

## What's on today....

**Satyajit Ray Retrospective:** Zahir Raihan Film Society presents *Gupi Bagha Firey Elo* (The return of *Gupi and Bagha*) on the 4th day of the retrospective. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Folk theatre festival:** Binodan Jhumur Jatra will present *Sati Keno Kolonkeni* on the 2nd last day of the weeklong folk theatre festival. Organiser: Bangladesh Silpakala Academy. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

## ..... and tomorrow

**Exhibition:** The two week solo art exhibition by Hiranmay Chanda "Decorative Fantasy" will be inaugurated. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Satyajit Ray Retrospective:** Zahir Raihan Film Society presents *Sonar Kella* (The Golden Fortress). Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

**Drama:** Prachyanat will present its 4th production *circus* circus written and directed by Azad Abul Kalam. Venue: Guide House auditorium, Bailey Rd. Time: 7:00 pm.

**Folk theatre festival:** Jhumur Tongi, a theatre group from Gazipur will present *Rahim Badshah*. Rupban Kanya on the last of the week long folk theatre festival. Organiser: Bangladesh Silpakala Academy. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

## Weather

### Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions with moderate to heavy falls at places over Barisal and Chittagong till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met office said.

The country's highest temperatures 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Tangail.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47 pm and rises on Tuesday at 5:10 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	30.8	24.0
Chittagong	30.0	25.0
Rajshahi	33.8	26.3
Khulna	29.0	27.0
Barisal	27.8	24.0
Sylhet	32.0	24.4
Cox's Bazar	29.0	25.0

## Poor show by cadets

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Joseph High School and BAF Shaheen College were also on the merit list. Holy Cross Girls High School and Engineering University School trailed behind with three and two students respectively in the merit list.

Pre-Cadet High School at Myemensingh, IET Government High School and Rajuk Uttara Model School and College in Dhaka city also secured one place each in the merit list.

Under Rajshahi Board, Rajshahi Cadet College topped the merit list, followed by Government Laboratory High School, Rajshahi with six positions.

Pabna and Rangpur cadet colleges and Rajshahi University School secured two positions each.

Rangpur Zilla School and Dinajpur Government Girls' High School secured three positions each. Cantonment Public School and College at Bogra, Bogra Government Girls' High School, Bogra Zilla School, Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College secured one position each.

Under Chittagong Board, Ishpani Public School and College dominated the list with as many as 15 positions. Chittagong Collegiate School

### Rajshahi Board merit lists

Students who secured top 10 merit positions in science group under Rajshahi Education Board SSC examinations this year, as reported by UNB:

1. Md Sayeedul Islam (Roll 102321) of Rajshahi Cadet College, Tapas Kumar Biswas (Roll 137052) of Rangpur Zilla School, marks 937.
2. Sultana Bedoura (Roll 129208) of Bogra Cantonment Public School and College, marks 935.
3. Moshaddek Hasan (Roll 102320) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 934.
4. Md Samaul Alam (Roll 102327) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 933.
5. Syed Mohammad Zahid (Roll 102331) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 932.
6. Md Saifur Rahman (Roll 102323) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 927.
7. Md Ziaur Rahman (Roll 102323) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 927.
8. Sujit Majumder (Roll 100546) and DM Shams Zawad (Roll 100501) of Govt Laboratory High School, Rajshahi, Md Mesbahul Manzur Rahe (Roll 102321) and Syed Wasim Bari (Roll 102337) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 926.
9. Fiaz Kiwar (Roll 138575) of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College, ABM Musa (Roll 117618) of Pabna Cadet College, marks 925, and
10. Md Abul Kalam Aslad Razib (Roll 100550) of Govt Laboratory High School, Rajshahi, marks 924.

