

News

● What's on today.... ●

ICAB seminar: Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) will organise a mandatory CPE seminar on "Finance Bill-2000". Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 2:30 pm.

DCCI discussion meeting: Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will hold a discussion meeting on Nooruddin Ahmed, former president of DCCI and FBCCI. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm.

Porosh discussion meeting: Poribesh Rokhkhopoth (Porosh) in association with Coalition of Environmental NGOs (CEN) will hold a discussion meeting on "How Green is the Proposed Budget?" Venue: Porosh Office, 9/12 Block-D, Lalmatia. Time: 4:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASAS) will hold a discussion meeting on "4 years of Awami Misrule". Chief guest: BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

Premier show: Centre for Development Communication will hold the premiere of three documentaries it has produced in association with Save the Children Fund, UK on Child Rights. The documentaries are *Sishu Pachar* (Trafficking of children), *Bashay-Kajer Shishu* (working children at home) and *Prathomik Shiksha* (Primary education) all directed by Md Jahangir. Venue: Goethe Institut, House no 10, Road no 8, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 5:15 pm.

Award giving ceremony: Noted artist Ferdousi Mazumdar will be awarded the "Abul Kashem Dulal Smriti Padak 2000". Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium, Bailey Road. Time: 6:00 pm.

Prerona cultural programme: Prerona, a new socio-cultural organisation for the visually impaired will hold a cultural programme. Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum, Shahbag. Time: 6:30 pm.

Int'l SOS Childrens Village Day: SOS Youth Village and Vocational Training Centre Dhaka will jointly hold a prize giving ceremony and cultural function on occasion of International SOS Children's Village Day 2000. Chief guest: Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru. Venue: SOS Youth Village auditorium, Plot No 1, Block A, Mirpur 13. Time: 7:30 pm.

Meeting: An emergency meeting of the steering committee of Prokrishi-BCS Coordination Council will be held. Venue: BMA Bhaban, 15/2 Topkhana Road. Time: 7:30 pm.

● and tomorrow ●

Discussion meeting: Dhaka Ahsania Mission will hold a discussion meeting on "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking". Venue: Mission's auditorium, House No 19, Road No 12, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 4:00 pm.

BAF discussion meeting: Bangladesh Anti-Drug Federation of NGOs (BAF) will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking". Chief guest: Minister for Home, Post and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim. Venue: Hotel Sundarban. Time: 5:00 pm.

MPCCL debate programme: The ATN School debate competition will be held. Organiser: Multimedia Production Company Ltd (MPCCL). Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road No 7, Dhamondi R/A.

Weather

Moderate falls likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temperature gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong, Sylhet, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions 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 recorded yesterday was 34.5 degree Celsius at Sathkhira and the lowest 23.7 degree Celsius at Mymensingh.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	30.6	23.9
Chittagong	27.2	24.5
Rajshahi	33.6	25.0
Khulna	34.0	24.5
Barisal	31.2	24.8
Sylhet	27.0	24.0
Cox's Bazar	30.0	26.0
		98
		93



PIB Board of Directors Chairman Advocate Gaziul Haque speaking at a dialogue on 'Women and Children Affairs' organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) for editors and news editors. UNICEF's Chief of Information and Advocacy June Kunugi is seen on his right.

Law minister says

Ombudsman institution will be established for good governance

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said that the Ombudsman Institution would be established in the country for ensuring transparency and good governance in public administration, reports BSS.

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