

Elaborate programmes chalked out for Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

Different socio-cultural organisations and government institutions including the ministry of cultural affairs have chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam tomorrow in a befitting manner.

Programmes include placing of wreath at the mazar of the poet, Nazrul festival, discussions, procession and cultural functions.

Noted writer Prof Abu Rushd is expected to inaugurate the national level programme at the National Museum auditorium at 4pm on the day.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader will preside over the function while Prof Montazuddin Ahmed will deliver a 'Nazrul Memorial

Lecture.

Leading cultural figures of the country will present songs of Nazrul and recite poems written by him at the cultural programme that will follow the inaugural programmes.

Eminent scholars on Nazrul will participate in the procession, which will be brought out from the mazar premises of the poet at 8 am and end at the Bangla Academy premises.

A discussion titled "Nazrul against Communalism" will be held on May 26 at the same venue at 4.30 pm.

The Bangla Academy authorities will place wreath at the poet's mazar at 7am on the day while its Director General Dr Rafiqul Islam will inaugurate the "Nazrul Memorial Room" at the historic Bardhaman house at the academy

at 10 am. Poet Nazrul Islam stayed there for sometime as a guest of Dr Kazi Motahar Hussain.

The week-long Nazrul Festival, organised by the Nazrul Institute, Shilpakala Academy, Shishu Academy and National Museum, will remain open from 3pm to 7pm 9 (May 25-31) at the exhibition hall of the National Museum at its ground floor.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University authorities will also celebrate the day with due honour and festivity.

Vice-chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury will lead a procession of the teachers, students and officials of the university to place wreath at the mazar of the national poet at 6.30am on the day. He will also chair a commemorative meeting at the mazar premises.



A mid-term review team of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury at the latter's office yesterday.



Prof Dr Nooruddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of BUET distributing certificates among the participants of a professional development programme on the "Environmental Issues and Regulatory Measures in Bangladesh." Centre for Environmental and Resource Management (CERM), BUET organised the programme on Tuesday at Civil Building on the campus.

Moon Sighting Committee meets today

UNB, Dhaka

National Moon Sighting Committee holds a meeting today to determine the sighting of the moon of Rabiul Awal to fix the date of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Ministry and Chairman of National Moon Sighting Committee Maulana M Nurul Islam will chair the meeting at the Islamic Foundation conference room at 7.30 pm.

Islamic Foundation has requested the people to inform it if they sight the moon anywhere in the sky of Bangladesh. Telephone and fax numbers for contact: Phone-9559493, 9555951, 9556407, 9555947, 9556643 and 9558337, Fax-9563397, according to a press release.



Apex body of IAB

The 13th biennial general meeting and election to the 14th Executive Council of Institute of Architects Bangladesh were held on Friday at Sheraton Hotel, says a press release.

Architect Rabiul Hussain and A S M Ismail were elected president and general secretary respectively in the election.

Other members of the council are: Vice-president Mobasher Hossain, joint secretary - Kazi Golam Nasir, treasurer - Sazzadur Rashid and members - Dr Khondoker Shabbir Ahmed, Alab Ahmed, K Z Hossain Towfique, Shaker Mojib, Abul Hasanat Fuad and Abu Hena Md Ziauddin.

Death anniversary

The 12th death anniversary of Abdul Kader, a railway officer, will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the occasion, a *milad mahfil*, *Quankhuan* and *kaungbi bhij* will be held tomorrow at his village home in Charkania village in Katiadi thana under Kishoreganj district.

BNP blasts PM's remarks on journalists

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition BNP has strongly protested the remarks of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina about the journalists who were injured in recent attacks by terrorists.

In a statement BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said by her remarks the Prime Minister gave licenses to her party men to do whatever they like if they are affected by publishing truth.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a press conference reportedly raised the question whether the injured journalists possess accreditation cards or not.

"Prime Minister's such utterances will jeopardise the newspaper industry and press freedom," the BNP secretary general observed.

The terrorists of a ruling party MP severely beat the young journalists of Feni, Tipu Sultan. "But she did not take any action against the lawmaker or his terrorist group, rather she termed Tipu as an information terrorist", Bhuiyan said pointing finger at the PM,

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, met officials said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:39 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 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	34.2	25.6	88	70
Chittagong	30.5	26.2	76	71
Rajshahi	36.5	25.8	71	69
Khulna	35.6	26.0	76	68
Barisal	33.2	26.2	90	81
Sylhet	29.6	24.2	88	91
Cox's Bazar	30.0	24.0	92	85

JICA handed over 24 GPS (Global Positioning System) machines to the GIS unit of LGED as grant on Tuesday. GPS machines provide geographical location on the earth surface with an accuracy up to 25-meter through receiving signals directly from satellites. These machines will be very useful to LGED in preparing digital maps of rural infrastructures. Picture shows Kawasaki, Additional Resident Representative of JICA handing over relevant documents to Shahidul Hassan, Chief Engineer, LGED in a simple ceremony held at LGED Bhaban.

STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES MAY 23, 2001									
Company	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance		
	EV/ML (Tk./Nc)	Price Closing	Change (%)	EV/ML (Tk./Nc)	Price Closing	Change (%)	Last AGM	EPS (Tk.)	DPS (%)
BANK									
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	238.25	5.85	238.25	74145	231.00	Not Traded	26.10.00	12.4
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	190.00	4.11	192.50	65	120.00	Not Traded	35.10.00	80.1
ICB Bank Ltd.	100.5	206.25	1.20	207.25	5900	205.00	Not Traded	06.07.99	23.3
Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	13105.50	64.4	2912.25	1623	3165.00	9.52	2880.00	88
National Bank Ltd.	100.20	310.25	4.02	298.25	4917	310.75	3.84	209.25	144.60
Punjab Bank Ltd.	100.5	206.00	2.78	248.00	295	115.00	Not Traded	30.08.00	124
Regulal Bank Ltd.	100.50	143.00	0.51	90.00	2010	75.00	Not Traded	12.05.01	24
UBL	100.5	181.00	1.12	179.00	3364	186.00	Not Traded	15.09.99	15.6
United Bank Ltd.	100.5	280.00	1.41	284.00	1520	280.00	Not Traded	19.12.00	19.0
UDIL Ltd.	100.20	509.00	0.79	505.00	20	490.00	Not Traded	22.05.01	46.7
United Finance and Inv.	100.5	265.25	0.86	263.00	11650	250.00	Not Traded	30.06.00	24
Al Arifa Islamic Bank	100.50	835.50	2.28	1794.50	1745	1821.00	2.01	1784.00	130
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.50	399.75	2.96	388.25	16250	372.00	Not Traded	07.04.01	22.0
Southeast Bank Ltd.	100.50	364.00	6.20	342.75	7200	360.00	6.32	344.25	52.00
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100.50	349.00	4.18	335.00	17600	281.00	Not Traded	21.06.00	31.1
N C C Bank Ltd.	100.50	231.25	1.43	233.00	5440	233.50	2.98	226.75	52.00
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	100.50	2016.75	9.61	1840.00	250	Not Listed	Not Listed	14.2	Not Listed
South Bengal Bank Ltd.	100.50	405.00	1.25	400.00	1050	Not Listed	Not Listed	14.8	Not Listed
INVESTMENT									
5th ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	125.00	0.86	233.00	50	196.50	Not Traded	02.11.00	26.6
1st ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	157.50	0.80	156.25	150	156.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	22.4
7th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	152.00	0.45	153.00	150	154.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	16.3
8th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	143.00	0.70	142.00	150	142.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	15.1
1st BSR Mutual Fund	100.50	84.00	0.00	84.00	6200	83.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	5.29
AIMS First	125.00	1.01	0.00	1.01	1000000	1.01	1.00	3625.00	Not Listed
ENGINEERING									
Alfa Automobiles Ltd.	100.5	237.25	1.39	234.00	2130	245.00	6.06	231.00	30
Asir Pipes Ltd.	100.5	259.75	2.08	300.00	120	210.00	Not Traded	09.10.00	31
Chittagong Industries Ltd.	100.5	739.50	0.62	143.25	6960	146.00	8.15	135.00	65
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	100.5	50.00	0.10	50.85	210	50.00	Not Traded	25.09.00	9.11
Eastern Cables Ltd.	100.5	150.00	1.15	151.75	11940	150.25	1.48	152.50	510
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	281.50	0.79	1271.50	705	1260.00	1.20	1245.00	10
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	100.50	140.00	1.92	142.00	1050	Not Listed	Not Listed	14.12.00	8.76
BD Autocon Ltd.	100.5	25.25	0.24	25.25	40	25.00	Not Traded	25.09.00	15.1
Quasem Drives Ltd.	100.50	21.00	0.47	21.10	87600	21.30	1.43	21.00	5726.50
