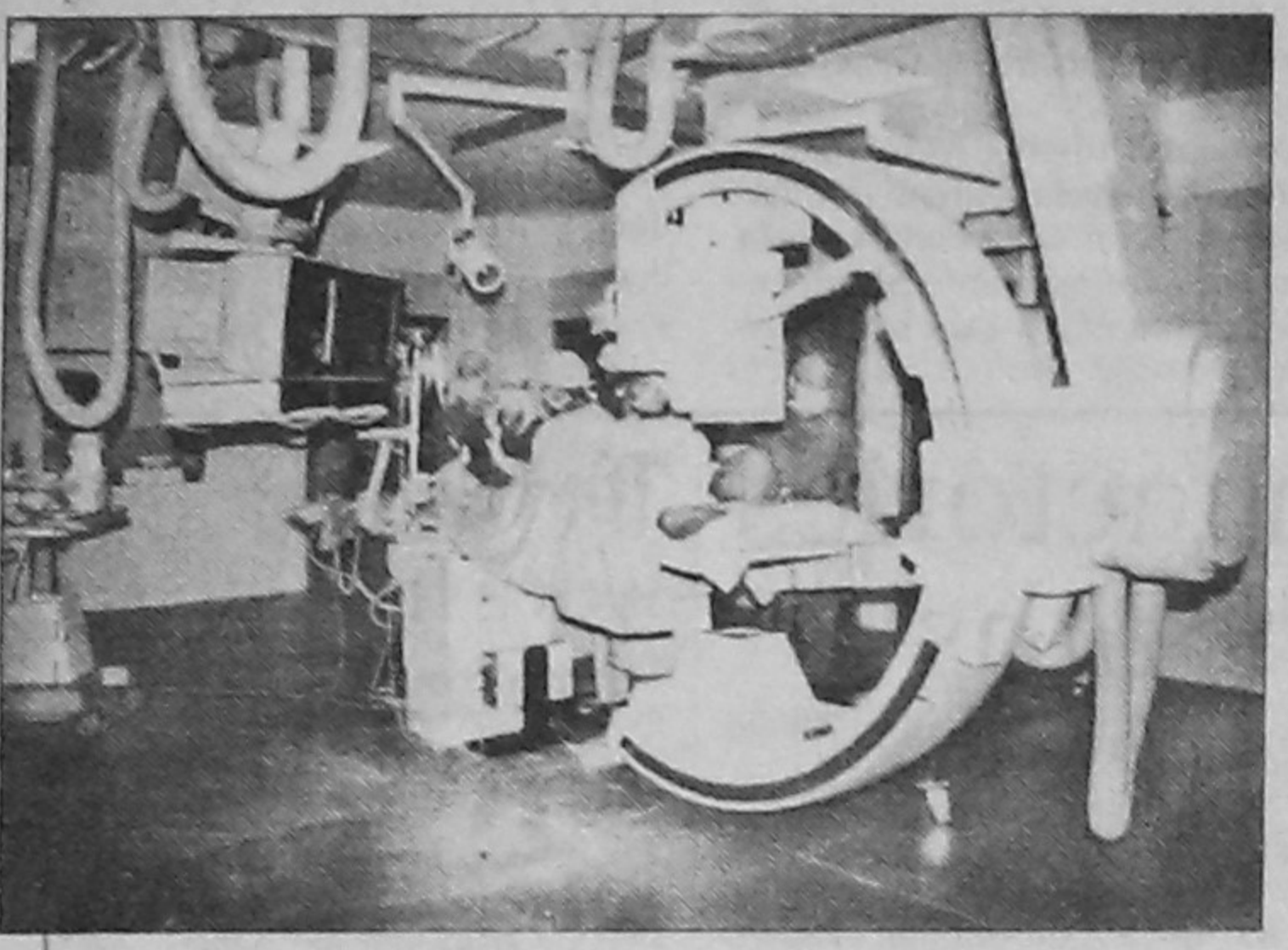


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ZH Sikder Hospital opens branch in Gulshan

We aim to provide only world standard medical facilities, doctors say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The Z H Sikder Women's Medical College and Hospital has moved one step further in bringing world class medical services to the doors of the people in the country by opening its first branch in Gulshan in the city. The 150-bed hospital cum women's medical college, an extension of its first hospital in Raybarbar, has been functioning for a month now and aims to provide 'world class' medical services in most of the disciplines. The six-storey general hospital has been constructed to cater services to diplomatic and expatriate community as well as to the local people, officials said.



The catheterisation laboratory at the new hospital at Gulshan.

"Our aim is to stop the 'patient exodus' from the country. If you compare the cost as well as quality of medical services Sikder Hospital is like any world class hospital in the world. In fact, in terms of costs, many of our services cost less and yet offer the same quality as world over," Rick Haque Sikder, Director of Administration, said while addressing a press conference at the new hospital building in Gulshan yesterday.

The hospital offers cardiology and cardiac surgery, children's medicine, newborn care, bone surgery, urology and childbirth and gynaecology. It also offers surgical gastro-enterology with endoscopy facilities and laparoscopic surgery.

Among those who also addressed the press conference are Prof M T Siddique, Rector of the Women's college and hospital. Cardiac surgeon Dr Murali Venuthi, Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Monzoor Mustafa Anwar, Prof Motiur Rahman and Dr Sufia Rahman.

