

News

What's on today....

Certificate giving ceremony: The certificate distribution ceremony of the 1st batch and orientation of the 2nd batch of Dhaka University Computer Association (DUCA) will be held. Venue: TSC auditorium, DU campus. Time: 11:00 am.

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *Debi* (the Goddess), on the 3rd day of Satyajit Ray Film Retrospective. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No. 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

Seminar: On International Harmonization of Accounting Practices and Status of Accounting Standards in Bangladesh, organised by School of Business, North South University. Key-note speaker: Dr Monirul Alam Hossain. Venue: NSU campus. Time: 12 noon.

Workshop: The Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) organises a workshop on "Pollution from Automobile Workshops and Mitigation Measures." Key-note speaker: Anil Shankar Giri, the Executive Director of Clean Wheel Nepal. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA), House-20, Road-16, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm.

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Satyajit Ray Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *Charulata* (the lonely wife) as part of its session on films by Satyajit Ray. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No. 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

Weather

Kalboishakhi forecast

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Barisal and Khulna divisions in the next 2 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Met Office predicted.

West and North-westerly *kalboishakhi* squalls speeding 6.80 kmph or more at places with rain or thundershowers are likely over the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Faridpur, Dhaka, Tangail, Mymensingh, Comilla, Noakhali and Sylhet till 6 am this morning. Met office said last night.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.2 degree Celsius at Jessor and the lowest 18.8 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:25 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28 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	30.7	26.4	76	93
Chittagong	33.0	22.3	78	70
Rajshahi	30.6	25.1	67	69
Khulna	35.0	26.0	86	88
Barisal	33.6	26.0	73	-
Sylhet	20.8	20.0	100	94
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.8	72	79

HERE and THERE

BCL By DU Correspondent
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) observed various programmes on Sunday marking the 2nd death anniversary of its leader Partha Protin Acharya.

Partha Protin Acharya, a student of Mass Communication and Journalism Department, was killed in a gunfight between the BCL and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on the Dhaka University campus on April 23 in 1998.

The BCL brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus.

A BCL team led by its joint secretary Liakat Ali Sikder also called on the family members of late Partha at his village home in Daulatpur, Manikganj.

Siddheswari Girls' college By Staff Correspondent
Siddheswari Girls' College held a seminar at the college premises in the city yesterday in observance of the National Nutrition Week, says a press release.

The topic of the seminar was 'Nutrition for Adolescents'.

Ex-Leo Assoc By Staff Correspondent
Former members of Leo Clubs, youth service organisation of Lions Clubs, formed an Ex-Leo Association on Saturday. A 23-member convening committee was formed at the Leo Re-union 2000 held at the BCIC auditorium, says a press release.

First Leo district President M Anwarul Haq of The Daily Star was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Ex-district president Wahidul Haque and former district secretary Azam Khan were made Vice Chairmen of the body.

The convening committee will form a full committee in three months.

Interested ex-Leos have been requested to contact committee members over for further information. The phone numbers are 9353110, 9667224.

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3 killed, 24 injured in Gazipur, Mymensingh By Staff Correspondent
Three people were killed and 24 others injured in two separate road accidents at Gazipur and Mymensingh yesterday, reports UNB.

Two unidentified young men were killed and 20 others injured when a truck collided with a Dhaka bound pickup van at Dighirchala on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Gazipur yesterday morning.

Witnesses and police said Helaluddin, 24, of Sreepur thana died on the spot.

Both the drivers fled the spot along with their vehicles.

Police sent the body of Helaluddin to hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Sadar thana.

Six of the injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in a critical

Nepalese Army Chief calls on Hasina

Visiting Chief of Royal Nepalese Army Staff General Prajwala Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official Ganobhaban residence yesterday, reports BSS.

The Nepalese Army Chief, who was accompanied by his delegation members, apprised the Prime Minister of cooperation in different fields between the armies of the two countries.

