

News

What's on today

Satyajit Ray Retrospective: Zahir Ralhan Film Society in association with the High Commission of India has organised a film session on Satyajit Ray. 'Pather Panchali' (The Song of the Road) will be screened today. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

CPD Dialogue: On State of the Economy and Budget Responses 2000, organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya and Prof Mustafizur Rahman will make the keynote presentation. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17, Topkhana Road. Time: 2 pm.

Electro Computer Days 2000: A discussion on IT and Electrical and Electronic Engineering fields related career will be held on the last day of 3-day long technology exhibition. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

The closing and prize giving ceremony will also be held at the same venue at 4 pm.

Seminar on national budget: IBA Alumini Association has organised a seminar on 'National Budget' as part of its 'organising fortnight'. Venue: IBA auditorium. Time: 12:30 pm.

Computer Education Week: IIT Bangladesh Limited organises the 'Computer Education Week' beginning today. Venue: BCS Computer City, IDB Bhaban, Agargaon.

Annual general meeting: Bangladesh-India Friendship Association will hold its annual general meeting and election to its executive committee. Venue: Hotel Razmoni Isha Khan. Time: 5 pm.

YBL fair for children: Today is the last day of a book fair organised by 'Young Buds Library'. Venue: Chandrima Tower, 8th floor, 69/1 Panthapath.

Prize giving ceremony: The prize giving ceremony of the 'UNESCO Clubs Cultural Award-2000', organised by the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: Hotel Abakash, Mahakali. Time: 4:30 pm.

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Film show: 'Aparajita' (The Unvanquished) will be screened as part of Satyajit Ray Retrospective, organised by Zahir Ralhan Film Society in association with the High Commission of India. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

CPD Dialogue: On State of Governance and Budget Responses 2000, organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan will make the keynote presentation. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17, Topkhana Road. Time: 2 pm.

Presentation of report on child labour: Unicef Bangladesh has organised a session on 'Highlights of report for Unicef on Child Labour in the bidi sector'. Presenter: Dr T Blanchet. Venue: JPG conference room, 6th floor, Unicef. Time: 10 am.

Weather

Rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls is expected at one or two places over the country during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Jessore.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	33.8	26.0	77	65
Chittagong	32.5	24.7	80	78
Rajshahi	33.0	25.4	98	82
Khulna	35.3	25.6	80	78
Barisal	32.6	25.0	77	83
Sylhet	31.5	24.2	95	72
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.8	78	85

HERE and THERE

Peace Council

Bangladesh Peace Council yesterday hailed the landmark summit between the leaders of South and North Korea and demanded withdrawal of US troops from the peninsula for the success of the peace initiatives, reports BSS.

"Hopefully, the summit has concluded with positive results for which peace-loving people around the world congratulate both of them (South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-Il)," general secretary of the council Ali Aksad said in a statement.

Aksad, also the regional co-ordinator of the World Peace Council, added that many problems concerning peace and security in the Korean peninsula would not be solved until the United States 'alters its military policy of deploying US troops armed with nuclear weapons in the South Korean territory.'

Therefore we demand immediate withdrawal of US troops from Korean peninsula for making the Korean leaders' peace initiatives successful in order to strengthen atmosphere of peace, understanding and cooperation among the people of the region," he said.

BCCEMCC

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Wang Chun Gui has said that relations between Bangladesh and China will further be strengthened in the years to come, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The Chinese Ambassador was speaking at a farewell reception organised in his honour by Bangladesh-China Cultural, Economic and Mass Communication Centre (BCCEMCC) on Wednesday. Presided over by President of BCCEMCC Engineer F R Siddiqui, the function was also addressed by former minister Dr A Moyeen Khan MP, former chief of the army staff Lt General (retd) M Mahbubur Rahman, former Air Chief Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan, Akhter Hamid Siddiqui MP and JSD leader Hasanul Haq Inu.

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Ctg Government Veterinary College

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 16: A 3-day long Commencement Ceremony for 1998-99 session of Chittagong Govt Veterinary College, Pahartali, Chittagong, began here today.

At the inaugural ceremony held at the college auditorium this morning, the speakers called for proper care of livestock for sufficient supply of protein for the people.

They regretted the slow pace of veterinary education and a comparatively poor facilities for the students and called for its improvement.

Dr Abu Yusuf Alam, Pro-VC of Chittagong University, addressed the ceremony while Prof Golam Mohiuddin presented the keynote paper with the college principal Dr Nitish Chandra Debnath in the chair.

NU students call indefinite strike

By DU Correspondent

Agitating students of National University has called an indefinite strike at all university colleges across the country from June 26, demanding rescheduling of their part-III examinations, scheduled to begin on July 29.

The students under the banner of "National University United Student Forum" also threatened to go to the High Court for justice if their demand is not fulfilled by June 24.

The student leaders announced this at a press conference held at the Modlin's Canteen on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

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