



Faisal Morshed Khan, Chief Operating Officer of Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Ltd, speaking at the launching ceremony of CityCell Digital mobile service in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

CityCell launches mobile service in Cox's Bazar

CityCell Digital, mobile phone service of the Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Ltd (PBT), was launched in Cox's Bazar yesterday, says a press release.

At the launching ceremony, Muhammad Ali, president of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industries, made the first call to M. Morshed Khan, Chairman of PBT, from a CityCell Digital mobile phone.

Faisal Morshed Khan, Chief operating officer, spoke about PBT's service and future plans on the occasion.

PBT is the first to extend cellular coverage up to Cox's Bazar. The unique feature of CityCell

service is that the subscribers can be reached from practically anywhere. Also a CityCell customer can roam anywhere in the CityCell coverage zone and make and receive phone calls without changing his phone number.

PBT is striving to build lasting relationships with its customers. Faisal Morshed said, adding that the company would reduce the incoming charges gradually.

Pulin Bihari, District Commissioner of Cox's Bazar, Shafi Choudhury, the Superintendent of Police, and other important personalities were also present on the occasion.



Nigel Kenny, the Group Executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank, opened the renovated Banani office of the bank yesterday. The opening ceremony was attended by Muhammad A Ali, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Group in the country, and other bank officials.



Rain likely

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

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 37.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and the lowest of 24.5 degree Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34 pm today and rises at 5:15 am tomorrow.

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	35.0	26.0	62	79
Chittagong	33.4	25.8	69	73
Rajshahi	35.6	25.4	75	60
Khulna	35.2	25.8	73	61
Barisal	36.5	24.5	81	74
Sylhet	37.6	26.7	73	60
Cox's Bazar	33.7	24.6	68	72

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Rakhai Buddhist Welfare Assoc

The annual general meeting of the Dhaka Metropolitan Branch of Bangladesh Rakhai Buddhist Welfare Association was held at the residence of Maung Rhee at Mirpur recently, says a press release.

The following 9-member committee of Dhaka Metropolitan Branch for the year 2001-02 was formed. The newly elected members are: Maung Rhee (president), Maj (Reid) Maung Say Nyunt (vice-president), Aung Chow Hla (general secretary), U Thein Maung (asst general secretary), Hla Sein (organising secretary), U Shan (treasurer), and Saw Tun Oo, Maung Than Tun, and Kyaw Than (members).

Water Resources Engineers' Assoc

The Central Executive Body of the Water Resources Engineers' Association for the term Bangla year 1408 was elected recently.

The newly elected members are: President: Eng M Nurul Alam, vice-president: Eng H S Mozaddad Faruk, executive secretary: Eng Sarfaraz Wahed, social & cultural secretary: Eng M Abul Hashem, joint secretary: Eng Jibon Kumar Sarker, treasurer: Eng M Wahed Hossain, press & publication secretary: Eng Sajidur Rahman Sarker, and members: Eng Amir Khasru, Eng M Inamul Haque, Eng AKM Sayeeduddin, Eng Hassan Parvez and Eng M Jalaluddin.

Mujib Adarsha Mullayan Parishad

Members of the Mujib Adarsha Mullayan Parishad in an extraordinary meeting on Sunday expressed satisfaction over the High Court verdict in Bangabandhu murder case, says a press release.

Presided over by its president GA Momin, the meeting was addressed by Abul Kashim Fazlul Hoque, Shafiq Uddin Siddiqi, ANM Abdullah, Dr Jogesh Karmaker, Rafiqul Islam Mukta and Dr Saiful Karim.

Obituary

Justice Syed Mohammad Mohsen Ali, former justice of Supreme Court Appellate Division, died at the BIRDEM hospital yesterday. He was 79, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Ali was buried at the martyred intellectual's graveyard at Mirpur in the city.

The *Qubani* of the deceased will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at House-12, Road-14, Sector-1, Uttara. Friends and relatives are requested to attend.



Begum Hasina Huq, wife of late A.S.M. Quamrul Huq, a former officer of Bangladesh Railway, died of old-age complications in the city yesterday. She was 76, says a press release.

Her eldest son, A.S.M. Ashrafur Huq, is the Deputy Comptroller of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology.

