

What's on today....

Central conference : Biplobi Chhatra Sangha will hold its first central conference. Venue: Seminar room (2nd floor) of Teachers Students Centre (TSC) on DU campus. Time : 10:00 am.

Annual general meeting : The Gopalpur Thana Samity will hold its annual general meeting. Venue: Auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Shahbag. Time : 3:00 pm.

Inauguration: The Boutique Rong will be reopened with a new range of Sarees and Salwar Kameez. Venue : Rainak Complex, BDR Gate-4, Dhamondi, Rd No 2. Time : 5:00 pm.

Jamdani exhibition: Bangladesh Sanjukta Tanti Samity (BSTS) will inaugurate a special 10-day long Jamdani saree exhibition and sale on the occasion of Durga Puja. Venue: Prese of Sanjukta Handloom Weavers Services at House No 69, Rd No 9/A (New) 19 (Old), Dhamondi R/A. Time : 11:00 am. The exhibition will remain open from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm everyday.

Concluding ceremony: Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD), a Research and Development Collective (RDC) and Tauranga will jointly hold the concluding ceremony of a 2-day long workshop on "Land Laws for Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh." Venue: Hotel Purbani International, Motijheel. Time : 4:00 pm.

Meeting : Bangabandhu Sangskritik Gosthi will hold a meeting. Venue: House No 7, Rd No 1/A, Sector No 4, Uttara Model Town. Time : 4:00 pm.

Award distribution : Bangladesh Shishu Academy will formally present the Shishu Academy Literary Award 1405 to recipient Dr Halima Khatoon. Venue : Auditorium of Shishu Academy. Time : 4:00 pm.

Exhibition : A two-day long exhibition of Shatapdi's collection of saree, salwar kameez and punjabi will begin. Venue : Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time : 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Inauguration: The Ministry for Women and Children Affairs will inaugurate a week-long programme to mark Child Rights Week 2000. Venue : Auditorium of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time : 5:00 pm.

Recitation: Sraboner Adda, presents an evening of recitation. Five young poets will recite poetry at the programme. Venue : Srabon premises, 132 Aziz Supermarket (1st floor). Time : 5:00 pm.

ROCA meeting : The monthly meeting of Rangpur Old Cadets' Association (ROCA) will be held. Venue: Coffee House, New Elephant Road. Time : 5:00 pm.

Exhibition: Bengal Foundation presents a solo painting exhibition by artist Ranjit Das. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Dr Anisuzzaman. Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpajaya, House No 275/F, Rd No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhamondi R/A. Time : 6:00 pm.

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BSAF rally: Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will hold a rally to mark Girl Child Day, as part of the Child Rights Week 2000. Venue: From Press Club to Shishu Academy. Time : 8:00 am.

National confce : BCS Coordination Committee (26 cadre) will hold its national conference 2000. Chief guest : Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu, MP. Time : 10:00 am.

Reception: Bangladesh Students Welfare Association will accord a reception to the 1st three position holders of the HSC 2000 exam merit list in all three groups. Venue : Osmani Auditorium. Time : 11:00 am.

BSCIC exhibition: BSCIC will hold an exhibition of the handiworks of its internal training session of April-June 2000 batch. It will also hold a 3-day long handicrafts and design mela and give out certificates to the graduates of its Jan-March 2000 training session. Venue: Conference room of BSCIC. Time : 11:00 am.

BIIT seminar : A seminar on "Palestine and the Status of Jerusalem will be held. Chief guest: Shaista Zarab, Ambassador of Palestine and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Venue : Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) seminar room, 145 Green Road. Time : 4:00 pm.

Meeting : Bangladesh Poribesh Rokhha Parishad (Porosh) will hold a meeting on the Arsenic Task Force it is working on. Venue: DPHE conference room. Time : 4:00 pm.

IUB discussion: Centre for Social Science and Public Policy Research of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will hold a discussion meeting on "Implications of Globalization and Policy of Market Economy for the development prospects of South Asian countries. Venue: IUB campus, House No 6, Rd No 14, Baridhara. Time : 4:30 pm.

Contemporary dance : Sristi Cultural Centre presents an evening of contemporary dance titled "Akriti". Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum. Time : 7:00 pm.

Musical soiree : Kranti will hold Sangeet Niyomita, its regular musical soiree. Compositions by Komal Das Gupta will be presented at the programme. Venue: Isfendiyar Auditorium of Biswa Shahitya Kendra. Time : 7:00 pm.

Porosh seminar: Poribesh Rokhha Shopoth (Porosh) will hold a seminar on "Urbanisation in Bangladesh: Challenges". Chief guest : Minister for LGRD Zillur Rahman. Venue: Council Bhawan of BUET. Time : 10:00 am - 7:30 pm.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather will remain mainly dry and sunny over the country with a change of light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind at one or two places in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.0 degree Celsius at Khulna and the lowest 23.3 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage		
	in Celsius	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.8	25.5	68	68	
Chittagong	34.0	24.5	90	81	
Rajshahi	33.0	26.4	81	83	
Khulna	35.0	25.8	78	77	
Barisal	33.5	25.0	79	84	
Sylhet	31.5	24.2	81	83	
Cox's Bazar	33.7	25.5	78	80	

