

News

What's on today....

Sufia Kamal memorial lecture: Bangladesh Mohila Parishad has arranged a memorial lecture and a musical programme to mark the 89th birth anniversary of Poet Sufia Kamal. Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim will deliver the lecture. Venue: Teacher-Student Centre, Dhaka University. Time: 4:30 pm.

Satyajit Ray Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a documentary on Rabindranath Tagore, and a film, 'Parash Pathar' (The Philosopher's Stone). Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

Discussion: The Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran has arranged a discussion meeting on the occasion of Eid-e-MiladunNabi and Islamic Unity Week. Venue: The Iranian Cultural Centre auditorium, House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

Film show: German Cultural Centre will screen two films — 'Comedians Harmonists' and 'Nikolaikirche'. Venue: Goethe Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Memorial meeting: Narigrantha Prabartana organises a discussion meeting in memory of Akikunnesa Alimed, a noted writer and pioneer in progressive women's movement, to mark her 18th death anniversary. Venue: Prabartana auditorium, 2/8, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 4 pm.

Satyajit Ray Retrospective: The music of Satyajit Ray, a documentary by U Chakravarty, and Piko, a film by Satyajit Ray, will be screened as part of the session, organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with the High Commission of India. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:15 pm.

Exhibition of handicrafts: The three-day exhibition of handicrafts, organised by Anjuman-e-Fatema, and the Cultural Centre of Iran, will be inaugurated. A discussion meeting has also been arranged on the occasion of Eid-e-MiladunNabi. Venue: Auditorium of the Cultural Centre of Iran, House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

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Weather

Rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 25.0 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 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	31.7	25.0	76	75
Chittagong	34.5	26.1	72	86
Rajshahi	31.6	25.1	82	86
Khulna	31.8	25.2	92	84
Barisal	30.0	25.4	84	92
Sylhet	33.0	26.6	84	82
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.5	85	92

HERE and THERE

Bangladesh-India Friendship Society

The general meeting and election of Bangladesh-India Friendship Society was held at the auditorium of Hotel Isha Kha recently, says a press release.

Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak was the chief guest at the event which was presided over by Dr Mazharul Islam.

A 46-member central committee was elected at the meeting with Dr Mazharul Islam as chairman, Ismail Mohammad Udayan as executive chairman and Aminul Haque Faruk as general secretary. Besides, an eight-member advisory committee was also formed at the meeting.

Ex-Rotaractors' Forum

The Ex-Rotaractors' Forum elected its executive committee at the first general meeting held at RAOA Club in the city on Saturday, says a press release.

Ex-Rotaractors Maswood, Arif, Rowly and Waseque were elected president, vice-president, general secretary and treasurer respectively.

Interested ex-rotaractors are

LSE Alumni Association

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Alumni Association held its first meeting in Bangladesh at Hotel Sonargaon recently, says a press release.

Justice Mustafa Kamal was the chief guest. He spoke about his indebtedness to LSE's intellectual environment, which later fused with his legal training. As a judge he endeavoured to reflect the social and philosophical concerns of the society in his judgments, he said.

Other LSE Alumni including Tobaik Hossain (retired ambassador and foreign secretary), Prof Mosharraf Hossain and Mokammel Hoque (chairman, Board of Investment), spoke about their experience at LSE at the function.

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Discussion on Akikunnesa Ahmad tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Narigrantha Prabartana will hold a discussion on the life and works of noted litterateur Akikunnesa Ahmad tomorrow to mark her 18th death anniversary.

The discussion meeting will be held at 4 pm at Narigrantha Prabartana auditorium at 2/8 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur.

The 18th death anniversary of Akikunnesa was observed on June 17. She was the wife of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent Abdul Mansur Ahmad.

A pioneer in the progressive women's movement, Akikunnesa wrote many books including 'Adhunik Sree' (Modern Wife) and 'Adhunik Swami' (Modern Husband).

Stringent law

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of them involved young Asian women, although a few men are also compelled to marry.

Although it is against the law to force anyone to marry, in practice official action is rare and prosecutions are few because of the difficulty in persuading terrified young women to make official statements admitting they are marrying against their will.

An "early warning" system will be introduced for marriage registrars, the police and immigration officials. The police will investigate cases, and if appropriate, the prosecutions of parents will follow.

Air chief leaves for Kuwait

Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed left Dhaka for Kuwait on Sunday evening on a four-day visit at the invitation of the UNIKOM forces commander Major General John A Vize, reports BSS.

He is accompanied by a three-member delegation of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF).

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Proshika to produce water treatment plants

Country's leading NGO

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Newsmen

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at-arms to sit with the SSF to find out what security hazard the mobile phone creates.

"Parliament's own security force is the sole authority to maintain security in parliament, none else," the Speaker said.

The quarrel started at around 9:30 am when an SSF member prevented reporters from entering the parliament building with mobile phone.

The reporters argued that they used to come to parliament everyday with their mobile sets, but keep them off in the press gallery as per earlier instructions from the Speaker.

But the SSF member insisted on not allowing the reporters to get in with mobile phones, an order unknown to the newsmen.

During exchange of words, the SSF member allegedly behaved rough and uttered some words that enraged the journalists. At one stage, the SSF member asked two reporters to hold back at the entrance. The reporters wanted to see the Speaker and lodge a complaint.

The deputy sergeant-at-arms appeared on the scene, talked to the SSF member and furnished him with the rule.

The tension calmed down when the deputy sergeant said the reporters are allowed to get in with mobile phones, and requested them to keep those off in the press gallery.

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Obituary

Zainal Abedin, former headmaster of Kalma High School of Bikrampur, died of cerebral haemorrhage at BIRDEM hospital on Sunday night. He was 70, says a press release.

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