

What's on today....

Orientation: The inaugural ceremony of the orientation course for the FCGP examinee 2000-2001 of the college of the general practitioners of Bangladesh will be held. Chief guest: State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah, Venue: BIRDEM auditorium, Shahibagh. Time: 9.00 am.

Film show: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra Chalachitra Chakra will screen Jean-Luc Godard's *la fine*. Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra premises, 14 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Bangla Motor. Time: 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

Discussion meeting: Tamoddin Majlish will hold a discussion meeting on "Threats to Our Independent Nationhood and the Duties of the Conscious Citizens" to mark its 59th founding anniversary. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.30 pm.

Milad mahfil: Chandina Jana Kalyan Samity will hold a *milad mahfil* in memory of Prof Dr Syeda Firoza Begum. Venue: House No 19/E, Rd No 6, Green Road. Time: After Asr prayers.

Seminar: The Asian Regional Seminar on the Juche Idea on "The Independent Development of Asia in the 21st century" will be held. Chief guest: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad. Venue: Brac Centre auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 5.00 pm.

Film show: Two French movies *Poulet au vin rouge* and *Madame Bovary* will be screened. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhammoldi. Time: 10.30 am. 6.00 pm.

Exhibition: Bengal Foundation presents *Shipito Darshan*, a group exhibition of artists of the sixties. Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalay, 275/F, Rd No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhammoldi R/A. Time: 1.30 pm.

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Monthly meeting: The regular monthly meeting of Freedom Fighters Council's IFF Council Sector Troops freedom fighters will be held. Venue: Gano Shasthya Nagar Hospital. Time: 5.00 pm.

Weather

Thundershower likely

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

Light fall in day temperature is expected over the country. Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Patuakhali and the lowest of 23.5 degree at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.16 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.40 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.8	25.5	97	97
Chittagong	31.0	24.7	86	92
Rajshahi	29.2	26.2	90	100
Khulna	27.8	24.8	100	100
Barisal	29.5	23.5	100	93
Sylhet	30.0	25.0	97	87
Cox's Bazar	28.2	25.0	97	97

Birth anniversary of Osmani today

By Staff Correspondent

The 82nd birth anniversary of late Gen (Retd) Mohammad Ataul Gani Osmani, the commander-in-chief of the Liberation War in 1971, will be observed today.

Different socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the day.

In a message yesterday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid rich tribute to General Osmani. She said that he was a lawmaker, minister and efficient military commander.

Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad will hold a blood donation programme and a discussion meeting at the National Press Club at 10 am today. The parishad leaders will also place wreaths at the portrait of General Osmani at Muktaganj.

Workshop on Digital Image Reconstruction

Drik Picture Library Ltd will organise a day-long workshop on "Digital Image Reconstruction" in October, says a press release.

A S M Rezaur Rahman, head of publication department of Drik, will conduct the workshop. Interested persons can book their seats for the workshop over telephone (8112954, 823412, 9120125).

Recently, Drik has introduced Digital Image Reconstruction (DIR) service on commercial basis.

DIR is a process for reproducing old and historical photographs for preservation.



Professor Kazi Zaker Hossain (extreme left), a zoologist, speaking at a press conference after a regional workshop on 'Asian Mangrove Forest' at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. From right are Sharmila Anne Arefin of Friends of the Earth, Malaysia, and Longena Cintinta of the same organisation in Indonesia.

JS reserved seats

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for further scrutiny, the bill that requires amendment to the Constitution will get a fresh chance for passage.

"The matter depends entirely on the government's political decision which, in turn, largely hinges on the opposition's position on the issue," said the official.

The government is likely to introduce several new bills including the one pertaining to the Vested Property Act, for which the government is under pressure from the Hindu community who have been demanding repeal of the controversial law.

Until yesterday, only three new bills seeking further amendments to the laws regarding Bandarban, Khagrachari and Rangamati hill districts were deposited parliament sources said, adding that more bills may come before and even during the session under consideration. About 500 questions and 1,000 notices of different kinds were also submitted.

Besides, the session may also consider 13 other bills, which were introduced in the House earlier.

FOEB

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would not occur in future, seriously affecting the UNESCO-declared World Heritage Site.

The workshop on 'Protecting the Mangrove in the Asian Region', was arranged by the FOEB at the Jatiya Press Club, followed by a press conference where Engr N Alain and Professor Hossain presented their recommendations. Longena Cintinta of Friends of the Earth, Indonesia and Sharmila Anne Arefin of the Friends of the Earth, Malaysia were present during the press conference.

Nevertheless, the High Court division later directed the Speaker to refer the matter to the EC after Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandaker Delwar Hossain had sought the higher judiciary's ruling on the matter under article 66(4) of the Constitution.

