

## News

## ● What's on today . . . . ●

**Launching ceremony:** The Danida WatSan Sector Programme Support will be launched by NGO forum. Venue: BETS Centre, House No 55, Road No 4/A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am.

**Debate:** The Textile Engineering College Debating Club will hold the final round of its inter-university debate competition. The Textile Engineering team meets DU team in the final round. Chief guest: Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, President of Biswa Shabitia Kendra. Venue: College Auditorium, Tejgaon. Time: 11:00 am.

**Exhibition:** The two-week solo art exhibition by Hiranta 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 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 Sipakala Academy. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

● . . . . and tomorrow ●

**Inauguration:** The National Tree Plantation Drive 2000 will be inaugurated. A rally will be held and a procession brought out to mark the occasion. Chief guest: Minister for Environment and Forest Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury. Venue: Manik Miah Avenue. Time: 8:30 am.

**CDR seminar:** Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDR) will hold a seminar 'Islam, State and Society in Bangladesh'. Dr Momtaz Ahmed, Professor of Hampton University (USA) and senior research fellow of the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), which is represented by CDRB in Bangladesh. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA), House No 20, Rd No 27 (Old), 16 (New). Time: 5:00 pm.

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## Weather

## No change in temp likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong division 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 temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 23.7 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47 pm and rises on Wednesday at 5:11 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	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.5	25.2	77	76
Chittagong	27.2	23.7	97	95
Rajshahi	33.8	25.8	89	83
Khulna	32.5	24.6	93	84
Barisal	29.8	24.6	94	92
Sylhet	31.0	24.8	80	100
Cox's Bazar	28.8	25.2	97	98

## HERE and THERE

## Election Commission secretariat class III employees Assoc

The annual election of the Election Commission Secretariat Class-III Government Employees' Association was held yesterday, reports UNB.

M Momtaj Ali and Akhtar Hossain were elected president and general secretary of the association.

Other office-bearers are: M Abdul Kalam Azad, M Abdul Hamid, Gazi Mohammad Masud, Arifa Begum, M Mujibur Rahman, Momtaj Begum and M Saifullah.

SM Asaduzzaman, APRO of the EC Secretariat conducted the polls as election commissioner. M Mosharrif Hossain and M Rafiqul Islam were members of the commission, said a press release.

## Workshop

MR Training & Services Program (MRTSP) organised a mini-workshop at its central office in the city on Saturday to launch a programme for incorporating RTI/STD screening and Pap smear screening for cervical cancer in MCH-FP training and services, says a press release.

Prof. Dr. M. Shamsher Ali, President, MRTSP, Presided



Kazuyoshi Urabe, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and Dr AKM Masihur Rahman, Secretary of Economic Relations Division, signing the Exchange of Notes for 6902.188 million Yen (approximately Taka 326 crore) Japanese Debt Relief Grant Assistance to Bangladesh.



## DU teacher dies

By DU Correspondent

Professor A K Ahmadullah of Social Welfare and Research Institute of Dhaka University died of cardiac arrest at the BIRDEM Hospital on Sunday night. He was 73.

He left behind two sons, one daughter and a host of admirers to mourn his death, said a DU press release.

Namaj-e-Janaza of the former director of the Institute was held in front of university central mosque after Zohr prayers. Later, he was buried at the Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard.

The deceased joined the Dhaka University as teacher in 1957 and served the university for as many as 43 years. He wrote a number of articles which were published in various national and international journals.

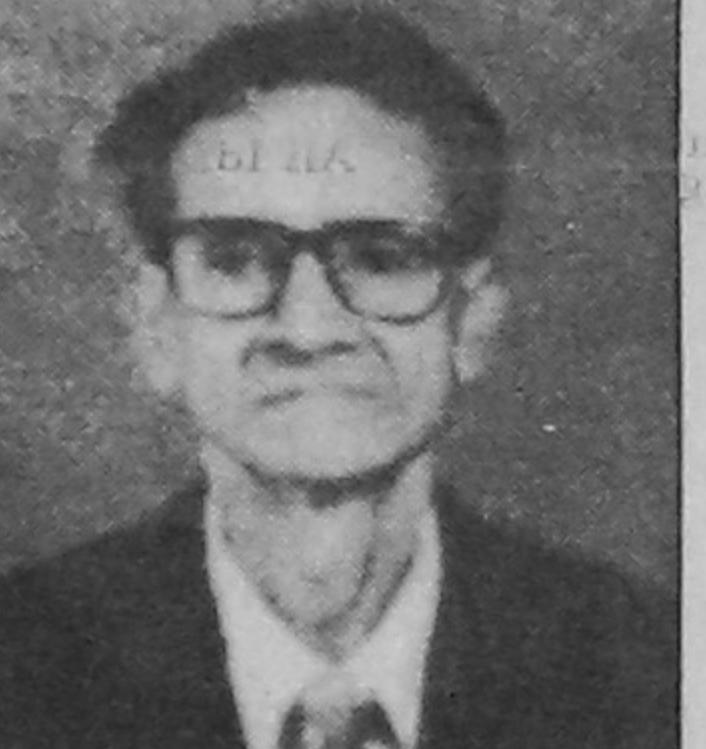


## Former Biman official dead

Nuruddin Chowdhury, a retired senior navigation officer of Bangladesh Biman died on Sunday at 2:30 pm at Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital. He was 70, says a press release.

