan (DMDP) should be implemented, properly reviewed and regularly undated. and Bangladesh National Building Code must be enforced. Open spaces, rivers, drainage channels and water bodies must be protected adequately," the

It was also recommended that Dhaka Cantonment and BDR Headquarters in The executive committee Peelkhana be shifted on out-

A.M.A. Muhit of POROSH was also present at the press | city. A discussion followed on conference. his report.

President assents to Public Safety (Amend) Bill

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to Public Safety (Special Provision) (Amendment) Bill 2000 adopted in the 7th National Parliament, reports BSS.

The President also gave assent to the Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2000, Environment Court Bill 2000 and Bangladesh Environment Protection (Amendment) Bill 2000.

Haji Selim

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The MP and his accomplices attacked four Ansars, who were deployed at a nearby piece of land of Golam Rasul, tied them and handed them over to Fatulla police, alleging that they were involved in the robbery.

Police arrested Rashid, an Ansar commander, but released the other three. Rashid was placed on a two-day remand yesterday. The rest four, who were arrested yesterday as suspects in the robbery, are Ali Noor, Sobhan, Jahangir and Humayun, police said.

Our Narayanganj correspondent quoting ASP Atique Rahman reports that the case was handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department vesterday. Fatulla thana, however, could not confirm it till

late last night. Admitting that case should be filed under Public Safety Act against those who blocked the road, the officer-in-charge of Fatulla told the Daily Star last night that they were inquiring whether traffic movement was disrupted due to traffic jam or blockade.

The OC also admitted that the ruling party lawmaker was around when the road blockade took place but refused to make any comment on his involve-

ment in it. All trading centres of Munsikhola remained closed yesterday, demanding security of traders of the locality.

Besides, Pagla Cement Traders Association held a press conference at Munsikhola yesterday where journalists from Dhaka were taken by the MP. However, local journalists were not invited.

Haji Selim denied at the press conference that Monday's incident had anything to do with his dispute with Golam

Rasul over a piece of land. Khabiruddin Mollah, president of the association, demanded that a permanent police camp be established Munsikhola area to restore law and order there.

Appointment of BSS chief editor:

Showcause on govt

The High Court issued a rule on the government and the chairman of the BSS (Bangla-(lesh Sangbad Sangstha) board of directors to show cause why Habib as managing director and chief editor of BSS should not be declared illegal and void, reports UNB.

The rule was made returnable in two weeks. The next date for a hearing was set for April

The Division Bench, comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice Mozammel Hossain, issued the rule upon a writ filed by ASM Habibullah, chief news editor of | well water. BSS, on behalf of senior journalists of the state run news agency, challenging the appointment of a junior hand as managing director and chief

editor on lien. Barrister Maudud Ahmed appearing on behalf of the petitioner, submitted that Haroon Habib, special correspondent of BSS, was appointed managing director and chief editor on a 2year contract ahead of 17 senior

Ahmed said the appoint ment was in violation of Rule 2 and 14 of the BSS Service Rules. There is no provision to appoint an employee on contract for a limited period in the same organisation on lien. The question of lien arises only when there is an inter-departmental agreement with another department of the government regarding the employment of an employee on a temporary basis. Secretaries of information and establishment and chairman of the board of directors

Obituary

the rule.

have been made respondents to

Mohammad Cherag Ali Hawlader a noted businessman and father of medical correspondent of The Daily Prothom Alo Nazrul Islam died on Tuesday. He was 75, says a press.

two daughters. Ali was suffering from can cer. He was buried at a graveyard in Barisal town.

He left behind four sons and

PIB workshop concludes

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day workshop on "Problems and Prospects of National (district) Pages" of the daily newspapers, organised by Zoning recommended in DMDP | the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) concluded in the city yesterday.

Twenty-three journalists from Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Bogra took part in the workshop held at the PIB auditorium at 3 Circuit House Road.

On the inaugural day Sudhangshu Shekhar Roy, Instructor of PIB placed a study report on the National Pages of some dailies published from Dhaka

'Gandhiji encouraged us to lead a non-communal life'

It was an emotional moment for the elderly people at Srirampur in Noakhali when they met Rajmohan Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's grandson on Monday evening.

M K Ghandi had spent four months in the riot torn Noakhali between 1946 and 1947, preaching peace among the people in the area.

Noakhali was organised by Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung and Proshikha. Jharna Dhora Chowdhury, Secretary of the Gandhi Ashram Trust, received Rajmohan Gandhi and his wife Usha at the Gandhi Ashram at Sri-

activities of the organisation. "I am happy to see that both the Muslim and the Hindus are working together" he said while addressing the people at the ashram, calling upon them to keep up the good work for the

"I also wish to thank all those who helped my grandfather during his stay in the region," Rajmohan said.

that the visit to the ashram would remain as an important event in her memory. Earlier when the Gandhi

couple arrived at Srirampur hundreds of people of different ages greeted them. When he visited the Rajbari premises at Srirampur several elderly people gathered there and told him that they have had the privilege to work with his great grandfa-

lead a simple and non-communal life," they said.