The delegation appreciated Bangladesh's catalyst role in the matters of regional peace in South Asia. They also highly praised the outstanding and extraordinary achievement of Bangladesh government in resolving the decades-long ethnic conflict in Chittagong Hill Tracts without any third party mediation.

The Prime Minister emphasised the need for regional cooperation for economic development of the South Asian countries. "We have some common problems, like poverty, but, at the same time, we are blessed with natural resources and huge manpower," she said, adding that "we only need to explore the areas of cooperation for our mutual benefits."

Sheikh Hasina laid emphasis on political stability and democratic system for achieving the desired development, saying that no real development could take place without democracy.

Among others, Chief of the Army Staff Lt General Mohammed Mostafizur Rahman Bir Bikram, Defence Secretary Idris Ali, Principal Staff Officer Major General Sayeed and Nepalese Ambassador in Dhaka Ranian Acharya were present on the occasion.

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AL leaders to embark on nationwide tour from May 3

Central leaders of ruling Awami League will embark upon a mass-contact tour across the country early next month to counter the nationwide campaign of the opposition alliance, reports UNB.

During their five-day forays from May 3, the AL leaders and MPs split in several groups, will address public meetings and workers conferences at thana and district levels.

The tour looks set to be a campaign to shore up party strengths for the next general elections, due in mid-2001 with end of the present government's tenure.

However, the BNP-led opposition alliance is staging agitation in their movement for early polls.

The tour schedule is as follows:

Advocate Abdur Rahim, Azizur Rahman, Shatish Chandra Roy, Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Mizanur Rahman Manu and Iqbal Rahim: Thakurgaon on May 3 and Dinajpur on May 4.

Mohammad Nasim, Prof Abu Sayeed, Abdul Quddus and Ashraful Islam Maruf, Sirajganj on May 3, Pabna on May 4, Natore on May 5.

Sahabuddin Yusuf, Monnuzul Sufian, Dr Muzammel Hossain, Talukdar Abdul Haleque, Mostofa Rashidee Suza and SM Kamal Hossain: Khulna city on May 4, Khulna on May 5 and Bagerhat on May 6.

Principal Qamruzzaman, ASHK Sadique, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Akhtaruzzaman and Abdul Mazid: Jessore on May 3, Magura on May 4 and Meherpur on May 5.

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Abdul Momin, Abdul Hasan Chowdhury, advocate Fazlur Rahman Khan, Abdul Hamid. Ashraful Islam, Khan-dakar Asaduzzaman and Shafiul Karim: Sylhet on May 3, Netrakona on May 4 and Kishoreganj on May 5.

Matia Chowdhury, MA Mannan, Engineer Mosharrif Hossain, ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and AZM Nasir Uddin: Chittagong north on May 3, Chittagong south on May 4 and Cox's Bazar on May 6.

Shamsur Rahman Khan, Monayem Sarkar, Rahmatullah Chowdhury, Kalparajan Chakma and Jahangir Sattra Tinku: Rangamati on May 3, Bandarban on May 4 and Kha-

grachhari on May 5.

Zohora Tajuddin, Obaidul Quader, ABM Taleb Ali, Kazi Iqbal Hossain and Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury: Noakhali on May 3, Feni on May 4 and Laxmipur on May 5.

Mozaffar Hossain, Palit, Yusuf Abdulla, Harun, Prof Fazlul Haque, Mofazzal Hosain Chowdhury Maya, Abdul Matin Khasru, M. Mujibur Haque and Nurul Amin Ruhul: Comilla north on May 3, Comilla south on May 4, Chandpur on May 5 and B'baria on May 6.

Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Shudongshu Shekhar Halder, KM Jahangir, Habibur Rahman Khan and Shahake Alami: Barisal on May 3, Pataukhali on May 4, Pirojpur on May 5 and Bhola on May 6.

Abdus Samad Azad, Dewan Farid Gazi, Nurul Islam Nahid, Sultan Mohammad Mansur and Ishaq Ali Khan Panna: Shuanganj on May 3, Sylhet on May 4, Habiganj on May 5 and Moulvibazar on May 6.

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