Although the secretary of the parliament later filed an appeal with the appellate division against the verdict, it was dismissed and the order of the HC division was upheld.

Eventually on October 11, the Election Commission declared that the two members had ceased to be members of the parliament.

Academic clock

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demise life of students".

The DU VC said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a meeting with him earlier assured him all cooperation in removing the session jam.

In implementing the decisions, Dhaka University will face fund crisis and problems in accommodating students.

It will not be possible to provide accommodation to newly enrolled male students for at least six months. Female students will be accommodated by renovating dormitories, the DU VC said.

At the beginning, most of the first year honours classes at DU will be taken in the afternoon and teachers will be paid for the extra load, Prof. Chowdhury said in reply to a question.

UGC Chairman Prof. Zulfiqar Haq told the Daily Star that authorities of the universities have been asked to submit required budgets to start the next academic session in November. DU has already submitted its budget and it is hoped other universities will submit their budgets in a couple of days."

DRU exchanges views with News Editors

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) yesterday exchanged views with the chief reporters, news editors and city editors of different national dailies and news agencies, reports UNB.

During the talks, the speakers stressed on proficiency of the reporters in languages, both Bangla and English.

"Proper knowledge in languages and their proper use can make a news item more credible, rich and faithful," said Abdul Baten, news editor of daily Ittefaq.

Taking part in the discussion, the chief reporters and news editors put forward some suggestions with a view to developing professional skill of the reporters. They also discussed about professional hazards of the reporters.

Azizur Rashid Babu of The Daily Star, Manzurul Ahsan Bulbul of Jugantar, Sohrab Hasan of Sangbad, Kazi Rafiq of Matribhumi, Altaf Mahmud of Inqilab, Mostafa Kamal Mahjumdar of Independent, Sheikh Enamul Haq of Sangram, Mollah Jalal of Rupali, Mahbub Alam of Ajker Kagoj, Saad Bin Rabi and Mahfuzur Rahman of Janata, Swapan Das Gupta of Matribhumi, Parikrsha of Bihor, Daker, Shah Attabuzzaman and Iqbal Aziz Biju of BNS, Saiful Islam and Mahmudur Rahman Khokon of ABAS, among others, took part in the discussion.

BIWTA

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the BIWTA's concerned officials are yet to move any file regarding the drive.

"Ultimatum was nothing but an eye wash. They have not even moved an inch ahead to save the river," said a source.

Meanwhile, sources said, a section of BIWTA officials are contemplating to legalise the massive encroachment of PSC in block 5 and establishment of a mangrove action network among the countries where mangrove is on the verge of extinction.

It also suggested formulating a coastal zone management policy by the government and community participation for a sustainable management of the Sundarbans.

The JP chairman will be back in the capital by road on Saturday afternoon, it added.

BCIC workers

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ties excluding production on September 18 with the workers wearing black badges for a week till September 25.

The leaders alleged that due to government's faulty policy, the country's fertiliser and paper sectors are on the verge of collapse. They also alleged that BCIC has to incur losses due to devaluation of local currency, price hike of electricity, fuel, oil and gas.

"BCIC was never a losing concern but it has lost its previous pride due to faulty policy of the government," one leader said.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

(Women and men will be given equal preference)

The Bangladesh Environmental Management Project (BEMP), a project of the Department of Environment (DOE) co-funded by the Canadian International Development Agency and Government of Bangladesh, is inviting applications from firms and individuals for the following short-term positions.

The Consultant is to assist BEMP's initiatives to strengthen the capability and capacity of DOE laboratories. He/She is expected to carry out, among others, relevant inventory, needs assessments, review sampling and analytical protocols, guidelines etc. and recommend measures, including acquisition of instruments/equipments etc. for sampling and analysis of relevant enforcement parameters.

1. Laboratory Specialist (Air Quality)

Qualifications: Candidate will have Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry.

Experience: The consultant is expected to have 15 years experience in relevant analytical works, laboratory management, planning and development. Candidates with experience in air quality management will be given preference.

Duration: The assignment has three months duration over the period of the project, which is divided into two-month and one-month blocks. He/She will be engaged for two months in the 2nd year of the project, starting from November 2000 and for one month in the 3rd year of the project.

2. Laboratory Specialist (Microbiology)

Qualifications: Candidate will have Ph.D. in Microbiology

Experience: The consultant is expected to have 15 years experience in relevant analytical works, laboratory management, planning and development.

Duration: The assignment has three months duration over the period of the project, which is divided into two-month and one-month blocks. He/She will be engaged for two months in the 2nd year of the project, starting from November 2000 and for one month in the 3rd year of the project.

