

## Nat'l programming contest Oct 7

The National Computer Programming Competition 2000 will be held at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) on October 7 this year, reports UNB.

A total of 75 teams under four categories will be allowed to participate in the competition.

Maximum five teams from BUET will be allowed to participate in the competition under "host" category while other teams will be taken from recognised IT education centres providing 3-4 years graduation courses.

Besides, 10 teams will be allowed under "open" category in which computer professionals can compete. If more than 10 teams apply in this category, a selection test will be held on September 23.

Finally, selected teams coming from outside Dhaka will be provided Tk 1,000 per person for their conveyance, food and accommodation, said a BUET press release Thursday.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Oxfam GB has established a single Ganges-Brahmaputra River Basin Program (RBP) with the aim of reducing the vulnerability of poor communities living within the flood basin. A Programme Representative is required to take overall management responsibility for the programme; to manage Oxfam's response to humanitarian emergencies in the programme area; to develop a strong advocacy focus for the programme and to ensure effective development and training of staff.

Both posts will be based in Dhaka (though there is some possibility of the River Basin post moving to Calcutta in future) and will be offered on three-year contracts. Both are at regional grade 9, with a gross salary of approximately Taka 900,000 pa (under review). Re-located staff will receive accommodation allowance and other benefits. Both posts have accompanied status.

Closing date : 14 October 2000

For further details and application forms send an e-mail, wherever possible, to Oxfam's Regional Management Centre in Dhaka at [oxfamrhc@bdmail.net](mailto:oxfamrhc@bdmail.net). Mark the message 'Recruitment' and quote the job title. Alternatively, the request could be faxed to +880 2 881 7402 or sent to GPO Box 568, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Models on the catwalk display eastern and western wear at the Glamour Media Ad 2000 fashion show organised by at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. The charity show was held to raise funds for treatment of cancer patient Mehedi. — Star photo

## JU Day to be observed every year on Jan 12

By JU Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities have decided to observe January 12 as 'Jahangirnagar University Day' each year.

On this day in 1971, the university was inaugurated with 150 students under four departments — Economics, Geography, Mathematics and Statistics.

The then chancellor of the universities and Governor of East Pakistan, Rear Admiral SM Ahsan inaugurated the academic activities of the 1970-71 academic session on the day.

First raised at the annual Senate meeting on June 29 this year, the proposal to observe the day was approved by the university Syndicate at a special session recently.

A 22-member preparatory committee headed by university Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes has been formed to hold the JU Day on Friday, January 12, 2001. The other members of the committee are university Pro-Vice, treasurer, all members of the Syndicate, six Senate members, university Comptroller and Registrar (member secretary).

## Bangabandhu murder

## Talks on deportation of 3 killers from US held

Bangladesh and USA discussed deportation of the three condemned killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who are now living in the United States, reports UNB.

The issue was discussed in a meeting between State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Chairman of the Prestigious and powerful House International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific Douglas Bereuter at Capitol Hill Tuesday.

A number of important issues also came up for discussion, says a message reaching UNB Thursday night.

Congressman Bereuter informed the state minister that he had already requested the State Department and other US authorities to expedite the deportation process.

In this regard the congressman referred to his discussion with Ambassador K M Shahabuddin on several occasions on the subject.

Ambassador Shahabuddin, who was present during the discussion, informed that Bangladesh had recently answered to the queries of the

State Department on relevant matters regarding Extradition Treaty proposed to be signed between the two countries.

He expressed the hope that a draft treaty would be ready before the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina next month.

Minister Chowdhury thanked the Chairman for piloting in the Congress the Tropical Forest Conservation Act which will bring debt reduction of about 10 million US dollars for Bangladesh under PL 480 food aid indebtedness.

Referring to the "excellent relations" between the two friendly countries, the visiting state minister expressed the hope that the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Hasina to USA and her meeting with President Clinton and other leaders would take US-Bangladesh relations to a new height.

Describing the historic visit of President Clinton to Bangladesh as highly successful, Bereuter expressed satisfaction at the continued deliberations and exchange of views between the leaders of the two countries as well as between him and Ambassador Shahabuddin.

## 10,450 rehabilitated under Ghare Fera programme

About 10,450 slum dwellers were voluntarily sent back from the capital and rehabilitated at their village homes until June this year under 'Ghare Fera' programme.

