

What's on today....

Satyajit Ray retrospective: Satyajit Ray's Ashani Sanket (Distant Thunder) will be screened. Organiser: Zahar Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No-2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

Workshop: The Nutrition Information and Communication Activities Programme of Bangladesh Television in association with Health Communication Workshop will hold a day-long workshop on "Eradication of Malnutrition is Key to Development." Venue: Press Institute of Bangladesh.

Gateway Products Fair 2000: IMART Computer Technology Ltd will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of Gateway Computers in Bangladesh with the holding of a week-long "Gateway Products Fair 2000." Venue: BCS Computer City, 31-32 (G/F), IDB Bhawan, Agargaon. Time: 10:00 am.

Festival: The second day of a festival on creativity by working children organised by Ain-O-Salish Kendra (ASK) and Goethe Institut will be held. Venue: Goethe-Institut, Dhanmondi Road No 8. Time: 10 am-7:30 pm.

DRU views exchange meet: Dhaka Reporters Union (DRU) will hold a views exchange meeting between the heads of missions of EU member states in Bangladesh and European Commission and local reporters. Venue: DRU auditorium. Time: 11:00 am.

Tagore's birth anniversary: Cultural Affairs Ministry begins a two-day long cultural programme to mark the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shaahbagh. Time: 4:00 pm.

View exchanges meet: Greater Mymensingh cultural forum will hold a view exchange meet with leaders of Greater Mymensingh on the birth anniversary of National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: WASA Bhaban (3rd floor). Time: 5:00 pm.

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Talk: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) will hold a talk on "Human Security: Safety for People in a Changing World." Moderator: Mahfuz Anam, Editor. The Daily Star. Venue: BISS auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

Cultural programme: Cultural Affairs Ministry holds the second day's programme of a 2-day event to celebrate Rabindranath Tagore's birthday. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

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Weather

Day temperature may rise: Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions still 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.5 degree Celsius at Chuadanga and the lowest 21.4 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Max, Min, Humidity in percentage. Lists Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

HERE and THERE

ASK-Goethe Institut: A two-day festival on the creative activities of the working children began at German Culture Centre at Dhanmondi yesterday, reports UNB.

Asian University of Bangladesh: Fisheries and Livestock Minister A S M Abdur Rob yesterday underlined the need for further improving and sharpening the talent, efficiency and management skills of the Bangladeshes to enable themselves to face the challenges of the coming century, reports BSS.

New combination drugs show better results in treatment of breast cancer: A combination treatment with the chemotherapeutic agents Taxotere and doxorubicin produces a significantly higher response rate than the combination of doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide (the usual combination drugs for breast cancer) when used as first-line chemotherapy in women with metastatic (spreading) breast cancer, according to a large, multicenter worldwide phase III study presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology recently, says a press release.

Phone services in Barisal to get back to normal today: Telephone services under Main Distribution Face (MDF) in Barisal will return to normal by today as reinstallation work on the exchange is progressing fast.

SC advocate Hannan dead: Mohammad Hannan, a senior advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court died at a city hospital yesterday. He was 73, says a press release.

Death anniversary: The 19th death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Moulvi Mohammad Ismail of Faridpur residence today after Asr prayers, says a press release.

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Qudrat-e-Khuda's birth centenary programme



A week-long birth centenary celebration programme of Dr Muhammad Qudrat-e-Khuda, eminent scientist and educationist of the sub-continent, begins today, reports BSS.

He was born on this day, 1900 at his maternal uncle's residence in Margram, West Bengal, India.

Modernisation of Betar, TV to continue: Sayeed: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said the on-going modernisation process in the national broadcasting media would continue in line with the people's aspiration and demand, reports BSS.

Director General of Bangladesh Betar M I Chowdhury and Chief Engineer Abul Kashem also spoke on the occasion.

KMC 1st year MBBS classes begin May 15: The first year MBSS class of 1999-2000 academic session of Khulna Medical College (KMC) will begin on May 15 at 9:30 am, reports UNB.

Rice under VGF: 3 UP members, a secy held for misappropriation in Pirojpur: PIROJPUR, May 7: Three UP members and a secretary were caught red-handed while selling rice, sanctioned under VGF programme, in the open market here today, reports UNB.

Abul Ahsan to attend meet on 'America's Role in Asia' in Tokyo: Abul Ahsan, Vice President of Independent University, departs today for Tokyo, Japan to represent South Asia as a member of an Asian regional working group meeting on America's role in Asia that will begin May 10-11, says a press release.

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A Gono Forum procession in the city yesterday protesting terrorism. - Star photo

Farm invasions continue in Zimbabwe

HARARE, May 7: Zimbabwean agricultural officials today reported further invasions of white-owned farms by self-styled war veterans and warned the crisis would result in severe food shortages and hefty price hikes, reports AFP.

The independent Standard newspaper said a tomato shortage had already hit the country after one of the main farms supplying the market, at Arcurus east of here, was invaded last week.

Israel again warns of harsh strikes after Lebanon pullout: JERUSALEM, May 7: Israeli leaders warned again today of harsh ripostes in case of attack after its looming withdrawal from south Lebanon, and blamed Syria for the latest upsurge in cross-border violence.

ADB loans: Unfortunately loan from OCR, the higher interest loan window of ADB, also has declined. In the medium and long term, this will increase our debt burden and thus certain level of borrowing as well as capital formation necessary for economic development.

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BNP protests: The BNP leader expressed surprise over Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's recent statement in their parliament that negotiations for import of gas from Bangladesh are at an advanced stage and there could be some agreement in this regard.

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