

News

What's on today....

Int'l arsenic confce: A two-day 3rd International Arsenic Conference, organised by Dhaka Community Hospital, will begin. Venue: Dhaka Community Hospital auditorium, 190/1, Bara Moghbazar. Time: 9 am.

Film festival: Four documentaries will be screened on the concluding day of 'Focus South Asia,' a festival of documentary films. Listening to 'Shadows (India)' 'Don't Pass Me By (Nepal)', 'Thin Air (India)' and 'Muktir Kotha (Bangladesh)' will be screened in two sessions. Venue: Goethe Institut, Road No-9 (New), Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

Rabindra Sangeet mela: Abhudoj Music Associates has organised the second Rabindra Sangeet Mela (Tagore Song Fair). Prof Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the fair. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 8:01 am.

Teachers' rally: Bangladesh Teachers' Association has organised a grand rally of non-government teachers and employees to press for their 14-point charter of demands. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises. Time: 10 am.

EPAB conference: The third annual conference of Editing and Publication Association of Bangladesh will be held. The theme of the conference is 'Electronic Publishing in Bangladesh: A New Horizon'. BUET VC Prof Dr Noorul Ahmed will inaugurate the conference as chief guest. Venue: BUET central auditorium. Time: 9 am.

Satyajit Ray retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society presents 'Agnikut (The Stranger)' and 'Kanchanjunga' by Satyajit Ray. Venue: Auditorium of Indian High Commission, Rd No-2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Drama: BSCIC Sramik Karmachari Union presents 'Mayer Anchal' by Bhairabnath Gongopadhyay. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6:45 pm.

Conference: The conference 2000 of Barisal Division Association will be held. Venue: Engineers Institution auditorium, Ramma. Time: 8:30 am-8:00 pm.

Roundtable: Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy of Proshika, Samannay, Sangbad and ADAB will hold a roundtable on 'Kind of Budget Wanted: Thoughts of Grassroots People.' Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

Roundtable: The Daily Arthaneeti will hold a roundtable on 'Poverty alleviation in Bangladesh: 3 decades of experience.' Minister for Agriculture Begum Motia Chowdhury, Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed and Communications Minister Anwar Hossain will participate. Venue: VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 10:00 am.

Discussion meeting: Shacheton Jubo Samaj will hold a discussion meeting to mark its 10th founding anniversary. Venue: Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association auditorium, 58/1 Purana Paltan. Time: 3:00 pm.

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Seminar: Campaign for Protection and Promotion of Breastfeeding will hold a seminar in view of the ILO Maternity Protection Campaign 2000 that begins May 14. Chief guest: Minister for Labour and Employment M A Mannan. Venue: WVA auditorium, House No-405/A (20 New), Road No-27 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

Inaugural function: Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs will inaugurate a 'Mediation' training course for Family Court Judges and concerned lawyers in collaboration with USIS. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 5:15 pm.

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Weather

Dry weather likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong division and the regions of Pabna, Bogra and Mymensingh in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country. Met office said forecasting mild to moderate heat wave over Rajshahi division and at the region of Mymensingh, JESSORE and Kushtia during the period.

It also predicted slight rise in day temperature across the country.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 38.0 degree Celsius at Ishurdi and the lowest 22.1 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:33 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.6	26.7	65	51
Chittagong	35.0	26.5	69	72
Rajshahi	37.5	26.8	70	61
Khulna	36.2	25.8	77	69
Barisal	35.2	26.2	77	63
Sylhet	35.2	26.0	72	60
Cox's Bazar	34.5	25.4	72	73

HERE and THERE

PCP

By DU Correspondent
The annual council of Pahari Chittagong Parishad (PCP) ended at the DUCSU cafeteria yesterday with the slogan 'not conflict, let's build up greater national unity.'

Presided over by Dr Md Nurulnabi the meeting was addressed by renowned journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury as the chief guest and among others by Prof Hasanuzzaman, Dr Md Enamul Haq Ex VC of Islami University, Sirajul Islam, Adv Shamsuddin Ahmed Mirza, Adv Ahmed Sagir, president Chittagong Bar Council, Khurshid Jamil Chowdhury, Secretary, BMA, Chittagong.

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At the beginning of the meeting, PCP leaders observed a one minute silence in the memory of martyrs in the movement for realising rights of the people of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

The PCP leaders alleged that the Jana Sanghati Samity (JSS) was assisting the terrorists in killing and unleashing various criminal activities in the region.

Later, a 21-member new executive body of PCP was formed with Bengali Chakma and Mithun Chakma as its president and general secretary respectively.

BNP: Consensus

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Professional Action Committee, Ctg

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Talks on problems of newspaper industry today

Leaders of Sangbadik-Sramik-Karmachari Okya Parishad will hold talks with their counterparts of Sramik-Karmachari Okya Parishad (SKOP) today, reports BSS.

They will exchange views on the problems of newspaper industry at Jatiya Press Club at 11 am.

Sramik Party

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