Exhibition by Bangla opens today

STAFF REPORTER

Jatra, an art gallery in Banani inaugurated an exhibition of a different kind by members of the band Bangla at 6:00 pm today.

The exhibition consists of a wide variety of handicrafts, photographs, paintings and a line of clothing.

The theme behind the show is to add a little colour to the dreary scene of Dhaka's fast-paced life, says the members of Bangla, who will be presenting live music during the exhibition hours.

The exhibition, at 60 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, is the second part of an earlier one held at Drik Gallery.

Debate Competition

Jasimuddin Hall faces Jagannath Hall, Mohsin Hall, Rokeya Hall faces Fazul Hoque Hall while Shahidullah Hall takes on Bangabandhu Hall on the 3rd day of the English Debate Competition, organised by Dhaka University Debating Society in association with The Daily Star. Venue: TSC seminar room. Time: 3:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

RMMRU talk

Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU) of Dhaka University will hold a talk on "Perspective on Human Rights in Africa Today". Venue: Seminar room of Faculty of Arts, Arts Building, DU campus. Time: 11:00 am.

Contemporary European Film Festival

On the first day of the 7-day long Contemporary European Film Festival, celebrating its 15th anniversary (16 May 1986-16 May 2001) Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films: "Meeting Venus" by Hungarian filmmaker Istvan Szabo and "Danton" by Polish filmmaker Andrzej Wajda. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Road No. 9, Dharmadhi. Time: 4:30 pm.

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and 6:30 pm respectively.

IUBAT orientation programme

The 26th orientation programme of the newly admitted students of Master's, Bachelor's and Diploma courses for the Summer semester 2001 of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will be held. Venue: The auditorium of the Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhet. Time: 3 pm.

Seminar

The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will hold a seminar on "Environmental Pollution in Dhaka City Today's Health Hazard". Venue: IEB auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Drama festival

Ulka Natyia Goshthi and Nagorik Natyia Dal of Chuadanga district will stage 'Madhumati' and 'Dinu Dini' respectively as part of the second 5 Districts Drama Festival 2001, organised by TCSD in association with the Royal Norwegian Embassy. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

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Discussion

Bangla Academy organises a discussion meeting to mark the death anniversary of litterateur Shawkat Osman. Venue: Bangla Academy seminar room. Time: 11 am.

DRU meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will be held. Venue: DRU office. Time: 2 pm.

Film show

Office of the Cultural Counsellor, Iranian Embassy, will screen 'Cycle Arshi' (cycle rider), an Iranian film dubbed into Bangla. The show is open to all. Venue: House No 54, Road-8/A, Dharmadhi. Time: 4 pm.

Drama festival

On the third day of Second 5 districts Drama Festival 2001, Uddichi and Theatre Unit of Magura district will present 'Jhar' and 'Hare' Gauri Basht respectively. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

CEC warns of action against attempt to obstruct people's voting rights

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed yesterday said legal actions will be taken against any "evil forces" that tries to obstruct people's right to franchise.

He sounded the warnings as some women's organisations in a meeting with the Election Commission demanded ensuring an atmosphere wherein voting can take place without gender discrimination.

"The Election Commission came to know that in some places women are being barred from voting. We have asked concerned administrations and responsible quarters to take steps so that those women can vote or participate in the election," he told the women leaders.

"Creating a congenial atmosphere in which women can participate and vote in the election without any hindrance is the sacred duty and responsibility of all good citizens of a democratic country," he said urging all to cooperate in discharging the duty.

During the one-and-half-hour parley in the chamber of the CEC, the women leaders handed him a memorandum of seven-point demand. Their main demand is ensuring a women-friendly atmosphere to enable all females to exercise their right to franchise.

The demands include declaring a party unfit to contest election if it in its manifesto undermines equal rights for women, declaring a person unfit if he humiliates women and also disallowing people who give *fatwa* and repress women from voting.

Responding to the women leaders, CEC Syed said the Election Commission had taken all necessary measures so that all citizens of the country, male or female, can equally participate in the coming eighth parliamentary polls.

"The Election Commission is committed to the nation to hold the election in a free, fair, transparent and neutral way with proper implementation of a code of conduct and appropriate protection of the constitution," he said.

Among others present at the meeting were Election Commissioners Safur Rahman, MM Munsif Ali and AK Mohammad Ali, EC Secretariat Secretary M Anwar Hossain and its senior officials.

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