The deceased left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a large number of relatives, friends and admirers to mourn his death.

The qulkhani of Chowdhury will be held on Wednesday after Asr prayers at the residence of the deceased at 47/5 Indira Road in the city.



## Barrister Abdul Hamid dead

A noted lawyer of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Barrister Abdul Hamid died of old-age complications at his Topkhana residence in the city yesterday, a press release said. He was 80, reports BSS.

He is survived by his wife, one son, three daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

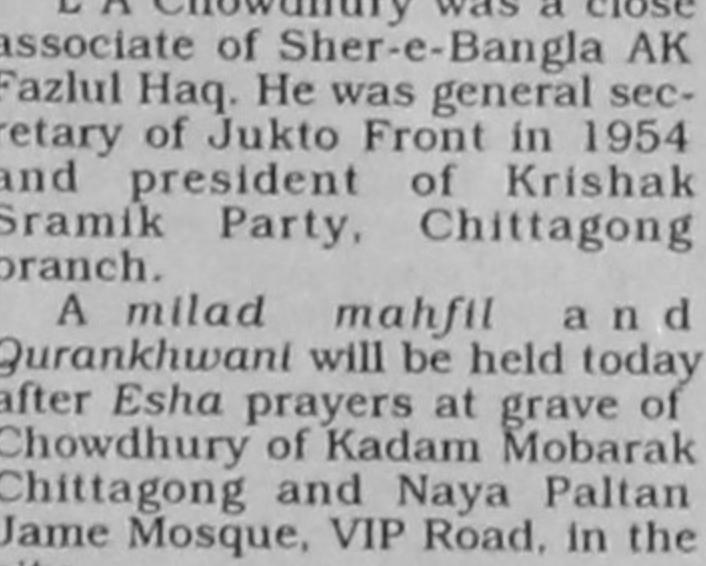
Advocate Hamid joined the Dhaka High Court Bar in 1960. Later, he founded the Dhaka Law College. In a message, Vice Chairman of the Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Amirul Islam expressed deep shock at the death of Hamid.

He prayed for the peace of the departed soul and offered sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of Hamid.

Once proved successful, the research network would ultimately be expanded to other districts, he said.

Among others who addressed the workshop were Dr. Abu Zamil Faisal (AVSC) Prof. Dr. Kaniz Rasul (NCIRH) Dr. Shamsher Ali Khan, (BHD, BRAC) and Prof. Dr. Aum Muhsin, NCIRH.

Besides, delegates from other organisations also participated at the workshop.



## Death anniversary

The 24th death anniversary of L A Chowdhury, a renowned social worker and politician will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

L A Chowdhury was a close associate of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq. He was general secretary of Jukto Front in 1954 and president of Krishak Sramik Party, Chittagong branch.

A mild mahfil a n d

Gurankhwanil will be held today after Esha prayers at grave of Chowdhury at Kadam Mobarak Chittagong and Naya Paltan Jame Mosque, VIP Road, in the city.

The first death anniversary of businessman, producer, director and cameraman QM Zaman will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

He was one of the pioneers in the development of the film industry of the then East Pakistan. He was the cameraman of 70 films during his lifetime.

To mark the day cooked food will be distributed among the destitute from 6:00 am till noon, and a mild mahfil will be held at his ancestral home, Shaheb Bari, Hazirgonj after Zohr prayers.



Fiza Huq, a student of Aptech Computer Education, Dhanmondi Centre receiving the outstanding performance award from Shaheen Anam, chairperson of Axiom Technologies Ltd. on "IT Ambassador Programme" conference. Fiza scored 92.4 per cent marks in the 1st year examination, and Fiza also scored the highest marks in the merit scholarship examinations.

## Aptech awards scholarships

Axiom Technologies Ltd., master business partner of Aptech Computer Education (ACE) and Asset International jointly organised a conference on "IT Ambassador Program". The conference was held at the Russian Cultural Centre auditorium on Sunday and students of the centre attended it.

Mahmud Khan, a US-based non-resident Bangladeshi software project engineer working at Hanwell Corp also addressed the budding IT professionals at ACE's conference. Khan lauded the role of Aptech Computer Education which is providing leading-edge IT education in Bangladesh. He said that there remains a tremendous opportunity in both domestic and international IT job market for ACE diploma holders. He advised them to choose a specialty within IT and work hard to enhance their skill in that particular area.

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