

Cultural festival begins at JU

By JU Correspondent

A four-day long cultural festival began at Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday. Organised by Jahangirnagar Sanskritik Jote, the festival titled 'Samannito Sangskritik Utsav 1407' was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes at the university's amphitheatre 'Muktamancha' in the evening.

At the inaugural ceremony, a reception was accorded to Bari Siddiqui, a noted folk singer.

Later, Dhvani and Gonoshulpi Sangstha performed in the cultural function. A poetry recitation programme will be held at 4 pm

today at the seminar room of the central auditorium. Zahir Raihan Film Society, Jahangirnagar Students' Film Society and Jahangirnagar Film Society will screen two films of Sheikh Neamat Ali - *Surja Dighal Bari* and *Ananya Jibon* at the Muktamancha at 6.00 pm today.

As part of the festival, a folk art fair has begun at the Cafeteria. 'Dreepal' has also arranged an exhibition of posters and paintings at the central auditorium.

A total of 13 cultural organisations are participating in the cultural festival.

TOEFL fee increased

The fee for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) has been increased from US dollar 85 to 110, reports UNB.

The computerised version of the TOEFL exam is now being administered in the country. The new system completely replaces the manual version of the test.

The new TOEFL is now offered six days a week, Sunday through Friday, throughout the whole year, said a USIS press release.

Candidates will now have to contact Sylvan Prometric in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the regional registration centre, to register for tests.

For detailed information, interested candidates may contact the local test centre at Banani in Dhaka.



Major General (retd) Sayed Muhammad Ibrahim speaking at a roundtable on Security Environment during next Parliament Election at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. Centre - Star photo

Roundtable on Security Environment during Election Staggered polls suggested

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a roundtable discussion suggested a staggered polling system for the upcoming general elections for better security environment.

The roundtable titled 'Security Environment during Next Election', which was organised by the Centre for Strategic and Peace Studies (CSPPS), focused on the Army's role in maintaining law and order during elections and recommended its direct involvement in the electoral process.

Former Chief Election Commissioner Justice MA Roun observed that the people, the most important ingredient of democracy, were ignored in the electoral process.

The administration is not working as independently as it should be. The civil servants treat the people as their subjects," Justice Roun said. "This attitude must change."

On the role of army personnel, he said that they should remember that they are mere

citizens discharging their responsibilities for the country.

He suggested that a staggered system of polling like that of India be adopted. However, he did not elaborate on how the system would work in our context.

Ruling party legislator Maj. Gen. (retd.) K M Saifullah observed that the election scenario would not change overnight. "We have to educate our voters to make them understand the necessity of election."

He also said that a staggered polling system could make the electoral system efficient. He suggested segmentation of the constituencies into several parts and conducting the polls for several days.

Akhter Hamid Siddique, a BNP lawmaker, feared that there could be bloody violence during poll time.

He was in opposition to the idea of deployment of army personnel during elections. Instead the opposition law-

maker suggested that the on-duty magistrates be made more accountable towards ensuring free and fair elections.

"Magistrates who fail to discharge their responsibilities should be liable to punitive measures," he said.

Professor Elmuddin Ahmed differed with his view. The former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University supported the idea of deploying army personnel to maintain law and order during elections.

The roundtable was also addressed by Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah of National Election Observation Council, Advocate Mollah Makbul Hossain of Bangladesh Jatiyasanga Samity, Advocate Salma Islam of the Daily Jugantor, Feroj M Hasan of FEMA and Taleva Rahman of Democracy Watch. Major General (retd.) Sayed Muhammad Ibrahim moderated the function and presented the keynote paper.

Handicraft fair from tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A five-day long handicraft fair, organised by Ecota Forum, begins at the Shishu Academy tomorrow.

Ecota Forum organised a seminar on 'Fair Trade' and a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Ashrafur Islam inaugurated the seminar.

The aim of the fair is to make the people aware about the concept of 'fair trade'. It will help the designers, artisans and exporters know about the present situation of the cottage industry of the country as well as attract foreign buyers," said chairperson of the forum Kafil Ahmed.