National Tires Ltd.	100.10	550.00	4.02	528.75	310	Not Listed	Not Listed	31.03.01	85.2
BD Tire Aluminium Ltd.	100.10	200.25	0.45	200.75	5520	200.00	Not Traded	28.09.00	10.2
Aswar Glassing Ltd.	100.50	163.25	1.24	161.25	320	148.00	Not Traded	08.03.01	14.4
Kay & Que (BD) Ltd.	100.50	107.50	0.10	107.50	100	107.50	Not Traded	02.11.00	1.00
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	100.50	30.00	0.00	30.00	20	29.50	Not Traded	20.12.00	6.9
Rongpur Foundry Ltd.	100.50	24.00	1.64	24.40	86000	24.00	1.23	24.30	15500
FOOD & ALLIED									
Alpha Foodco Ltd.	100.50	57.00	0.18	56.90	50	58.00	Not Traded	20.03.01	2.82
Alpha Foods Ltd.	100.5	408.50	0.18	409.25	2900	410.00	7.87	445.00	30
Tripti Industries Ltd.	100.5	55.75	0.00	55.75	3040	55.00	3.77	53.00	50
Bangas	100.5	195.50	2.89	190.00	25	Not Listed	Not Listed	21.11.00	12.4
BATBCL	100.5	105.00	0.42	105.00	10500	105.00	Not Traded	19.06.00	5.92
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	100.10	79.00	0.10	78.50	1240	Not Listed	Not Listed	03.03.00	38.8
Burmeco Fisheries Ltd.	100.20	74.25	0.24	74.50	120	68.75	Not Traded	10.07.00	8.0
Bengal Bioproducts Ltd.	100.20	46.00	1.60	46.75	1340	45.25	0.56	45.00	800
Meghna Shrimp Ltd.	100.20	130.25	0.19	130.80	1860	133.50	1.91	131.00	1080
Raspi Ice (BD) Ltd.	100.50	12.20	0.01	12.30	14900	12.30	0.00	12.30	31250.00
ADML (Pvt) Ltd.	100.50	415.50	1.12	415.00	4660	420.00	0.86	416.00	90
Shamsher Sugar Mills	100.10	12.40	3.03	3.25	4200	Not Listed	Not Listed	10.12.00	4.22
Meghna Vegetable	100.10	45.00	1.12	44.50	1350	42.25	Not Traded	30.12.00	24
Rahima Food Corp.	100.50	35.50	3.75	40.00	750	37.00	Not Traded	18.12.00	14
Gul Food Ltd.	100.50	68.50	0.10	68.50	80	75.00	0.19	66.00	50
United Food Ltd.	100.10	53.00	0.20	53.00	100	53.00	0.00	53.00	300
Gachhachata Agri. Farms Ltd.	100.50	501.50	2.33	523	1830	32.50	Not Traded	17.08.00	1.73
Bioactive Seafood Exports Ltd.	100.50	10.40	0.45	10.50	316000	Not Listed	Not Listed	10.07.00	0.39
Far-Wang Food Ltd.	100.50	10.30	1.98	10.10	11500	10.30	1.98	10.10	17000
Meghna PET Industries Limited	100.50	150.00	1.03	150.00	1200	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
TEXTILE & POWER									
BOC (BD) Ltd.	100.50	103.40	0.29	103.10	3270	101.00	Not Traded	17.02.00	13.3
Padma Oil Co. Ltd.	100.50	160.50	3.55	155.00	200	180.00	Not Traded	01.03.01	2.15
Bangladesh Welding Electrodes Ltd.	100.50	5007.20	2.70	7.40	16000	7.30	3.95	7.60	1000
JUTE									
Northern Jute Ltd.	100.20	10.00	4.17	9.60	200	Not Listed	Not Listed	14.12.00	8.5
Asar Jute Ltd.	100.20	2.30	4.41	2.40	9000	Not Listed	Not Listed	30.09.98	13
TEXTILE									
Asar Jute Ltd.	100.50	10.40	4.05	10.50	19400	10.30	1.90	10.50	2000
Quasem Textile Ltd.	100.50	5.20	0.10	5.20	200	Not Listed	Not Listed	29.06.00	5.5
Shilpakala Textile Ltd.	100.50	516.00	0.31	516.00	10	Not Listed	Not Listed	09.11.00	230
Quasem Silk Mills Ltd.	100.50	6.50	0.00	6.50	4800	Not Listed	Not Listed	29.06.00	0.12
Saham Textile Mills Ltd.	100.5	91.25	4.54	91.75	7080	91.50	0.55	91.00	1400
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	100.5	6.10	0.00	6.10	400	5.70	5.00	6.00	1500
Adamas Cotton Mills	100.10	46.00	0.10	46.00	100	40.40	Not Traded	31.12.00	20
Tanjimuddin Textile Ltd.	100.10	39.00	0.64	39.25	880	32.00	Not Traded	21.11.00	16.9
Padma Textile Mills Ltd.	100.20	246.25	4.91	245.50	960	230.00	Not Traded	19.06.00	54
Apex Spinning Mills Ltd.	100.20	153.75	4.65	161.25	140	150.00	Not Traded	02.12.00	28.8
Burmeco Knitting Ltd.	100.20	139.25	0.36	138.75	220	135.00	3.57	140.00	