

National

Hot spell paralyses life in Rajshahi

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAHI, May 15: The continued hot spell has almost paralysed the normal life of the city and the adjoining areas.

The city dwellers have been facing the severe hot spell for the last five days.

Local Meteorology office recorded the maximum temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius on Sunday. The humidity was recorded in the morning at 82 per cent and 78 per cent in the evening.

Hospital sources said the hot spell is also taking its toll on patients, especially who are suffering from lung-related diseases.

A chest disease specialist in

the city said many people are suffering from bronchial asthma and chronic bronchitis. Many have also been attacked with influenza and viral fever, he added.

The sultry weather has severely affected day labourers and rickshaw pullers.

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital sources said at least five patients of heat related diseases were admitted in the hospital.

The continued hot spell has also forced many to stay indoors. Most of shops in the city remain closed. Roads and lane wear virtually deserted look during noon.

FEMA workshop to make people democracy friendly

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day training workshop on 'Democracy and Rights' was organised for the second time on May 12 and 13 at 'Communication Training' auditorium in Dhaka by Far Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) in collaboration with the study and research group of Manobik Sahajyo Sangstha (Human Assistance Organisation).



A session of FEMA workshop progressing.

— FEMA photo

FEMA Secretary General Feroz M Hasan inaugurated the workshop.

In his opening address he said that the ordinary people would be aware about their rights and the system of government if this programme was materialised. He added that FEMA had arranged the programme with a view to communicating the experience of this workshop to the citizens at grassroot level.

A total of 26 trainees from Sirajganj, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Jhenidah, Bogra, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Sherpur, Thakurgaon, Bogra, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Satkhira and Narshingdi took part in the workshop. Following this training the trainees will communicate their training experience among the people in their respective areas.

The aims and objectives of such workshop is to make ordinary people aware about their rights and duties, definition of democracy, qualification of a voter, rules of casting vote, accountability of people's representatives, source and strategy of accountability, bad effects of fake vote, necessity of local government and duties and responsibilities of local elected representatives.

On conclusion of the workshop, FEMA Vice Chairperson Munira Khan distributed certificates among the trainees. FEMA Programme Officer Jahanjer Ferdous Kabir conducted the whole workshop.

— FEMA photo

Mob beats extortionist in Ctg

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 15: Mob caught an alleged extortionist and beat him in Kazir Dewri area in the city on Wednesday.

Locals said mob chased a gang of extortionists as they came to the market and demanded tolls from traders. The mob caught an extortionist. His identity could not be known.

Later the man was handed over to police.

The programme included

holding of musical soiree, recitation of Tagore's poem, discussion and other cultural function. Rabindra Janma Joyante and Rabindra Smriti Sangrakshan Parishad (Tagore memorial committee) organised the programme.

Ananda Dhani, Mymensingh Sahitya Sangsad, Jalad, Abritee, Niketon, Shilpkala Academy, Alok Dhara, Udich Shabda, Nritya Shilpi Sangstha and Mukul Fouj Sangskritik Academy took part in the function.

Professor Zatin Sarker, Swapnon Dhar, ABM Abdus Salam, Secretary District Parishad and Md Mujibur Rahman, Additional District Commissioner addressed the discussion while Prof Md Sultan Meeha Principal of MTC delivered the welcome address.

Different educational institutions observed the day befittingly.

Our Faridpur correspondent reports: Rich tributes were paid to Biswa Kabi Rabindranath Tagore in observance of his

139th birth anniversary in Faridpur on May 8.

Different socio cultural organisations had their own programmes highlighting the versatile genius of the Nobel Laureate.

Faridpur Shilpkala Academy arranged discussion meeting, dance drama and poetry recitation session at its auditorium.

Presided over by Md Aliuddin Aluvi, vice president of the academy, the meeting was addressed, among others, by eminent Rabindra researcher Arif Haider, Prof Md Lutfur Rahman, Principal Nasiruddin Ahmed Musa, Asst Prof Sirajul Haque, Journalist Munishi Harun-or-Rashid, Abdul Hye Mia and Mafiz Imam Milan, Secretary in charge of the academy.