**Business Studies group**

- Top 10 merit positions in business studies group:
1. Md Tanvir Rahman (Roll 586893) of Rangpur Cadet College, marks 878.
  2. Md Tameemur Rahman (Roll 541687) of Pabna Cadet College, marks 872.
  3. Rifat Jahan (Roll 586899) of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College, marks 870.
  4. Md Toufiqul Karim (Roll 586897) of Rangpur Cadet College, marks 869.
  5. Shayekh Arefin Zahedi (Roll 586898) of Rangpur Cadet College, marks 867.
  6. Muhammad Taher Jamil (Roll 503741) of Rajshahi Cadet College, marks 865.
  7. Md Shafayet Jamil (Roll 541688) of Pabna Cadet College, marks 864.
  8. Tanzila Parvin (Roll 533378) of Nazipur Girls' High School, marks 848.
  9. Md Mostafizur Rahman (Roll 626632) of Saint Philips High School, marks 845.
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## New IT centre with Canadian collaboration

### Star Business Report

Tecslut Eduplus, a Canadian IT company will start an e-commerce based training centre in Bangladesh through technical collaboration with a local company under a joint venture. The company to be launched, learning and Research Analysis, will provide professional training on e-commerce to meet global requirement for e-commerce based programmers, said Lara Mehzabeen, CEO of the venture.

In a pre-opening ceremony of the joint venture yesterday, the CEO said that Tecslut Eduplus will provide the trainers for the centre in Bangladesh to train the programmers for development of e-commerce based software.

Among others Canadian High Commissioner David Preston, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Saif Sami and President of Tecslut Marc Parent present at the function.

Tecslut Eduplus is working in 44 countries, the field of engineering and IT at present. It provides service to the largest Canadian companies.

### Shop owners

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"These people are trying to grab both the markets," alleged one of them.

Inside the Nagar Bhaban, Chief Estate Officer Ehsanul Fattah briefed newsmen at the office of Chief Executive Officer Rashidul Alam. Fattah said a 'stay was obtained' in favour of the DCC. "We will have to see the court order to be able to elaborate," he said adding that the copy would be available in the afternoon.

Rashidul Alam told this correspondent that Adarsha Market is a DCC property and they would protect the interest of DCC at any cost. "You will know everything in the afternoon."

Some other DCC officials said that the dispute between two government departments was now reaching a climax. "This is a classic example of lack of coordination," one of them said.

## Islami Bank foundation stipend

The Scholarship and stipend 2000 awarding ceremony of Islami Bank Foundation was held on Saturday at the Conference Room of Islami Bank Tower, Dilkusha Commercial Area, says a press release.

Seventy-five students of different universities, colleges, schools and madrasahs of Dhaka Division were awarded over 5 lakh taka as scholarship and stipend at this function.

Barrister Moinul Hossain, President, Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association & Chairman, Board of Editors, The Dainik Ittefaq, and New Nation and Professor Dr A TM Sharif Ullah, Chairman, Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board of Dhaka were present in the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Islami Bank Foundation, the subsidiary organisation of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited has taken a plan this year to disburse Tk 25 lakhs as stipend and scholarship among meritorious and poor students.

