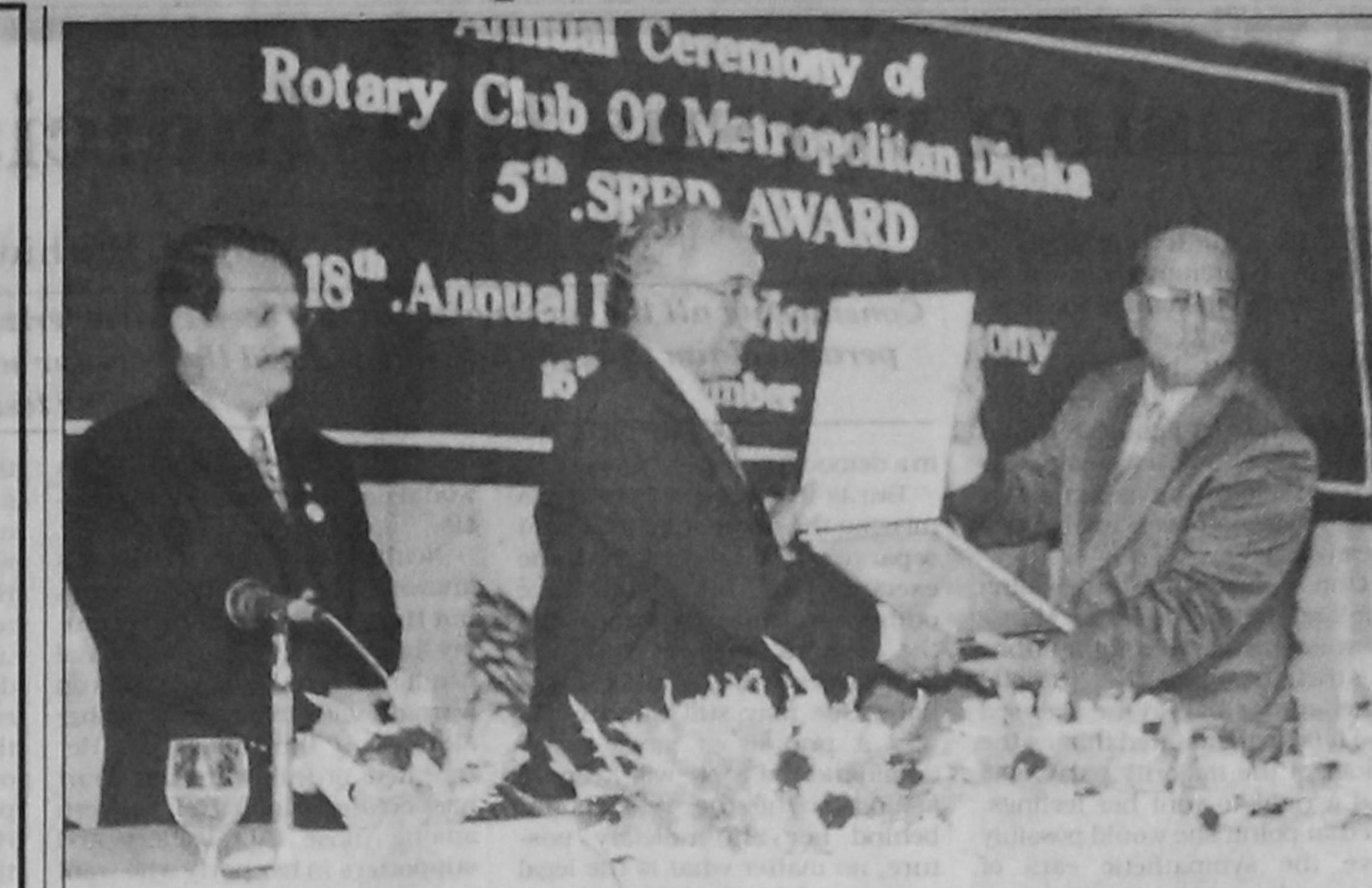


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Chief Justice Latifur Rahman giving away the Rotary SEED Award 2000 to Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury at a function in the city on Saturday. The Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka gave the award to Prof Chowdhury for his contribution in promoting Information Technology in Bangladesh.

Indian daily lauds Hasina's statement at UN Summit

NEW DELHI, Sept 17: It is Bangladesh which in the UN Millennium Summit showed that the fault lines in South Asia run deep and across the entire region distracting attention from the pivotal task, reports UNB.

With this toast, a leading Indian daily today came up with an observation that as a current non-permanent member of the Security Council, Bangladesh perfectly grabbed the opportunity to make its presence felt.

Mentioning Sheikh Hasina's speech in the summit where she called for UN action against usurpation of power anywhere in its member states, the daily Hindu said this, in her view, was a "must" to promote democracy, human rights and economic advance across the world.

"It was quite obvious that Gen Musharraf would accept none of the aspersions, even if unintended, in the sensitive new context of a pan-South Asia debate on the damning findings of the Hamood-ur-Rahman panel on the role of the Pakistan Army, or at least some of its elements, in Bangladesh prior to its emergence as a sovereign state in 1971."

The article with two pictures - Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and his counterpart Sheikh Hasina talking and a portrait of General Musharraf - commented: If, however, Sheikh Hasina asserted reaching home that Bangladesh's ties with Pakistan would not suffer on account of the rumpus over her agenda of democracy, she was banking on the fact that she had actually sounded somewhat neutral in her separate

comments on India-Pakistan imbroglio.