Murad Hossain ADC (gen) was the chief guest on the occasion. The day's programme was rounded off with a dance drama participated by the local artists.



A cultural programme was also arranged by Faridpur District Shilpkala Academy on the occasion of Tagore's birth anniversary.

Hoodlums throw acid on mother, daughter

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 15: Khondokar Abdul Matin, Chairman of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB), and Mohammad Amanullah, General Manager of BTTB, visited Barisal BTTB office and oversaw the repair works of the exchange on Saturday.

The telephone lines were snapped in a fire at the Main Distribution Frame (MDF) of Barisal digital telephone exchange on April 29.

Nearly 2,000 out of the 4,800 connections were restored till Saturday.

The chairman talked with telephone subscribers in the office premises and assured them of restoration of the rest of the telephone connections as early as possible.

Some agitated subscribers, however, expressed dissatisfaction over what they said the slow pace of repair works.

The chairman directed the employees of Barisal telephone exchange to work hard to repair the damages immediately.

According to officials, representatives of TOTALTEL, responsible for the maintenance of this sophisticated modern digital telephone exchange, were working almost round the clock to restore the telephone connection.

Free movement of sex workers in public places

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 15: Movement of sex workers in public places in the district headquarters has increased in recent days.

After dusk the sex workers move freely in Station Road, Kachari Bazar, Railway Station premises, traffic points, Shilpakala Academy areas.

Some times pimps also accompany them.

Sex workers and their clients also crowd Swadhinat Prangan area and the bank of the river Ghaghat after dusk.

Guardians youths have expressed concern over the free movement of sex workers in public places. They said their children may go astray if the sex workers frequent public places and lure the youths.

They, however, urged the authorities concerned to rehabilitate the prostitutes immediately.

Robbery in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 15: A robbery was committed at Mollal Para in the town on Thursday.

A gang of robbers numbering about eight breaking the collapsible gate entered the house of Sohrab Hossain, a leader of city unit of ruling Awami League-backed Sramik League, in the early morning and looted gold ornaments and valuables worth Taka 1,00,000.

Earlier, the robbers tied the inmates of the house, including Sohrab Hossain, at gun-point.

A case was filed in this connection.

Joynal Hazari annoyed

From Our Correspondent

FENI, May 15: Ruling party MP Joynal Hazari condemned the filing of false case against him by JCD activists on Friday at Feni Police Statioff under Public Safety Act (PSA).

He expressed his condemnation in a press conference held at his Master Para house in the town on Saturday evening.

Hazari said when the incident was committed at the Judge Court premises by some youths on Thursday, at that time he was present at a family planning meeting at Shaheed Jahan Rayhan Hall in the town. He also condemned the persons who committed the act. He blamed Begum Khaleida Zia for directing her followers to file the case against him. He urged the BNP men to refrain from such activities against him.

Meanwhile, one JCD activist named Saiful Osman filed a case on Friday against 33 ruling partymen including Joynal Hazari, MP, for trying to attack BNP leader VP Joynal and eight other partymen when they were present at the Judge court for bail hearing on Thursday under PSA.

The submitted petition was not recorded as regular case still after 24 hours, Feni Police station sources said.

News snaps

Juba Dal leader stabbed

PABNA, May 15: A local Juba Dal leader was stabbed indiscriminately by unidentified terrorists and left him behind unconscious on Tuesday afternoon, reports UNB.

Mizanur Rahman, (30), president of Radabnagar ward Juba Dal, was stabbed by alleged terrorists of the ruling party numbering 10 to 15 at 4 pm at Pollanpur area in the town. The terrorists chopped off three fingers of his left hand. He was rushed to Sadar hospital with 12 stab injuries in his body. Finding his condition critical, doctors soon sent him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Protesting the incident Juba Dal activists brought out procession and held a rally in the town in the evening. Speakers at the rally held the ruling party activists responsible for attempt of killing Mizanur Rahman.