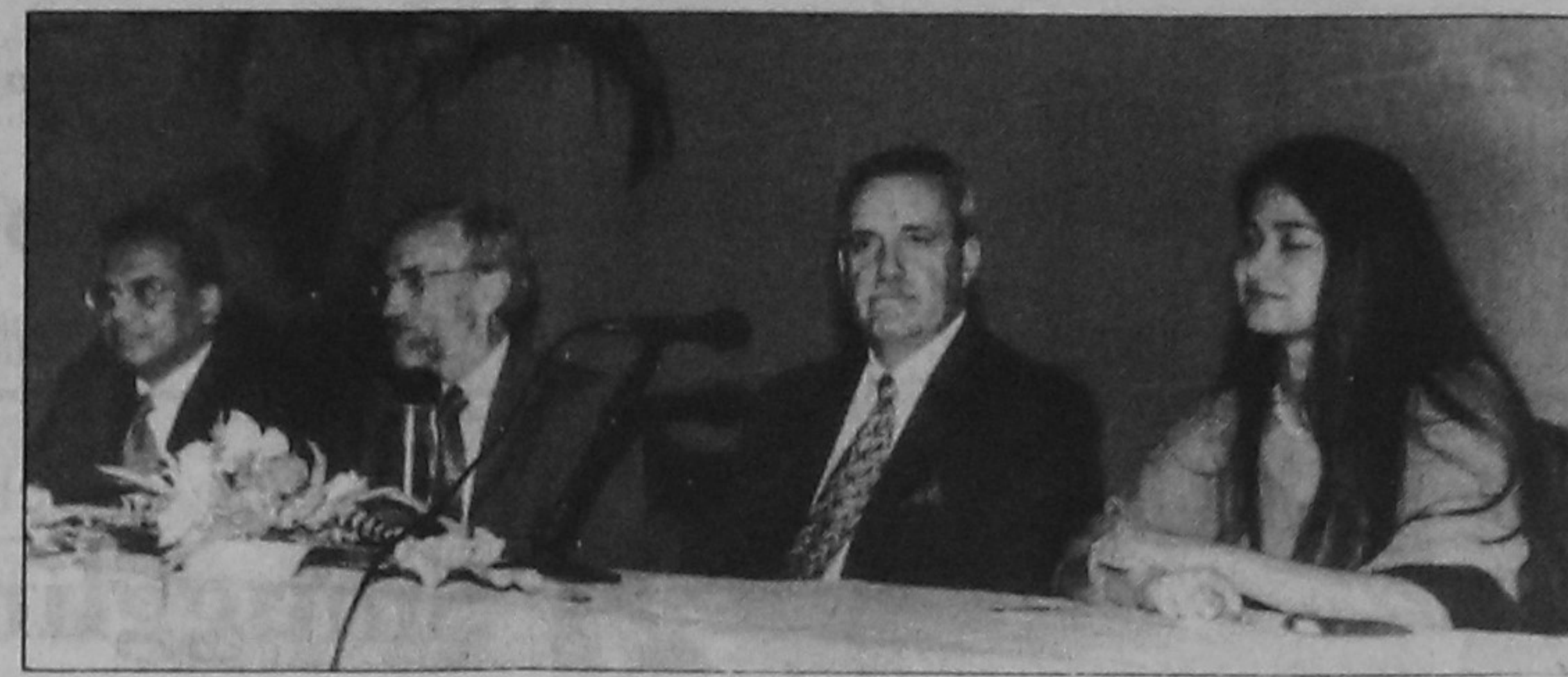
## Comilla Board merit lists

Students who secured top 10 merit positions in science group under Comilla Education Board SSC examination this year, as reported by UNB:

1. Gitalee Sarker (Roll 128831) of Our Lady of Fatema Girls' High School, marks 933.
2. S M Faiz Akbar (Roll 115791) of Ataturk Model High School, marks 929.
3. Farjana Raihan (Roll 109846) of Noakhali Govt. Girls' High School and S M Golan Morfuzia (Roll 128329) of Comilla Cadet College, marks 926.
4. Shahida Akter (Roll 128734) of Faizunnesa Govt. Girls' High School, marks 925.
5. Rezoana Najnin (Roll 128732) of Faizunnesa Govt. Girls' High School, marks 923.
6. Ershadul Haque Rahat (Roll 128320) of Comilla Cadet College, marks 917.
7. Mohiuddin Khan (Roll 128327) of Comilla Cadet College, marks 915.
8. Dibakar Saha (Roll 128612) of Comilla Zilla School, marks 914.
9. Saifuddin Islam (Roll 128672) of Comilla Zilla School, marks 914.
10. Md Abdul Ailim (Roll 802542) of Aitalkula High School, marks 856.
11. Md Mokbul Hossain (Roll 802523) of Aitalkula High School, marks 844.
12. Md Sanwar Hossain (Roll 803017) of Ghorachara High School, marks 841.
13. Sabiha Yeasmin (Roll 806080) of Collegiate Girls High School, marks 833.
14. Tanjira Akter (Roll 804318) of Bogra Govt Girls' High School, marks 832.
15. Md Moniruzzaman Sarker (Roll 806385) of Enayetpur Islamia High School, marks 827.
16. Sunil Kumar (Roll 806427) of Tarakandi High School, marks 826.
17. Farha Naz Mabud (Roll 804307) of Bogra Govt Girls' High School, marks 816, and
18. Md Saidur Rahman (Roll 805413) of Kurigram River View High School, marks 815.