Caritas and Body Shop of Switzerland and Oxfam and Trade Craft of the UK have been invited to take part in the fair.

The fair will remain open from 9 am to 5 pm everyday till November 25.

fair, the organisers said.

About 35 member organisations of the Ecota Forum including BRAC-Aarong, Grameen Uddoyag, Pravarang, Limited, Kumudini Handicrafts, Menonote Central Committee (MCC), Concern-Bangladesh, and Jahanara Cottage will participate in the fair. Various products of textile, handicrafts and leather goods will be available in the fair.

The fair will remain open from 9 am to 5 pm everyday till November 25.

Six-member team to visit China Nov 20-30

A six-member delegation led by general secretary of the Bangladesh-China Friendship Society and FBCCI director M Dewar Hossain will visit China from November 20-30, reports UNB.

Other members of the delegation are - Executive Editor of the Financial Express, Shahiduzzaman Khan, FBCCI director ASM Kamaluddin, Syed Jahangir, Anwarul Haq and Nazmul Amin.

The delegation is expected to visit strategically important cities of China including Beijing, Shanghai, Kunming and Guang-Chow, said a press release yesterday.

WRC team due today

A four-member team of the World Relief Canada (WRC) led by its President Dr Douglas Stillar arrives here today on a week-long visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Other members of the team are - WRC Programme Director Bruce Syret and sociologists Rev Kenneth and Richard Reesor.

The team will visit the WRC-funded projects, run by Koinonia, a national NGO, at Natore, Ishupur in Tangail and Savar in Dhaka, said a press release yesterday.

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All concerned persons are requested to be present at the said Meeting to participate in the formation of the proposed Association.

Any objection or suggestion with regard to the above initiative may be addressed to the Director of Trade Organizations, Government of Bangladesh within 15 (fifteen) days of the publication of this Notice.

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Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd.

(A Company of Petrobangla) Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Services Division 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. Reference No EMES/CP/4335/44 Date: 29/10/2000

Tender Notice

- 1) Description of work: Construction of 2 CP rooms including electric connection 2 vertical ground beds in Narsingdi No-12 (new) valve station and Dighi Barobo Valve Station and installation of CP test point along Narsingdi-Horpur 20. Transmission Line. 90 (ninety) days.
- 2) Time limit for completion of work: 90 (ninety) days.
- 3) Estimated cost of the work: Tk. 6,63,498/- (six lakh sixty-three thousand four hundred and ninety-eight).
- 4) Cost of tender document: Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable). Mentionable, this money will not have to be paid at the time of procuring tender documents. The said amount of money will have to be deposited separately in the form of Pay-Order at the time of submitting tender.
- 5) Earnest money: 2.5% of the rate submitted in the forms of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled commercial bank of Bangladesh in favour of the TGTDCCL will have to be deposited with tender. But if the rate quoted by the tenderer is below 5% of the estimated rate, then 10% of the rate submitted will have to be deposited additionally in a similar way.
- 6) Date and time for distribution of tender documents: 21/11/2000 to 29/11/2000 from 09:00 hours in the morning to 13:00 hours at afternoon (on all working days).
- 7) Places for distribution and receiving tender documents:
 - a) Accounts Division (Cash Counter), Titas Gas Bhaban, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
 - b) Store Division, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, Demra, Dhaka.
 - c) Revenue Division, Metro-Dhaka-1, Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd, Golapbagh, Dhaka.
 - d) Revenue Division, Metro-Dhaka-2, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 7, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
 - e) Revenue Division, Metro-Dhaka-3, Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd, Mirpur, Dhaka.
 - f) Sales Division, Metro-Dhaka-1, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 7, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
 - g) Sales Division, Metro-Dhaka-2, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 5, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka.
 - h) Sales Division, Metro-Dhaka-3, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, Lalmatia, Dhaka.
- 8) Date and time of receiving tender: 30/11/2000 till 11:00 am.
- 9) Place, date of opening tender: 30/11/2000 at 12:30 pm in the office chamber of the Deputy General Manager (EMES).
- 10) Eligibility of tenderers: 2nd class enlisted contractors of government/semi-government/autonomous organisation. Should have 'B' category electrical licence alongwith the experience in vertical ground bed construction and works work.
- 11) The company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without any obligation or assigning any reason.
- 12) All other information are included in the tender document.
- 13) Interested tenderers can get the tender documents by applying in letter head pad from the places as mentioned in serial no-7 to the Deputy General Manager (Accounts) Store, Revenue Metro-Dhaka-1, Revenue Metro-Dhaka-2, Revenue Metro-Dhaka-3, Sales Metro-Dhaka-1, Sales Metro-Dhaka-2 and Sales Metro-Dhaka-3 respectively. If it is not possible to receive and open tenders or the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances then tenders will be received and opened on the following working day.

