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JSKOP demands action against those threatening newsmen

Journalist-Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (JSKOP) yesterday staged a demonstration in front of the National Press Club demanding lawful measures against those threatening journalists and obstructing discharge of their professional duties in Feni, Satkhira and Laxmipur, reports BSS.

Speaking at the rally journalists leaders warned the authorities saying that they will be compelled to announce a tough action programme if the government fails to take stern action against those responsible.

They also demanded full implementation of the 5th wage board award for the journalists and employees in all newspapers and regularisation of their wages.



Sangbadik Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad brought out a procession near the National Press Club yesterday. - Star photo

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Women should be more involved in cooperatives
 Speakers at discussion say

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday stressed greater involvement of women in cooperatives to empower them further, reports BSS.

The cooperatives leaders and the concerned officials should shun corrupt practices to make the movement a total success, they observed.

The discussion was organised by the Cooperatives Division in the BCIC auditorium to mark the National Cooperatives Day.

Jovnob Begum, a joint secretary of the Ministry of Cooperatives, presented the keynote paper on "Cooperatives in Women Empowerment".

State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Advocate Mohammad Rahmat Ali was the chief guest, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Saber Hossain Chowdhury spoke as the special guest.

Chairman of Jatiya Shamabay Union Habibur Rahman Mollah, MP, LGRD Secretary Bodur Rahman, the Director General of BRDB and the Registrar of Cooperatives took part in the discussion.

The discussion was presided over by Cooperatives Secretary Anisulghos Sen. Speaking as the chief guest Advocate Rahmat Ali urged all to work unitedly to carry forward the cooperative movement for economic emancipation of the nation.

Responding to a call of Habibur Rahman Mollah, MP, he said both the officials and the cooperative leaders should have a clean slate. He said modification of the Cooperatives policy is underway, while the draft cooperatives law is in its final stage awaiting cabinet approval.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury said overall national development is not possible by keeping women outside the purview of cooperatives.

RU admission tests begin today

RAJSHAHI, Nov 4: Admission test for honours course of the session 2000-2001 under the Rajshahi University begins on the campus tomorrow, reports BSS.

Starting on November 5, the tests will continue upto November 18 including Fridays, without any break, except on November 11, on the occasion of holy *Shab-e-Barat*.

Regular classes and other examinations will remain suspended during this period. The result of admission test will be published within December 15 and the classes of first year honours courses will be started on January 9.

A total of 160,560 application forms has been received against 3118 seats for this session. Nearly 52 students will vie for one seat in average.

Int'l confce on water, sanitation begins today

A five-day long international conference on water supply and sanitation begins today at 9:30 am at Hotel Sonargaon, an official press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The conference, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, will discuss issues like arsenic contamination and mitigation, ground water and pumping, rainwater harvesting, waste water and unscrewed sanitation, solid waste management, institutional development, community management, demand-led partnership and hygiene education.

Water and Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) of Loughborough University, the United Kingdom, selected Bangladesh as the host country for its 26th WEDC conference from November 5-9.

Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman will inaugurate the conference. About 500 participants including about 200 international experts from 36 countries are participating in the conference.

KCC takes up Tk 13.50 crore uplift plan

KHULNA, Nov 4: Khulna City Corporation (KCC) has taken up a work plan at an estimated cost of Taka thirteen and a half crore for the implementation of different development work for the current financial year 2000-2001, reports BSS.

The work plan has been taken up in the 32nd special meeting of KCC, held at its conference room on Thursday.

The meeting was presided over by KCC Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman.

KCC Mayor said, the roads, drains and culverts were not repaired during the last two years for the shortage in government allocation.

Drama festival begins at JU today

A five-day drama festival begins at the Jahangirnagar University (JU) today, reports UNB.

Four theatre groups will stage five dramas at 7pm everyday in the festival organised by Jahangirnagar Theatre.

On the occasion, the organisers will bring out a colourful rally on the campus today. Vice-chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes will inaugurate the rally.

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