### Humanities group

- Top 10 merit positions in humanities group:
1. Mahbub Alam (Roll 340116) of Al Amin Academy, Chandpur, marks 845.
  2. Mahmud Hussain Limon (Roll 346393) of Comilla Cadet College, marks 842.
  3. Mohammad Anisuzzaman (Roll 344597) of Hazrat Shah Neyamat Shah High School, Kachua, marks 829.
  4. Nahrin Zanant (Roll 367655) of Zia Sarkarkhana College, marks 821.



CM Safi Sami, Foreign Secretary, David Preston, Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka, Marc Parent, President, Tecslut International of Canada and Lara Mehzabeen, CEO of Learning and Research Analysis seen a pre-opening ceremony of the joint venture IT Centre at Hotel Sheraton yesterday.

## Pass percentage lowest

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School bagged 10, Vignarunisa Noon School eight, St. Joseph High School and Myemensingh Girls Cadet College four each. Holy Cross Girls High School three and Myemensingh Girls Cadet College got one position.

A total of 26,1703 students appeared at the examinations under the board. The pass percentage is 54.76, 23.36 and 39.77 for Science, Humanities and Business Studies groups, and 37.31 and 35.39 for male and female candidates respectively.

### Chittagong Board

Shaon Barua of Chittagong Collegiate School topped the merit list in Chittagong Board scoring 928, followed by Partha Sarathi Sarker of Patia Adarsha School with 926 marks and AM Amanatullah of Chittagong Collegiate School with 924 marks.

Thirty-eight students were on the list of top 20, of whom 15 were from Ishpani Public School and College, eight from Chittagong Collegiate School and one from Foudjarhat Cadet College.

The number of examinees was 73, of whom 27,697 passed. The pass percentage is 62.96, 24.01 and 33.39 for Science, Humanities and Business Studies groups, and 38.27 and 36.18 for male and female candidates respectively.

### Rajshahi Board

M Sayeedul Islam of Rajshahi Cadet College and Tapas Kumar Biswas of Rangpur Zilla School jointly secured the first position, each scoring 937 marks.

Sultana Bedoura of Cantonment Public School and College at Bogra secured the second

position scoring 935 marks and Moshaddek Hassan of Rajshahi Cadet College came next scoring 934 marks.

A total of 33 students were on the merit list of 20. Rajshahi Cadet College secured nine positions, followed by Rajshahi Government Laboratory School with six. The rest went to other institutions.

A total of 27,0623 students appeared under the board, of whom 128,717 came out successful. The pass percentage is 62.15, 39.72 and 55.91 for Science, Humanities and Business Studies groups, and 46.81 and 47.91 for male and female candidates respectively.

### Jessore Board

BM Farid Rahman of Jhenidah Cadet College topped the merit list with 943 marks. Susmita Saha of Government Coronation Secondary Girls' school at Khulna, Nawroz Afreen of Daud Public School at Jessore and Fahd Iqbal Polish of Jhenidah Cadet College secured the second position, each scoring 942 marks. Faisal bin Abdul Jabbar of Barisal Cadet College came next scoring 931 marks.

Twenty-five students shared the top 20 positions. Eleven of them are from Jhenidah Cadet College and 10 from Barisal Cadet College.

A total of 16,6091 students appeared under the board, of whom 75,480 passed.

The pass percentage is 57.92, 40.32 and 55.03 for Science, Humanities and Business Studies groups, and 46.94 and 43.39 for male and female candidates respectively.

### Comilla Board

Gitalee Sarker of Our Lady of



A function for distributing scholarship and stipend among meritorious students of different universities, colleges, schools and madrasahs of Dhaka Division by Islami Bank Foundation was held at the Conference Room of Islami Bank Tower on Saturday. Seen in the picture are some of the recipients with guests at the function.