BLTA team off to Taiwan

CHITTAGONG, May 15: A two-member delegation of the Buddha's Light International Association (BLTA), Bangladesh Chapter, led by its president Ajeet Ranjan Barua left here on Tuesday for Taiwan to attend the eighth general conference of the BLTA, reports BSS.

The six-day conference, to be held at the great temple of Fo-Kuangshun of Kaohsiung province in Taiwan, will be inaugurated by BLTA founder president Master Hsing Yun. Around 8,000 delegates from 68 countries are expected to join the conference beginning on May 14.

BWDB implements Tk 6 cr project

CHANDPUR, May 15: Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has been implementing a modern technology based pilot project here to protect the Hatmchar Upazila from the erosion of the river Meghna, reports BSS.

The project has been implementing at a cost of Taka 6 crore. The work of the project is going on in full swing.



Tagore is the source of our inspiration

A dance sequence by the artistes of Mukul Fouj Sangskritik Academy, a cultural academy in Mymensingh, enthralling the audience recently on the occasion of Rabindra Joyante.

— Star photo

Tributes paid to Tagore in Mymensingh, Faridpur

By Staff Correspondent

Rabindra Joyante, the 139th birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated in Mymensingh and Faridpur on May 8 in a befitting manner.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reports: Different socio cultural organisations drew up elaborate programmes to mark the occasion.

The day long main programme was held under a banyan tree inside the campus of Mymensingh Teachers Training College (MTTC). Poet Rabindranath Tagore visited this place in 1926.

Tagore came to Mymensingh on February 8 in 1926 and stayed at the Bagan Barani named Alekandria Castle (present MTTC) of the then zamindar of Muktagacha Moharaja Shashi Kanta.

A reception committee was formed making Moharaja as its president. Rabindranath was accorded a very warm reception on February 15 at the local Town Hall at Brahmanondir (present Law College) and at Bidyanoye Girls' School as at Mohila Samiti School on February 18, 1926.

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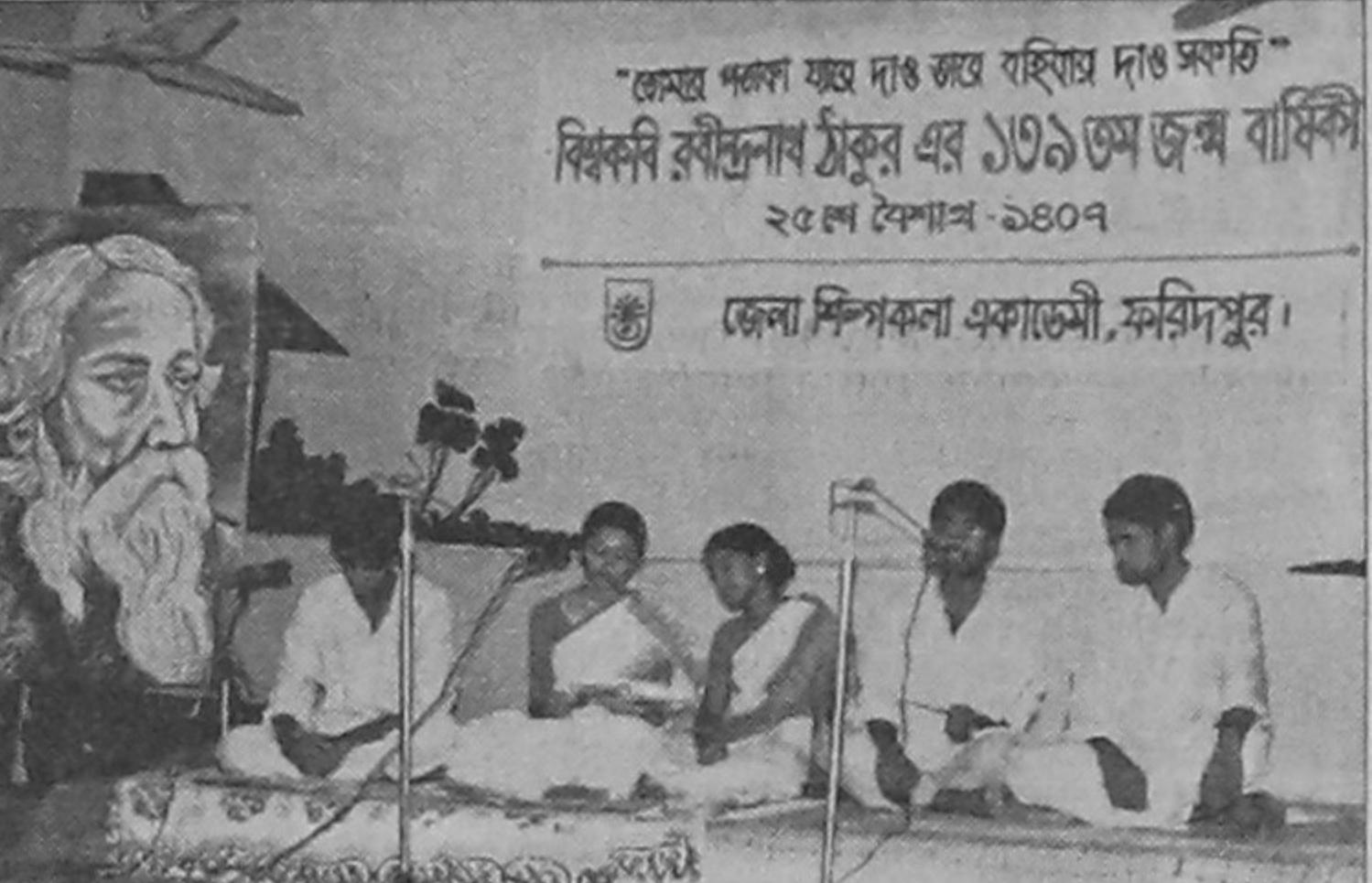
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Memo No. SEB/Appointment/2000/1