Rajmohan said that he him-

Delhi at the time his grandfa-

ther M K Gandhi came to Noakhali. The elderly people, from both the Hindu and Muslim deprived and poor people.

community recalled how they would crowd around the Mahatma in the early morning to hear his preaching of non-vio-Usha, Rajmohan's wife said lence and harmony. They said both the Holy Quran and Gita were read out at the tin shed house where Gandhi used to

> Abul Kalam Bhuiyan, now an octogenarian, recalled that Nehru had also visited the village after Mahatma's arrival

It is the third visit of Rajmohan Gandhi to Bangladesh but his first to the Noakhali ashram named after his grand-"Gandhiji encouraged us to father. When asked why it had taken him so late to make the visit that people had been looking forward to, Rajmohan said "Better late than never."

PDB, DESA services declared essential for 6 more months

The government has declared the services of all officers and employees of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) and Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) essential for further six months, reports BSS.

The announcement would be effective from today.

Crackdown

From Page 1 have been asked to demolish all illegal structures beside the roads and highways and file cases against the toll collectors under the Public Safety Act. said Home Minister Mohammad Nasim.

He said the BDR has been asked to patrol the roads and highways to counter any attempt to obstruct the police. Nasim said he had discussed

the issue with transport worker and owner organisations. Nasim said he would not reverse his decision, even if the

The home minister said he agreed some law enforcers and BRTA men are involved in toll collection. "We will take action against those people. If necessary, after departmental action, they will be tried under the PSA." warned Nasim.

Nasim said he hoped transport workers would not block the roads or press the government to keep the general public hostage.

RAJSHAHI, Apr 11: Rajshahi University will remain closed for five days from tomorrow on the occasion of Bengali New Year and Holy Ashura, reports UNB.

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"It is unfortunate because the cooperation to promote the natural fibre", the State Minister said.

Other sources said, a new cartel-like organisation with a different name and structure may come into being.

organisation to promote the natural fibre. Otherwise, all achievements of IJO in promotion of jute and jute products in

The EU should extend supstrength in the West day by day, he said

The IJO was established in 1984 under an agreement of United Nations Conference on (UNCTAD).

"If members from EU do not want to remain in the IJO, the door is open for them to leave. against the existence of IJO? Their behaviour is not understandable," an official said seeking anonymity.

He said it is a setback for free market economy and a boon for synthetic products, produced in European countries. Aftabul Islam, President of

decision not to give a lease of life to IJO is shocking. It will affect millions of jute growers and workers of jute industries. The decision also goes against EU's campaign for poverty alleviation as millions of poor farmers are engaged in cultivation of jute. It is also

self-contradictory because they

are campaigning for environ-

mental protection but have

natural fibre. "We will urge the European Community to review and re-

consider the decision", he said. The DCCI President said that

Institute of Bankers diploma exam results

The results of the 1st and 2nd part of Banking Diploma of the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh were announced yesterday, says

Candidates bearing the following roll numbers have passed in the respective exams.

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A source within the South

take," Steele said. Cronje apparently insisted in the fax that none of the other their captain -- ex-captain -- or players was implicated, and said he had not spoken of the affair to any of them.

African cricket camp told AFP it was understood that Cronje had admitted receiving money in India last month but that he continued to deny he was involved in match-fixing. Cronje, 30, led South Africa

to 99 wins against only 35 defeats in 138 matches, with one match tied and three others abandoned without a result. He has also been South Africa's most successful test

captain, with 27 wins and only 11 defeats from 53 matches. Brought up in an Afrikaansspeaking home in Bloemfontein, the capital of the central Free State province, Cronje is known for his religious con-

victions -- and his appetite for winning. "Cronje is known for his unquestionable integrity and honesty," Bacher said when the charges were first announced, a sentiment echoed by South Africa's amazed cricket fans, who refused to believe the charges.

Australian team manager Steve Bernard admitted Cronje's sacking had cast a shadow over the series.

This takes some gloss away," he told Australian Associated Press.

said, reports BSS

Hospital on April 5. She was buried at her village home at Shibpur in Narsingdi district on Monday after arrival of her two sons from the USA.

Callaghan was being flown to Durban to replace Cronje in the She told AFP that Cronje had himself offered to withdraw from the three matches. adding that he would not play

in any of them. She said he had not been fired as South Africa's captain per se, however. Match-fixing charges have also been filed against two Indians and one of them. Delhibased businessman Rajesh

"South Africa is still a good

"We have no comment on

The captaincy for the one-

day series against Australia

will be taken over by vice-cap-

tain Shaun Pollock, UCB

spokeswoman Bronwyn

Wilkinson told AFP, adding

that veteran all-rounder Dave

team but Hansie's leadership

and other skills will be missed.

what he's done," he added.

Kalra, has already been arrested, a police source said. The other was identified as Sanjiv Chawla, an Indian settled in London.