## Ctg Board merit lists

Students who secured top 10 merit positions in science group under Chittagong Board SSC examinations this year, as reported by UNB:

1. Shaoun Barua (Roll 100907) of Collegiate School, Chittagong, marks 928.
2. Partha Sarathi Sarker (Roll 111698) of Patia Adarsha High School marks 926.
3. S M Amanat Ullah (Roll 101028) of Collegiate School, Chittagong, marks 924.
4. Naksbi Suiha (Roll 102325) of Dr Khastagiri Govt Girls' High School, Chittagong, marks 924.
5. Masuda Sultana (Roll 102473) of Ishpani Public School and College and Dipan Baidya (Roll 103997) of Chittagong Public School and College, marks 922.
6. Sumita Biswas (Roll 102327) and Arfana Yesmin (Roll 102430) of Dr Khastagiri Govt Girls' High School, Chittagong and Banani Roy (Roll 102477) of Ishpani Public School and College, marks 917.
6. Syed Shihab Ullah (Roll 100940) of Collegiate School, marks 915.
7. Mohammed Kowser Moshad (Roll 100813) of Collegiate School, Chittagong, marks 913.
8. Tameema Hossain (Roll 103130) of Nou-Bahini High School, Sallor's Colony, marks 912.
9. Md Sakawat Hossain Mazumder (Roll 102024) of Bandarban Govt High School, marks 911, and
10. Tamanna Afroze (Roll 101909) of St Scholastica Girls' High School, Chittagong, marks 907.

### Humanities Group

- Top 10 merit positions in humanities group:
1. Saima Sabiha Kamal (Roll 302690) of Chittagong University School and College, marks 881.
  2. Shahjia Taher (Roll 321281) of Chittagong Urea Fertilizer School and College, marks 860.
  3. Syeda Salma Akter (Roll 301436) of Bangladesh Mohila Samity Girls' High School, Dampara, marks 850.
  4. Sharmin Afroz (Roll 302692) of Chittagong University School and College, marks 826.

Fatema Girls School at Comilla topped the merit list scoring 933 marks. SM Faiz Akbar of Ataturk Model High School at Dagon Bhuiyan secured the second position with 929 marks, followed by Farjana Raihan of Noakhali Government Girls High School with 926 marks.

Twenty-eight students shared the top 20 positions. Nine of them are from Comilla Cadet College, five each from Comilla Zilla School and Faizunnesa Government Girls High School and four from Blue Bird High School.

The number of examinees under the board were 145693. The pass percentage is 51, 25.24 and 33.11 for Science, Humanities and Business Studies groups.

## FBCCI concern at hartal call

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has expressed its concern over today's hartal called by the opposition political parties protesting the budget for 2000-2001, reports UNB.

At an emergency meeting chaired by its vice president M Mumin, the apex trade body said hartal does in no way benefit the people, rather it goes against the economy of the country and the business community.

"It would have been useful and effective if the Opposition political parties had discussed the budget with the business community and joined the parliament to give their valuable suggestions there," it said.

## Arsenic: Filter system

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ceptance. People find the filters easy to use and they have expressed satisfaction," he said. A little less than half of the tube-wells in the six thanas have arsenic more than the permissible level of 50 parts per billion or 0.05 mg/L.

The experiment is being done under a 44.4 million dollar Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project (BAMWSP). A technical advisory group (TAG) of BAMWSP is monitoring the programme.

If successful, the project will be expanded in more affected areas of the country," said one project officer.

Meanwhile, in Pabna, one of the badly affected areas, a programme undertaken jointly by the government, Unicef and Dhaka Community Hospital to supply locally developed alternative sources of arsenic free water has become successful.

The 65 lakh taka 'Action Research on Community Based Arsenic Mitigation Programme' covers four districts.

"It is the most difficult task we undertook. Changing villagers' habit is no easy job. Initially, we had a difficult time convincing villagers to give up contaminated wells and drink from alternative sources," Project Coordinator Ranajit Das of Dhaka Community Hospital said.

During a recent visit to the area, most of the affected people were found drinking water from new sources.

### Private banks

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1991 was amended in 1997, barring the banks and financial institutions from sanctioning fresh loans to a defaulter, he said.

