

Govt taking steps to ensure welfare of poor people: Kibria

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday said the government has launched efforts to ensure welfare of the poor citizens across the country and will take gradual steps to resolve development-centered problems of Madhabpur, reports BSS.

He was addressing an Iftar party hosted by Madhabpur Thana Samity in Dhaka in the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) auditorium. Governor of Bang-

ladesh Bank Dr Mohammad Farashuddin BNP leaders Syed Mohammad Kaiser and Syed Mohammad Faisal, Prof Afsar Uddin, Mohammad Humayun Chowdhury, Muhammad Sayedur Rahman and Kazi Habibur Rahman, among others, addressed on the occasion.

The finance minister said that the country's economy is in a good state and recently the volume of export has increased. He said the retail sale has reg-

istered a rise and some newspapers termed Chittagong city as a big shopping mall. The case is similar in the capital and prices of the essentials have remained steady, he said.

Listing various welfare activities, the minister said that the prime objective of the present government is to ensure welfare of the marginal people and less developed areas across the country.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabandhu Memorial Hall yesterday.

Ctg computer fair begins Jan 23

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG Dec 22 A five-day long 'Chittagong Computer Fair 2001', organised by Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), will be held here in January.

Chittagong Info-data Ltd and Blue Chip Computer and Technology are cooperating with the CCCI in organising the computer fair, first of its kind in Chittagong.

The computer fair will be held at the auditorium of Engineers Institute of Bangladesh, Chittagong Centre, beginning on January 23. The aim of the fair is to popularise the information technology (IT) and IT companies in the port city.

About 50 computer firms and IT companies are expected to participate in the fair.

The CCCI has received a tremendous response from the sectors concerned after the announcement of the fair, said a CCCI official, adding that the registration for stalls will begin on January 1.

Bangabandhu murder Speedy execution of verdict demanded

Speakers at a rally in the city yesterday demanded speedy execution of the verdict of the self-confessed 15 killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

They also called for upholding the lower court verdict in the Bangabandhu Murder Trial and its immediate execution.

Expressing deep regret, they said the entire nation has become frustrated and has expressed resentment after announcement of the split verdict in the death reference of the Bangabandhu Murder Trial.

The speakers also said that they expected capital punishment to all the killers.

Among others, film actor Farooq, TV artiste Falguni Hamid, poet Tridib Dasgupta, Dany Sidak, Noor Hossain Balai and Krishak League leader MA Karim addressed the rally organised by Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote and presided over by eminent film producer Alamgir Kulkarni.

SDEF convention from Dec 29

By Staff Correspondent

The second convention and third meeting of SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum (SDEF) will be held at Kathmandu, Nepal, from December 29 to 31.

Prime Minister of Nepal Girija Prasad Koirala will formally inaugurate the event on December 30. Representatives from all the SAARC countries will join the meet.

A 12-member delegation from Bangladesh will take part in the convention, secretary general of SDEF AKMA Hamid said at a press briefing in the city yesterday.

Held at the Institute of Diploma Engineers of Bangladesh (IDEB), the press conference was also attended by SDEF chairman Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, international affairs secretary of IDEB Sheikh Nur Mohammad, liaison officer Md. Abdul Matin and Qazi Lutful Kabir.

Two international seminars on 'Ethics and Morality of Pro-

fessionals' and 'Equal Standard Technical Education for SAARC Region' will also be held during the convention.

On the concluding day, Kathmandu Declaration 2000 will be adopted in the third meeting.

The first and second meetings of SDEF were held at Karachi and Dhaka.

These meetings identified 14 sectors for cooperation, including science and technology, surface water conservation and utilisation, mineral resources and power, poverty alleviation, agriculture and forestry, water resources, human resources development and technical and vocational education, and contamination of arsenic in water.

The Kathmandu Convention will focus on sharing of knowledge and experience, building contributory impact on the development in SAARC countries and enriching each other.



SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum (SDEF) held a press conference in the city yesterday on the upcoming second convention of the forum to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal from Dec 29-31. Picture shows A K M A Hakim, Secretary General of the Forum addressing journalists.

Children's park to remain open on Eid day

The children's park in the city will remain open to public from 10 am to 8 pm on the Eid day and two subsequent days, reports UNB.

On December 31, the park will remain open from 2 pm to 7 pm, said a DCC press release.

Arsenic survey programme launched

The government has launched a survey programme to detect the tube-well pumping out arsenic contaminated water, reports UNB.

Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman inaugurated the survey programme at Bhairab upazila recently.

Expulsion of war criminals from JPC urged

A number of Jatiya Press Club (JPC) members have raised strong voice demanding immediate expulsion of the war criminals of 1971 from the club by scrapping their membership, reports BSS.

At the annual general meeting (AGM) of the JPC on Thursday, some permanent members of the club proposed taking steps to expel the war criminals, who become members of the prestigious professional club after concealing their identities.

The two war criminals, they said, are Mohammed Qamaruzzaman and Abdul Kader Molla, assistant general secretary and publicity secretary of Jamaat-i-Islami which had opposed the country's independence from Pakistan.

Amidst cheers, the JPC permanent members said a plaque with the names of 13 journalists who embraced martyrdom for the independence has been placed at the entrance of the press club. And it is an insult to our martyred journalists when the two war criminals walk past the plaque and the large wooden mural, they said.

The two war criminals were given the membership of the club during the past military regime.

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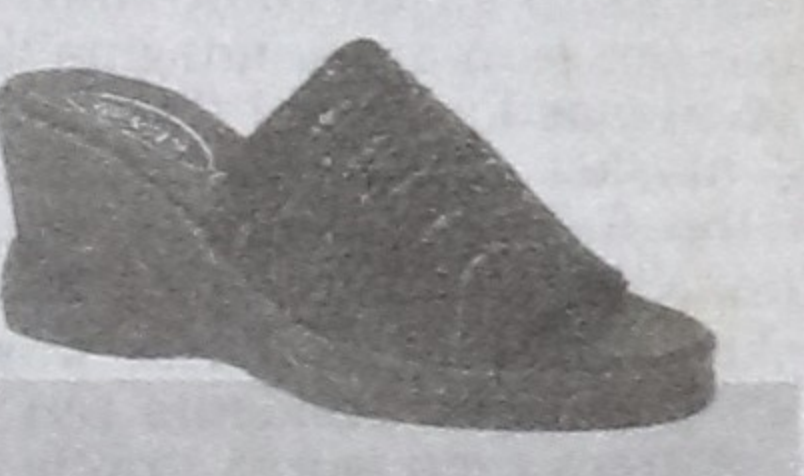
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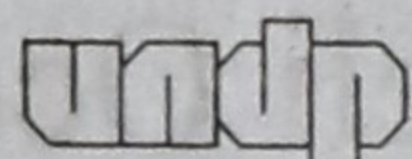
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