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DU Soil Science Dept Golden Jubilee

By DU Correspondent

The department of Soil Science of Dhaka University has drawn up two-day-long programmes to celebrate its golden jubilee in January.

The programmes that include a get-together of former students and cultural show will begin on January 19. Minister for Industries Tofael Ahmed, an alumnus, will be present at the programme as chief guest.

The department was set up in 1949 under the leadership of Prof. Mohammad Osman Goni.

At a press conference, chairman of the department Prof. Tolazzal Hossain Khan said department is going to be renamed as 'Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences'. The proposal for renaming has been passed by the Faculty.

The department will organise an international summer course in June next year.

Solid waste pollution causing spread of 49 diseases in city

Report placed at seminar reveals figures of deteriorating situation of the city.

By Staff Correspondent

Solid waste pollution is causing the spread of at least forty-nine vector-borne diseases like typhoid, dengue, diarrhoea etc in the capital city.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) area alone generates about 3500 tonnes of solid waste per day (0.5 kg per per-

son), speakers said quoting a research report at the seminar on 'Urbanisation in Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges' organised by Bangladesh Institute of Planners, Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Poribesh Rokhha Shopoth (Poroshi) in the city yesterday.

Golan Rahman of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of BUET and Monirul Alam of UNICEF conducted the research.

The speakers also said that by the end of the current year, a three-fold increase of infrastructure will be required maintain the existing standard of waste disposal in the city.

Only a few years ago, Dhaka used to have greenery and water bodies. Today congestion, unplanned development and increasing population compels it's millions of inhabitants to inhale carbon dye-oxide and other hazardous particles with every single breath.

Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD) Md. Zillur Rahman, who attended the seminar as chief guest, said "Like other principal cities of third world countries Dhaka is also facing a tremendous population pressure and the outcome is continuous transformation from rural land usage in fringe areas."

"Our government is trying hard to formulate guidelines

and standards appropriate for our country regarding conservation of open spaces," the minister observed.

It was revealed at the seminar that out of 1528 sq km of the city, only 360 sq km has been given municipality status. This area has a 2395 km stretch of roads, streets and footpaths, 2463 km of drains, 5200 conservancy and 135 supervisory staff for waste-disposal.

The DCC budget in the recent years has declined notably. While the 1996-97 fiscal year DCC budget was of Tk 95 crore, it came down to Tk. 18 crore in the 98-99 fiscal.

"The city is currently suffering from highly toxic clinical wastes from a number of pathological centres, fire hazard, pedestrian insecurity, growth of vehicular traffic causing air and noise pollution, shelter less floating population creating space in places like railway station, bus stand, launch ghats, market place and mazzars", Prof Dr. M.A. Mohit, Head of Urban and Regional Planning department of BUET, said.

Fire incidents in the city is also on the rise. Official records show that material damage due to fire in the Greater Dhaka districts alone was around Tk 384.59 million.

President, PM greet Chinese people

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted the government and the people of China on the occasion of its 51st founding anniversary, reports BSS.

In separate messages, they conveyed to the Chinese government as well as the people the best wishes of the government and people of Bangladesh marking the occasion.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in his message sent to the Chinese President Jiang Zemin said, "It is my firm conviction that the excellent bilateral relations that so happily exist between our two friendly countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come."

In her message sent to the Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her firm confidence that the warm friendly relations and cooperation closely existing between China and Bangladesh would be further developed to the mutual benefits of the two peoples in the years ahead.



Children participating in a rally marking the first ever Girl Child Day in the country. The day has been declared as part of initiatives to ensure equal rights of the girl child to close down on gender discrimination. — Star photo

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