Two bankruptcy courts and three new financial loan courts were set up in Dhaka and Chittagong to speed up disposal of cases related to loan default, Kibria added.

Different banks have so far filed 54,572 cases with these courts against loan defaulters, the finance minister said, adding 21,655 cases had already been disposed of.

He said if a person or an institution defaults loan, the person or the institution would not get fresh bank loan.

Resignation of a director of any defaulting company will not be effective unless it is approved by the board of directors of the bank or financial institution that had granted the loan, he said and added that such a director will not be able to transfer his share.

### Prof Muzaffar

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versity. The economist pointed out that per head allocation for maintenance of law and order in the country is Tk 69.13 while that for defence is Tk 237.48.

The immediate urgency is to improve law and order. But instead of addressing it properly, the government has proposed to increase defence budget which would not benefit the people," he observed.

However, this is the first time the government has proposed some measures to protect local industries, he said.

Prof Ahmed thinks that the proposed revenue and development expenditures for the Prime Minister's Office, various ministries and government offices are too high.

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3. Faisal bin Abdul Jabbar (Roll 106268) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 931.
4. Ashique Iqbal (Roll 139659) of Jhenidah Cadet College, marks 929.
5. Alimuzzaman (Roll 106263) of Barisal Cadet College, Indira Roy (Roll 123018) of Khodeja Khatun Govt Secondary Girls School, Bagerhat, marks 928.
6. Md Mahfuzur Rahman (Roll 106260) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 927.
7. Abu Md Shahnoor Shauon (Roll 106265) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 926.
8. Hasan Mohammad Farahy (Roll 139661) of Jhenidah Cadet College, marks 925.
9. Manirul Hassan Tamal (Roll 106259) of Barisal Cadet College, SM Shafiqul Alam (Roll 106265) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 924, and
10. Ariful Rahman Apu (Roll 106249) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 923.

### Humanities group

- Top ten merit positions in humanities group:
1. Farzana Hussain (Roll 240784) of Govt Coronation Secondary Girls' School, Khulna, marks 876.
  2. Ismat Jahan (Roll 253046) of Bagerhat Govt Girls' High School, marks 871.
  3. Rezwanul Haque (Roll 214402) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 870.
  4. Sukanta Biswas (Roll 293966) of Manirampur Govt Secondary School, Jessore, marks 869.
  5. Faisal Muhammad Wahid (Roll 214403) of Barisal Cadet College, Anowara Khanam (Roll 302995) of Lohagara Secondary School, Narail, Mahamadia Rahman (Roll 314583) Magura Govt Girls High School, marks 862.
  6. Humaira Tasmin (Roll 265657) of Asasuni Secondary School, Satkhira, marks 860.
  7. Mehmede Imam (Roll 214406) of Barisal Cadet College, marks 856.
  8. Hasan Md Tanvir Mahmud (Roll 306759) of Jhenidah Cadet College, marks 854.
  9. Md Tanvir Ibm Alam (Roll 269402) of Kushtia Zilla School, marks 853, and
  10. Salina Siddiqua (Roll 235002) of Daulatkhan Govt Secondary Girls School, marks 852.

### Business Studies group

- Top ten merit positions in business studies group:
1. Sayla Sowat Siddiqui (Roll 410175) of Govt Coronation Secondary Girls' School, Khulna, marks 926.
  2. Nondita Mozumder (Roll 410199) of Khulna Govt Girls High School, marks 900.
  3. SK Abdullah-Al-Mahfuz (Roll 415067) of Mongla Bandar Secondary School, Bagerhat, marks 868.
  4. Manisa Roy (Roll 403929) of Dhamura Secondary School, Barisal, Shankar Kumar Das (Roll 411209) of Kapilmuni Sahachari Vidya Mandir, Khulna, marks 853.
  5. Md Habibur Rahman (Roll 420125) of Sarsha Pilot High School, Jessore, marks 842.
  6. Sharmin Sultana (Roll 410111) of Lions School, Khulna, marks 835, and
  7. Masum Billah (Roll 401124) of Amtali AK High School, Barguna, marks 834.