On the eve of the UN summit, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had called for a peaceful ambience for India-Pakistan interactions so that South Asia's primary challenge of poverty could be addressed with deserving attention.

About Hasina's new venture of campaigning for democracy, the special weekend article on world page said: Seen in this contemporary historical context is the evolving new argument about the faith in democracy as a possible defining characteristic for friendly cooperation among the SAARC member countries in the future.

It, however, observed with or without this new lodestar of democracy, the India-Pakistan equations will continue to determine SAARC's future.



A five-day training for photo-journalists began at the seminar room of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) yesterday. PIB Director General Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam inaugurated the workshop.

WASA sinks deep tubewell at DU Social Welfare Institute

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka WASA yesterday started works to sink a deep tubewell at the Institute of Social Welfare premises on the Dhaka University campus to meet the water crisis of Kuwait-Bangladesh Moity Hall of the university.

Alhaj Mokbul Hossain, MP, inaugurated the work, which will take around two months to be completed.

Presided over by chairman of the WASA Prof Nazrul Islam, the inaugural ceremony was addressed by Vice Chancellor Prof Ab Azad Chowdhury, Managing Director of WASA Prof Azharul Haq, Deputy Managing Director Dewar Hossain, Provost of the hall Prof Rabeya Khatum and Director of the Institute of Social Welfare Prof Abdul Hakim Sarker.

Among others, pro-VC Prof Sahadat Ali, treasurer Prof Abdul Hashem and senior officials of the university were also present at the programme.

The JU Employees Union has called a meeting today at the university Supartitala to protest the attack.

JU hall employee beaten up by BCL activists

By JU Correspondent

Ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists at the Jahangirnagar University yesterday beat up an employee of the Moula Bhasan Hall for disobeying their orders.

Sources said that BCL activists Mashru Rahman, a 3rd year honours student of the English Department Ajay of Bangla Department and Shabeen of Botany Department, all residents of the hall asked Lutfar Rahman Dulal to bring food for them around 3 pm in the afternoon.

Dulal denied saying that the provost had forbidden them to bring food to the hall. The three students threatened Dulal of dire consequences. Later, at about 11.00 pm three BCL activists called Dulal to one of their rooms and beat him up mercilessly, leaving him severely injured.

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'Govt working for expansion of female edn'

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak said yesterday that the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working relentlessly for the expansion of female education and empowerment of women, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a teachers-students function organised by Dhaka Women College at Uttara, Razzak said there cannot be any development keeping the women folk in darkness.

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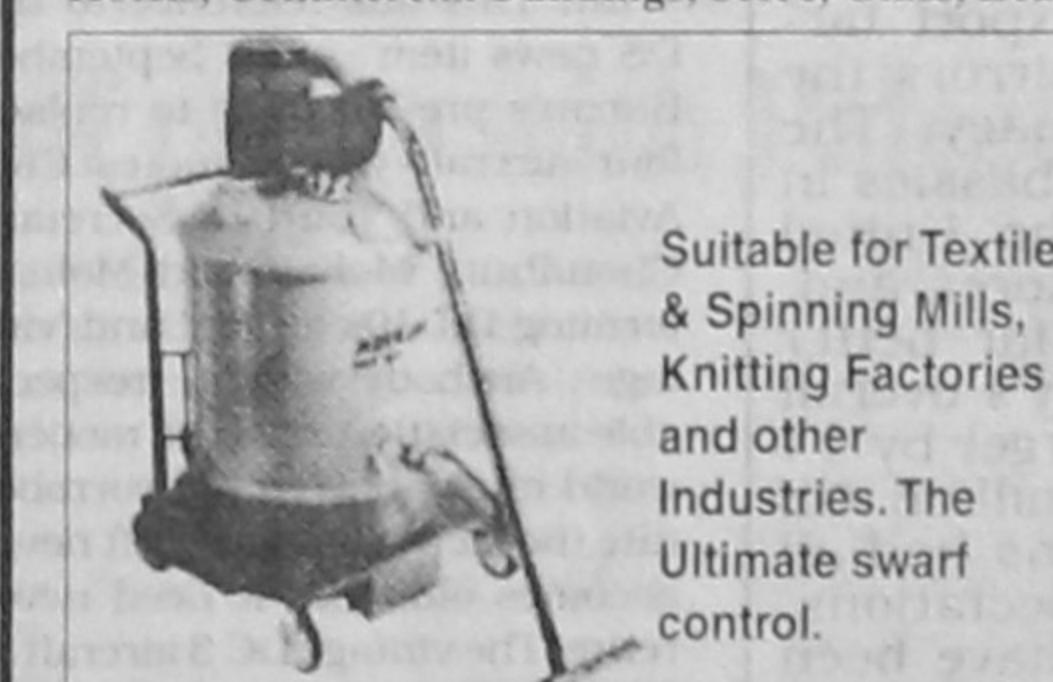
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Laila Sharmeen's solo exhibition opens today

The sixth solo painting exhibition by Laila Sharmeen opens at the gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in the city today, says a press release.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zillatun Nesa Talukdar will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest at 6.00 pm today.

The

4-day-long exhibition will remain open from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm everyday.