

Proshika to help develop non-govt schools

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Proshika, a non-government organisation, yesterday signed a memorandum of assistance with six non-government secondary schools to extend financial help for their development.

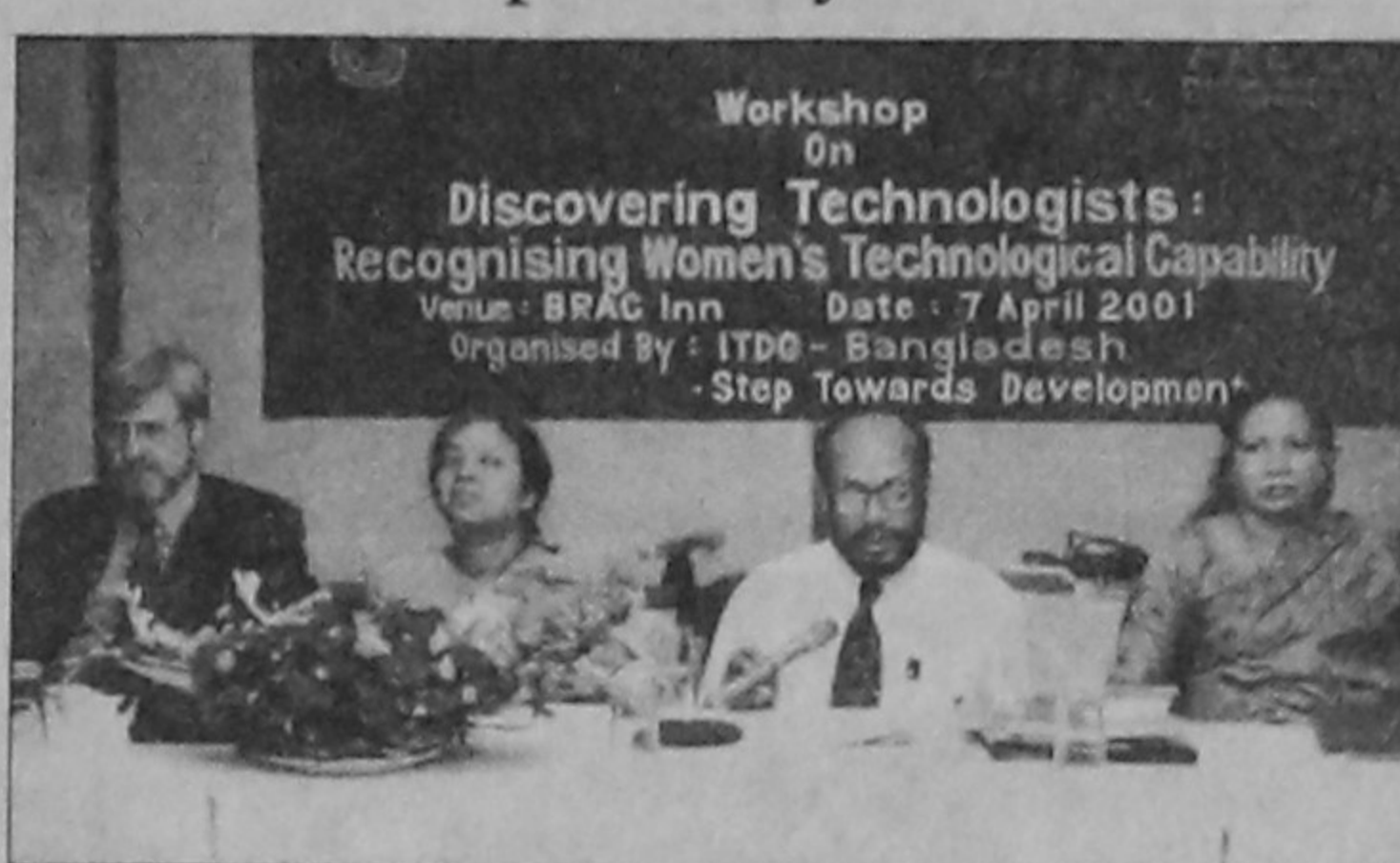
President seeks cooperation to make NID a success

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President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has sought sincere cooperation of people from all walks of life in making the National Immunisation Day programme a success.

Women's contribution neglected

Gender experts tell workshop in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Gender experts at a workshop yesterday observed that the women in the country did not get the recognition they deserve despite their innovations and adoption of intermediate technology.



Secretary of Science and Technology Ministry M Fazlur Rahman addressing a workshop on 'Discovering Technologists: Recognising Women's Technological Capability' in the city yesterday.

Speaking at the workshop on 'Discovering Technologists: Recognising Women's Technological Capabilities', the experts urged the government to introduce cost-effective and women-friendly technologies across the country.
These technologies are not only pro-poor and less mechanistic but also functional and capable of serving as a weapon against poverty," they said.

In her keynote speech, Maggie Foster, gender advisor of ITDG, said that poor women can improve their livelihoods if they receive equitable support.
"Effective, interactive communication as well as affordable support are both essential to the empowerment of poor women, who comprises 70 per cent of world's poor people," she pointed out.

She said, "To train ourselves in this new skill, we have to recognise, respect and support the skills and knowledge of poor people, specially the poor women."
Maggie also said the ITDG works with poor women and men in identifying their own existing technologies and in enabling them to address their needs, by developing local capacity, applying local knowledge, experimenting with innovations and building confidence, raising status and improving technical capabilities.

The other women leaders and experts observed that women use technical skills and knowledge in their daily activities and continually innovate technologies in response to the difficulties that confront them, their families and communities.

They laid emphasis on recognition of women's technological knowledge and skills.
Secretary of Science and Technology Ministry M Fazlur Rahman, who was chief guest at the workshop, said, "The government is keen to promote the initiatives that will enable policy makers, researchers, development practitioners, academicians and grass-roots workers to understand women's technological capability better and reflect these in their projects and programmes."

Women's participation in the development process has been analysed and researched in various perspectives, but the technological dimension has not been fully covered, he said, adding that "social and economic development in today's world is very much linked with issues of technology development and use."

He observed that women's contribution now goes beyond household sphere into many sectors of the economy such as farming, food processing, small enterprises, and housing and construction. "Wider society now needs to recognise this and encourage it further so that it contributes to the empowerment of women" he added.

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Death anniversary

The 8th death anniversary of Humayun Zahir, former Chief Legal Adviser of Janata Insurance Company Ltd, will be observed today, says a press release.

Humayun Zahir was also the Chairman of United Commercial Bank Ltd and District Governor of Lions Clubs International. He founded Dhaka Mahila College at Dhanmondi in the city.

In observance of his death anniversary, a head malaf will be held at the malaf of Janata Insurance Company Ltd at 10 am today.

Today is the third death anniversary of Dr Abeda Hafiz, an eminent educationist and social worker, says a press release.

Dr Abeda Hafiz was the wife of late Mirza Golam Hafiz, former Law Minister and a founder member of BNP.

On the occasion, a doa malaf will be held at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday.



Rain likely

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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, Met offices said yesterday.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 39.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 16.0 degree at Tetulia.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43 am.

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

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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