Applications are invited from bona fide Bangladeshi nationals with educational qualifications and experience as mentioned against each post for appointment on purely temporary basis in the posts mentioned below in Sylhet Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board.

Dated: 4/5/2000

Serial no.	Name of post	Number of post	Educational qualifications and experience
1	Assistant Evaluation Officer	01	At least 2nd class post-graduate degree from any recognised university. Candidates with Mathematics/Statistics or Economics and practical experience will be given preference. To know computer typing is essential.
2	Private Secretary	01	At least second class post-graduate degree from recognised university. Candidate with practical experience will be given preference. To know computer typing is essential.
3	Stenographer	01	At least second class bachelor degree from recognised university. Should have minimum speed of English shorthand and type 100 and 35 words per minute and minimum speed of a Bangla shorthand and type 70 and 30 words per minute.
4	Stenotypist	04	Should pass Higher Secondary Certificate Examination in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Minimum speed of English shorthand and type should be 80 and 30 words per minute and minimum speed of Bangla shorthand and type should be 60 and 20 words per minute.
5	Cashier	01	Should pass Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (Commerce Group) in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Should have three years practical experience in accounts work. Taka 5,000/- in cash will have to be deposited as security as per existing rule.
6	Store Keeper	01	Should pass Higher Secondary Examination in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Preference will be given to candidates with practical experience in computer typing.
7	Draftsman	01	Should pass Secondary School Certificate Examination in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Should have minimum speed of English shorthand and type should be 70 and 30 words per minute.
8	Car Driver	04	Minimum class VIII passed. Five years experience in driving heavy and light vehicles. Should have practical experience in freeing any error during plying along with little repairing work.
9	Electrician	01	Should pass Secondary School Certificate Examination in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Should have trade course certificate from recognised institution and at least three years practical experience in the concerned work.
10	Cash Sarker	01	Should pass the Secondary School Certificate Examination in second division or equivalent examination from recognised board. Candidates with three years practical experience will be given preference.
11	Book Binder	01	Should pass the Secondary School Certificate Examination in second division from recognised board or equivalent examination. Candidates with three years practical experience in the concerned work will be given preference.
12	Guard/Night Guard/Darwan	03	At least class VIII passed. Candidates with good physique and experience will be given preference.

Application in plain paper with the following statement must reach