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Directorate General Medical Services

Ministry of Defence
Dhaka Cantonment

Emergency Tender Notice Financial Year 2000-2001

1. Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned from genuine manufacturers/suppliers for purchasing medicines, Veterinary medicines, disposables, chemical reagents, laboratory reagents & kits and medical equipment and appliances for the Armed Force Hospitals/Units. The tender schedule may be obtained from the office of the Directorate General Medical Services on payment of Taka 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only in cash (Non-refundable) per set during office hours (0730 hours to 1300 hours) on any working day with effect from 22nd November 2000. Sealed tenders may be dropped into the tender box at the office of the undersigned up to 1000 hours on 29th November 2000 and the tender box will be opened at 1100 hours in presence of the participants on the same day in Armed Forces Medical Institute Auditorium, Dhaka Cantonment.
2. Earnest money: An amount of Taka 10,000.00 (Taka ten thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Directorate General Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, Dhaka Cantonment will have to be deposited along with the tender schedule as Earnest Money and the same is refundable.
3. The Directorate General Medical Services reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tender without assigning any reason.

ISPRI/Army/2000/951 DFP-28148-19/11 G-2034 Lieutenant Colonel For Director General Medical Services Ministry of Defence, Dhaka Cantonment.

LEGAL NOTICE

District : Dhaka
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(Statutory Original Jurisdiction)
MATTER NO. 91 OF 2000
An application under section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 for rectification of share register.
AND
In the matter of:
Mirza Mohammad Ali Ispahani
and others.
..... Petitioners;
- VERSUS -
The Free School Street Property Ltd.
and others.
..... Respondents;

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Mirza Mohammad Ali Ispahani, son of late Mirza Mahmood Ispahani of Flat No.-4 Mansion, Ispahani Colony Maghbazar, P.S.-Ramna, Dhaka, and others have filed before the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division, Dhaka, an application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 for rectification of Share Register of The Free School Street Property Ltd.

The Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the application and has fixed the date of hearing on 24.08.2000 (which date has since been extended by 4 (four) weeks).

If anyone wishes to oppose the application he/she may do so on the above date of hearing or such other date or dates as the Hon'ble Court may be pleased to fix for hearing. A copy of the petition may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of requisite fees.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Monday, the 18th December, 2000 at 11:00 A. M. at factory premises of Rahima Food Corporation Ltd., situated at Uttar Rupshi, Rupgonj, Narayanganj to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the company, held on 30th December, 1999.
2. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts of the company for the year ended on 30th June, 2000 together with the report of the Auditors and Directors thereon.
3. To elect Director in place of retiring Director.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2000-2001 and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business of the company with permission of the chair.

Date : 19 November, 2000.

By Order of the Board
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Company Secretary

NOTES

1. Share Transfer Book of the company shall remain closed from 5th December, 2000 to 18th December, 2000 (both days inclusive) and no Share transfer will be effected during the period.
2. Any member of the company entitled to attend and vote in the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form, duly filled in and stamped must be submitted to the Registered office of the company at House No. 11, Shayesta Khan Avenue, Sector-4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230 not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for starting the meeting.
3. For smooth conduct of the meeting, members having queries on the Audited Accounts or on the Directors Report are requested to submit the same to the office of the company at least 3 days ahead of the meeting.
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