3. Laboratory Specialist (Soil Analysis)

Qualifications: Candidate will have Ph.D. in Soil Science

Experience: The consultant is expected to have 15 years experience in relevant analytical works, laboratory management, planning and development.

Duration: The assignment has four months duration over the period of the project, which is divided into two blocks with two-month duration. He/She will be engaged for two months in the 2nd year of the project, starting from November 2000 and for another two months in the 3rd year of the project.

4. Laboratory Specialist (water quality)

Qualifications: Candidate will have Ph.D. in Inorganic or Organic Chemistry.

Experience: The consultant is expected to have 15 years experience in relevant analytical works, laboratory management, planning and development.

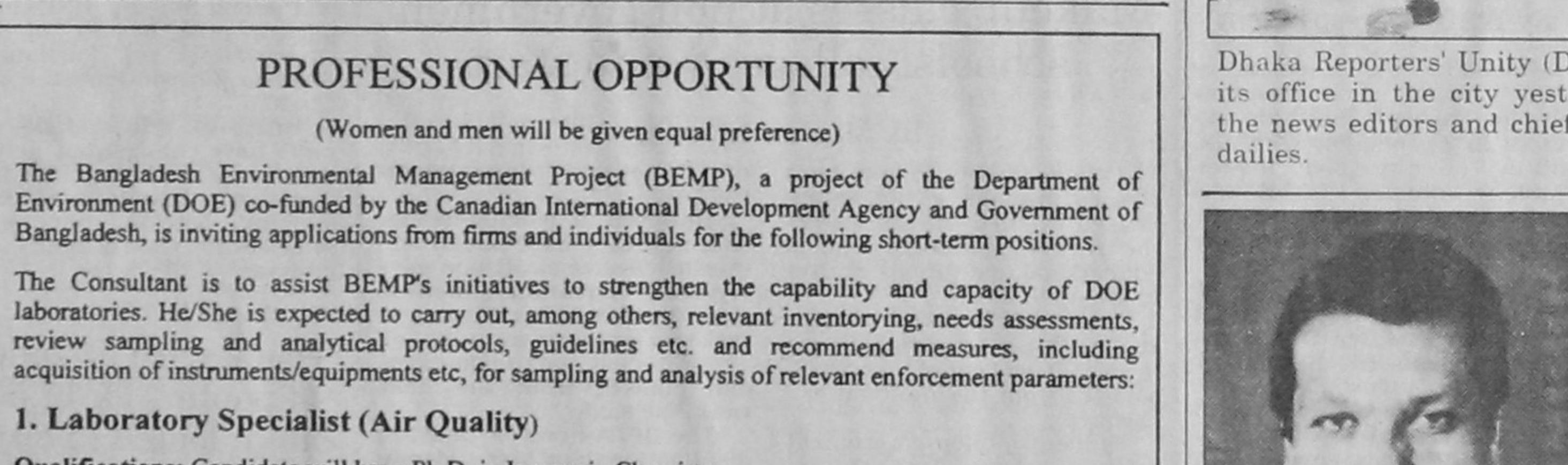
Duration: The assignment has six months duration over the period of the project, which is divided into three blocks each with two months duration. He/She will be engaged for two months in the 2nd year of the project, starting from November 2000 and for two months in the 3rd and 4th year of the project.

The candidates are expected to have strong interpersonal skills to interact with multicultural and interdisciplinary consultants, DOE staff, a demonstrated capability to listen and learn as well as to perform the tasks assigned. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Bangla are required.

Applicants are requested to supply two copies of a relevant resume and to indicate expected daily fees rate to: P.O. Box 6117, Gulshan, Dhaka - 1212, to be received not later than 15 September, 2000. The position applied for must be mentioned on the top of the envelope.

Only short listed applicants will be contacted.

(ANY PERSUASION WILL BE TREATED AS DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE CANDIDATE)



Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) organised a programme at its office in the city yesterday to exchange views with the news editors and chief reporters of different national dailies.

— Star photo

Sandwip

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and other sources informed.

Tidal wave has been lashing Sandwip and other coastal areas in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar for the last two days, forcing authorities to shift affected people to cyclone shelters, they said, adding tidal water from the Bay entered the Sandwip island through the broken points of the embankment.

Tidal water also affected shrimp projects at Cox's Bazar, sources said.

Meanwhile, tidal water also inundated Changdga thana area, Chakital and CDA residential area, police and witnesses said.

Release of water from Kapital lake into Karnaphuli river also raised the flow of water, port sources said and added that there has been heavy current for the past two days at Chittagong port channel.

However, ship movement continued as usual. Met office sources said the height of tide marked rise due to monsoon wind and it was recorded at 5.03 meter today. It has advised maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla to hoist local cautionary signal no 3 due to well marked low persisting in West Bengal and the adjoining areas.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the *qul* and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