The programme aimed at rehabilitating the slum dwellers at their homes and discouraging influx of the rural people towards the capital was launched on May 20 last year by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), the implementing agency of the programme, will rehabilitate over 1000 slum dwellers at a function in the city today, a senior official of the bank told BSS yesterday.

In the eighth phase of loan disbursement by the bank, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria and Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek is expected to hand over credit cheques to the slum dwellers in the function.

The BKB disbursed Taka 3,11,25,000 as loan with 10 per

cent interest to 10,450 slum dwellers until June 30 this year. The recipients have already attained self-sufficiency through setting up poultry farm and cultivating vegetables, the official said.

Under the 'Ghare Fera' programme, the BKB provides loans to those slum dwellers who have a piece of land at their village homes. A strong monitoring team headed by the managing director of the bank is working round the clock to implement the programme.

"The loan recovery is satisfactory as most of the recipients have invested the money in different trades," the senior BKB official said.

According to the source, nearly 1800,000 hapless people live in city slums and squatters which is about 20 per cent of the total population of the capital.

The growth of slum dwellers during 1981 to 1990 was 45.52 per cent, the highest in the last 29 years.

## Abul Hasan Chy meets Pickering

NEW YORK, Sept 15: State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, now on a visit to the United States, held a meeting with Thomas Pickering, US Under-Secretary of State here yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to bilateral and international issues.

## 1st convocation of BSMRAU Oct 30

The first-ever convocation of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University (BSMRAU) will be held on October 30, a university press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Students who have completed their MS or PhD degrees between the autumn session of 1997 and the current autumn term are entitled to participate in the convocation.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed, who is also the Chancellor of the university, is expected to chair the convocation.

The decision was taken at a Syndicate meeting of the university held recently. A 24-member organising committee headed by Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof Dr A M Ashraf Huiq, has been formed to make the programme a success.

Interested students have been requested to contact the Deputy Registrar (Examination) of the university.

## Digital tel exchange at Zinzira opens Sunday

A 3000-line digital telephone exchange goes into operation at Zinzira on Sunday under Greater Dhaka Telephone Project, reports UNB.

Home and Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim will formally inaugurate the modern telephone exchange as chief guest, said a press release of T&T Board.

## SC approves post of jt secy of law at EC

By Staff Correspondent

The Supreme Court has approved posting of Feroze Alam, district and session judge Gopalganj as the joint secretary of the election commission, officials said Thursday.

The new post of joint secretary (law) was recently created in the election commission, officials said.

Since the number of officers from administrative background has increased at the EC recently, the new post of joint secretary law has been created to handle the legal complications which the organisation faces very often.

Chief Election Commissioner M A Sayed was a former CSP officer like his predecessor Abu Hena, who was the first to be appointed from an administrative background. With the appointment of former home secretary Shafiqur Rahman the number of election commissioners at the EC stood at three.

Among other two commissioners Mushtaque Ahmed Chowdhury was a former district judge and Abedur Rahman was a former secretary. Both are scheduled to retire in April 2001.

The EC had recently requested the ministry of law justice and parliamentary affairs for posting a district and sessions judge in the said post with the request to consider posting of officers with previous experience of working at the EC.

Feroze Alam had earlier served at the EC as its deputy secretary law, sources said.

With the creation of the post of joint secretary (Law), a separate law cell has been set up at the EC which also includes an official of the rank of deputy secretary and senior assistant secretary.

The post of secretary EC, however, has been lying vacant for sometime, sources said adding that four senior officers who were recently posted as secretary succeeded to have their postings cancelled.

## Int'l confce of Asian political parties begins tomorrow

The first International Conference of Asian Political Parties begins in Manila tomorrow to forge cooperation among them for facing challenges of the new century, reports UNB.

Awami League General Secretary and Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman leaves for the Philippine capital today to attend the September 17-20 conference.

More than 21 Asian countries' ruling and leading opposition parties will participate in the meet, the first of its kind in Asian history.



UNICEF-BCO is inviting Proposals for "Survey of Contact Addresses of selected organizations & incorporation of updated contact information into UNICEF PEGASUS Database". Interested institutions are requested to collect detailed Terms of Reference & DROP their sealed Technical and Financial Proposals in a designated tender box located at HR Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, UNICEF-BCO, BSL Office Complex, 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 by Thursday, September 21, 2000-15:00 Hour.

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