

Chittagong & Cox's Bazar districts Use of sanitary toilets up by 130 pc in 5 yrs

UNB, Dhaka A workshop yesterday said hygiene and sanitation coverage had remarkably improved in some areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts. Use of all types of hygiene toilets including pit and water seal have increased by 130 per cent while that of hang/open household toilets decreased by an average of 62 per cent in last five years. Moreover, prevalence rates of diarrhoea in under five children have dramatically dropped by 70 per cent on average - from 29.3 per cent in 1996 to 8.7 per cent in 2000. The findings were presented at a workshop on "Sanitation and Family Education Resource (SAFER)" project, organised by CARE-Bangladesh. SAFER, a five-year project of CARE beginning in 1996, is providing hygiene behaviour change service to a population of 139,900 at 148 villages at 26 unions in seven thanas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts. The project is being jointly implemented by CARE and six partner NGOs (PNGO) at Mirerchara, Sitakundo, Boukhali of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Sadar, Chokoria, Ramu and Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar district. CARE country director Steve Wallace, Dr M A Sabur coordinator health and population sector CARE, Dr Ziaur Rahman project coordinator SAFER among others spoke at the workshop. Consultants of Evaluation of SAFER Mohammad Rokouddin and Dr Suzanne Hanchett presented the final evaluation report. Prof ZR Siddiqui presents book to President UNB, Dhaka Former advisor of the interim caretaker government of 1990-91 Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhab yesterday. Prof Siddiqui, also former Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, handed over to the President a book titled 'Quest for a Civil Society' written by him. The book is dedicated to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. The President thanked Prof Siddiqui for dedicating the book in his name.



BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a memorial meeting on Shahidul Islam Dulal, a city BNP leader, at the National Press Club auditorium yesterday.



Dr Mohammad Yunus of Grameen Bank inaugurating the Mirpur Centre of Grameen Star Education at the Grameen IT Park in Mirpur recently.



Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University distributed the 'Bangabandhu Memorial Children's Award-2001', organised by the UNESCO Club at Hotel Abakashi in the city Saturday. Chief Editor of BSS Haroon Habib, officials of the Organisation Mahbuddin Chowdhury and Mir Ramjan Ali are also seen in the picture.

Ex-BCIC official dead



Alhaj M Masudur Rahman, former director of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, died at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore yesterday. He was 60, says a press release. His namaz-e-janaza will be held today after Zohr prayers at the Gulshan Azad Mosque in the city. His qulqhwani will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at House No 25, Road No: 121, Gulshan.

FF Gaus Ali dead

Valiant freedom fighter and sub-sector commander of Sector-3 and district Awami League leader Alhaj Gaus Ali died of prolonged illness at his residence here on April 12. He was 76. His namaz-e-janaza was held at three places which was attended by a large number of people, including politicians, and freedom fighters of the district. Gaus Ali Master was buried with state honours at his family graveyard at Hatu Bangla village under Raipura upazila. He left behind his wife, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

SSJ to observe 'protest day' today

Sammilito Sangkritik Jote (SSJ) will observe countrywide 'Protest Day' today, condemning the bomb attack on Pahela Baishakh function at Ramna Batamul and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits. As part of the central programme, it will hold a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar at 5pm.

Bangladeshi poet honoured

UNB, Dhaka Prof Abul Ashraf Noor has been awarded the position of an outstanding poet in the International Open Poetry Contest by the US-based International Library of Poetry for his poem 'The Mystery of a Barren Women'. The board selected 33 people from around the world whose artistry will be recorded on compact disc (CD) and cassette and printed in the anthology 'The Silence Within', says a press release. Abul Ashraf Noor, in his 35-year long career as teacher was a long time faculty member of Fajdarhat Cadet College and principal of Pabna Cadet College. After his retirement, Noor is leading an active life as advisor of a leading firm. His prime hobby is to write poetry. He has three books, including 'Poems of the Unsung from Bangladesh', in his credit.

JU Syndicate meets today

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) Syndicate meets today to decide on the selection committee's recommendation to permanently appoint one teacher at the department of 'International Relations' (IR), whose appointment on adhoc basis sparked strong resentment and protest among JU teachers in 1999.



Tapashi Bhattacharya

Diploma Nurses Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The central executive council of Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association (BDNA) has elected Tapashi Bhattacharya, as its president. The council election for the new executive committee held on Friday last at the CARITAS auditorium, also voted Krishna Beni De as senior vice president, Shat Jahan as general secretary and Akram Hossain as organising secretary. Thirty one other members were also elected from among the members of the council. The newly elected committee has been elected for two years.

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KOICA donates computers for ministries

UNB, Dhaka Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has donated 30 computers, 7 photocopiers, 6 scanners and 15 laser printers to Bangladesh government to facilitate the office work in its different ministries and divisions. ERD Secretary Dr Masihur Rahman received the equipment from Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Young-Jo-Jung in the city yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY

- NBR meet: The 22nd meeting of the advisory committee of National Board of Revenue will be held. Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria. Venue: FBCCI auditorium. Time: 10 am. Meeting: Barisal Bibhag Samity will hold a meeting of its executive committee. Venue: Samity premises at 23, Juhura Market, Bangla Motor. Time: 7.00 pm. Discussion meeting: M Hossain Ali Welfare Foundation will hold a discussion meeting to mark 'Flag Hoisting Day'. Venue: VIP Lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 3.00 pm. Film Show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Gaja Gamin by Magbul Feeda Hossain (India) and A Taxing Woman by Juzo Itami (Japan). Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. IT Seminar: Institute of Computer Communication and Technology (ICCT) will hold a seminar on Network Administration (NT 4.0 & Linux). Venue: ICCT premises, 18 Green Road (1st floor). Time: 6.30 pm. ADD launching: Asian Development Bank will launch its Asian Development Outlook 2001. Venue: ADD office premises, Hotel Sheraton annex building (2nd floor). Time: 4.00 pm-5.00 pm. Film Show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Chitra Nadir Para by Tanvir Mokammel and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon by Ang Lee of Taiwan. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at few places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period, Met Offices said. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 37.2 degree Celsius at Mongla and the lowest 22.2 degree Celsius at Barisal. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:21 pm and rises tomorrow 5:34 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage Max Min Morning Evening Dhaka 35.2 25.2 64 52 Chittagong 33.0 25.2 71 68 Rajshahi 36.7 23.5 67 47 Khulna 36.2 24.8 72 63 Barisal 35.3 22.2 72 67 Sylhet 32.7 22.8 75 67 Cox's Bazar 34.8 25.0 75 91

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Table with multiple columns: TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES (DSE, CSE, Financial Performance), Day's Market - April 17, 2001 (Indicators, DSE, CSE, 7 days DSE 20 Index), Non Traded Issues (DSE, CSE, Financial Performance), Turnover Leaders, Capital Gainers, Capital Losers, Book-Closer/AGM/Dividend/IPO, and various market indices and company data.