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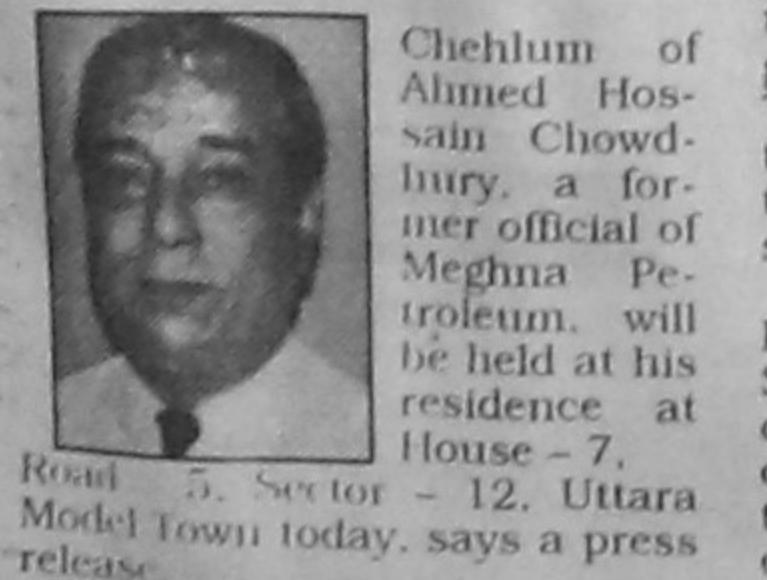
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PM's birthday celebrated

The 54th birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was celebrated at Ganobhaban yesterday in a simple ceremony where admirers wished her a long and blissful life, reports BSS.

In the morning, the lush green lawn of the Ganobhaban, the official residence of the Prime Minister, was filled with her cabinet colleagues, party men, intellectuals, educationists, artists, poets, journalists and children who came to wish her.

Responding to the well-wishers' warmth and affection, Sheikh Hasina sought blessings from all.

Party General Secretary Zillur Rahman, while welcoming party Chief Sheikh Hasina on the occasion said she has not only achieved respect and love of her countrymen but has also been able to earn regards of the world community.

Meanwhile Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpeyi warmly felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and sent a bouquet of flowers for her on the occasion of her birthday.

Officials of the Indian High Commission handed over the bouquet to her at Ganobhaban.

Marghub Murshed transferred to JMDA

By Special Correspondent

Syed Marghub Murshed, Secretary, Fisheries and Livestock Ministry, has been transferred to Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge Authority.

The transfer comes barely 11 weeks after he was posted in the Fisheries Ministry from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Sources said the transfer order is likely to be handed over to Murshed soon.

The move followed intervention by certain high-ups who wanted to replace him finding it difficult to get things done their way, sources said.

Earlier, he had to leave the MOEF following disagreement on a number of issues with the high-ups, including the appointment of Chief Conservator of Forests.

The controversial appointment is under investigation by the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

BCL activist beaten up at DU hall

By DU Correspondent

An activist of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was beaten up by rivals at the Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall of the Dhaka University yesterday.

Both source said that two BCL activists - Khorshed and Murshed - were locked in an argument at the hall in the morning over attending a BCL procession on the campus.

Later, Khorshed along with another BCL activist Zakir caught hold of Murshed on the second floor of the hall in the afternoon and beat him up.

JP Dhaka city unit executives

By Staff Correspondent

Saifur Rahman and Taimur Ali, president and general secretary of Dhaka City unit of Jatiya Party.

They were reelected by secret ballots at the second session of the city unit JP council held at the Engineers' Institution on Wednesday night.

JP Chairman H M Ershad congratulated the newly reelected president and general secretary when they met him soon after the election.

Qulkhani

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Qulkhani of Mozibur Rahman Chowdhury (Piara Mia), founder president of the Manob Kalyan Society and former AGM of Sonali Bank, will be

held at its 41/A Purna Paltan residence in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Chowdhury died of a cardiac arrest at Manchester in the UK on September 14. He was buried at his family graveyard at village Baghdubi under Dagonbhuiyan upazila in Feni district.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhani.

Obituary

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Abdul Quader Mirdha, Director (Finance) of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, died of a cardiac arrest at BIRDEM Hospital yesterday. He was 59, says a press release.

Mirdha left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His qulkhani will be held at his residence at 324, Baitul Aman Housing Society, Road No. 3, Adabor, Shamoli on Saturday after Asr prayers. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhani.



The China Heilongjiang Art Troupe in action.

All set to charm

Chinese acrobatic dance group arrives in Dhaka with enigmatic show

By Cultural Correspondent

Dhakaites will be having a treat of Chinese Acrobatic marvels this week. The China Heilongjiang Art Troupe is arriving in Dhaka to give performances for three days at the National Museum Auditorium starting from October 1.

The Troupe is headed by Cai Jin Zheng who will be leading his 30-member team who will put up the enigmatic show.

The programme that will consist of dances, music, vocals and acrobatics promises to be a great show. Besides enjoying some internationally acclaimed music and dance pieces, one will be able to have a taste of distinctive Chinese instruments, not to forget the ever so wonderful acrobatic stunts.

The show will be inaugurated at the National Museum Auditorium on October 1st by State Minister for Planning Md. Huddu Khan Alamgir. The show promises to attract a large audience.

Olympic glory

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Campbell and Trinidad and Tobago's Ato Boldon in the men's 200m.

Nool also benefited from the intervention of a competition referee, who overruled the discus judge's verdict that he had fouled on all three of his attempts. Without the points from the discus, Nool could never have caught up with Huffins.

Russian Yevgeny Kafelikov claimed his way to a redemptive victory in the Olympic tennis men's singles, defeating Germany's Tommy Haas 7-6 (7/4), 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 to assure the podium of a mediocre season.

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