(More stories on Cronje affair

Qulkhwani Qulkhwani of Al-Haj Cha-

on Pages 13 and 15)

bila Akhter Khanam will be held on Friday at her 495 Malibagh residence in the city after Asr prayers, family sources She died at Suhrawardy

Rajmohan visits ashram named after the Mahatma

By Shaikh Nazrul Islam, back from Noakhali

Rajmohan Gandhi's visit to the Gandhi Ashram at

rampur which the couple visited on Monday evening. Rajmohan talked to the officials of the Ashram about the ongoing

self was only 12 and studying at



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Brotee, a non-government organisation held the screening of a documentary "Arsenic Alert" followed by a discussion on arsenic mitigation in the city yesterday.

Govt policy of testing tubewells not working, researchers say

By Staff Correspondent

Researchers at a press con- fering from arsenic cancer." ference vesterday differed with the government's existing policy of testing tubewells to identify arsenic contaminated Quoting statistics taken

from local United Nations

agencies and the World Bank of-

fice here, the researchers said

that million of people are at

risk while one out of every ten affected people face death due to drinking of the poisonous heavy metal, arsenic, in tube-Addressing journalists at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium Sharmin Murshid, chief executive of Brotee said, "We have tested enough wells. It is time we pay attention to give relief of the sufferers by offer-

ing them alternative sources of

drinking water starting with the most severely affected ar-Kais Choudhury, also speaking on the occasion of screening of a documentary "Arsenic Alert" said, "What we have witnessed is worse than Bhopal and Chernobyl. The pictures are more horrifying considering the fact just how many people

kits are in the centre of arsenic business which has attracted attention of many local trade houses and some of the overseas manufacturers are simply conducting assessments through use of the field kits." Sharmin and her colleagues repeated their call for providing

Choudhury continued, "We

have found plenty of tubewells

sealed off with red paint, but the

users have not been given any

alternative sources of drinking.

Plasma Plus, also Brotee's chief

scientific advisor, said, "The

field kits used to test tubewell

water to detect presence of ar-

senic have no validation. The

immediate relief to the suffer-

ers, adding that policy makers

with stake holders must decide

the best options for alternative

Humayun Q Choudhury of

are at still risk. During research meetings with policy makers to in small areas of Barisal we mobilise the issues that rehave also found people suf- mains unresolved even today.

sources of water for villagers before it is too late. Brotee, a centre for people's participation, training and research has been working in 16 villages on groundwater arsenic contamination. An independent research organisation, it is helping villagers to address the crisis and has been holding

12,313 students get pry scholarship

of talentpool and 10,008 general, reports UNB. Vidyamayee Government Girls dents of class five in the exam. High School, Mymensingh topped the list of successful candidates. A total of 335,745 students took part in the scholarship exam-99 from six divi-

got primary scholarship. Of

them, 2,305 got the scholarship

She secured 384 marks with the percentage 96 in the exam held December 19-20 last year, said an announcement of the Primary and Mass Education Division of the Education Ministry yesterday. Jawata Afnan Zulfa of ship exam may be known from

Tamaltala Government Pri-

mary School in Kishoregani

and Tasmin Akhter Jahan of

Rangpur Government Girls

High School jointly secured the second position. Both of them scored 382 or 95.5 per cent marks. The third position was also

secured jointly by Imrul Kayes Sourav of Singair Model Govrest and punishment of the acernment Primary School of Manikganj and Tamanna cused who attacked the motor-Sharmin Nitu of Government cade of Begum Khaleda Zia on Model Primary School of her way to Chokoria on April 9. Kishoreganj. reports UNB. Both of them secured 381 marks or 95.25 percent.

The release said the number

Some 12,313 students have of examinees for the primary scholarship recorded a sharp rise, 30 per cent more than the previous year, as effort was made for ensuring participa-Farhana Khanam Keya of tion of at least 20 per cent stu-The number of total students studying in class five in 1999 was 2,296,824. Of them, 335,745

> The number of students passed in all subjects also rose in 1999 in comparison to the previous year. Among the 1999 examinees, 106,365 passed in all subjects with the pass percentage of 31.68. In 1998, the pass percentage was 25.18. The results of the scholar-

sat for the exam.

JCD rally on DU campus today Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, will hold protest rally across the country today demanding ar-

the district primary education

office and district education of-

They will hold a rally on the Dhaka University campus at 10 am protesting the incident.

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EU help

and jute products. decision came when the was gradually regaining ound against synthetic products. But non-extension of an ag emen does not mean there wil he me

Ahmed Hossain, Chairman of Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (BJSA), said the IJO should exist at least as a UN

the last 16 years will be of no port in this regard because jute and jute products are environment friendly, and environmental movement is getting

Trade and Development But why they raised voice

Dhaka Chamber and Commerce Industries (DCCI) said the EC

taken a decision which will affect an environment friendly

the United States produced about 10,000 tonnes of jute last

But Bernard said the Aus-

tralians were still taking the series seriously.