The officials of the hospital claimed that they have successfully carried out over 600 open heart surgeries in the last two and a half years with a mortality rate less than one per cent.

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Unidentified men threaten to kill DU professor

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Unidentified hoodlums have threatened a professor of Dhaka University on the telephone and warned him not to come outside of his residence. The threat was made to Prof Arefin Siddique, a popular teacher of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism and former Chairman of the department and BSS Managing Board. Family sources said, an unidentified man telephoned Professor Siddique's residence on Wednesday noon. Arefin's wife answered the phone and the man said that a killing squad has been deployed to kill Prof Siddique. When his wife asked about the identity of the caller, the man said, "It's a warning - ask him not to go outside the residence - he will be killed" and hung up.

Cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of BNP, damaged the room of Prof Siddique at the lecture theatre of the university on August 4, 1994 when he was the general secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association.

When contacted, Prof Siddique said, "I cannot understand why this threat was made. It's not new thing and I have been threatened before."

Qulqhwani of Akbar Imam today

UNB, Dhaka

The qulqhwani of renowned journalist Akbar Imam today will be held after Asr prayers today at 383/2 Hatirpool, Pukur Par (Royal Society) in the capital.

Imam died of massive heart attack on Thursday and he was buried at the Azimpur Graveyard beside his mother.

He served as a journalist in several national newspapers, including the New Nation, the Telegraph, The Morning Sun and Holiday.

Before starting his career as a journalist, Imam obtained Masters Degree in English from Dhaka University and served as a teacher in Libya for several years.

'AL to get enough time in JS to discuss nat'l issues'

BSS, Narsingdi

BNP secretary general and Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said BNP never believed in the politics of vengeance and the opposition Awami League would be provided with enough time in the Jatiya Sangsad to discuss different national issues.

He said though BNP got very little time in the Sangsad to give any national issue the BNP led four-party Alliance would ensure enough time for AL lawmakers in the House as they are determined to build the country unitedly taking everyone into cognizance.

The BNP leader was addressing a reception accorded to him by various socio-political organisations of Narsingdi at Library Potti in the town.

Bhuiyan said people have voted the BNP led four-party Alliance to power by following the blueprint masterminded by Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina.

The minister said on October 2, Sheikh Hasina wrongly alleged that BNP led Alliance won the election as a result of a blueprint and crude rigging. But she had miserably failed to note that majority people voted in favour of the Alliance in many parts across the country.

She earlier expressed her fear to the Caretaker Government that the members of the minority communities would be barred from participating in the general elections which was utterly erroneous.



The 'Fair BCS Movement' demonstrated in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding an end to all illegal quota system in the public examinations for jobs under Bangladesh Public Service Commission.

Rally

Resource Integration Centre (RIC) will hold a rally on occasion of world day for the elderly. Venue: National Museum. Time: 8.30 am.

Workshop

Engineering Staff College, Bangladesh (ESCB) will hold a workshop titled "I can see clearly now." Venue: IEB seminar room. Time: 9 am.

Concluding ceremony

Lions Club International district B-3 will hold the concluding ceremony of its 'World lion service day 2001.' Venue: Winter Garden, Sheraton Hotel. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) will hold a family seminar titled "Peace - Communication perspective to overcome the recent crisis." Venue: WFWP office. Time: 4.30 pm.

Exhibition

The first solo painting exhibition of Tanvirul Islam Mithu will be inaugurated. Venue: Zamil Gallery, IFA, DU Campus. Time: 5 pm.

Drama

Universal Theatre will stage a Drama "Dhusar Tirtho" based on the verses of poet Moinuddin to mark his death anniversary. Venue: Natmondul, Dhaka University. Time: 6 pm.

Meeting

Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) will hold its fortnightly discussion meeting of the BIIT forum for Interdisciplinary Studies. Venue: BIIT conference room. Time: 6.00 pm.

Puppet show

Goethe Institut will hold a puppet show by Figuren Theater Tubingen, Germany. Venue: Russian Cultural Center. Time: 7 pm.

Orientation course

Samata an NGO will hold a three-day orientation course for its newly recruited staff. Venue: 9/5 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur.

NSU workshop

"The NSU Media Club will hold a workshop on 'Media Reporting.' Venue: NSU campus, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Dhaka.

HEJFB launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The Health and Environment Journalist Forum, Bangladesh (HEJFB) was formally launched at a meeting yesterday.

Naimul Haq of The Daily Star and Masud Kamal of Daily Janakantha were elected President and General Secretary of the organisation of working journalists.

The capital-based journalists' organisation aims to further develop professional skills of reporters from electronic and print media working with different social issues including health and environment.

The platform of the journalists also aims to share, gather and explore potentials for investigative journalism in specific areas like, human rights, gender, HIV/AIDS, groundwater arsenic contamination and violence against women and children.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain forecast

UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong and Barisal divisions in the 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain dry over Rajshahi division during the period, the Met Office said predicting no appreciable change in day temperature.

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.4 degree Celsius at Jessore and lowest 19.7 degree at Dhaka. The sun sets in the capital today at 5.28 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.59 am.

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

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet.

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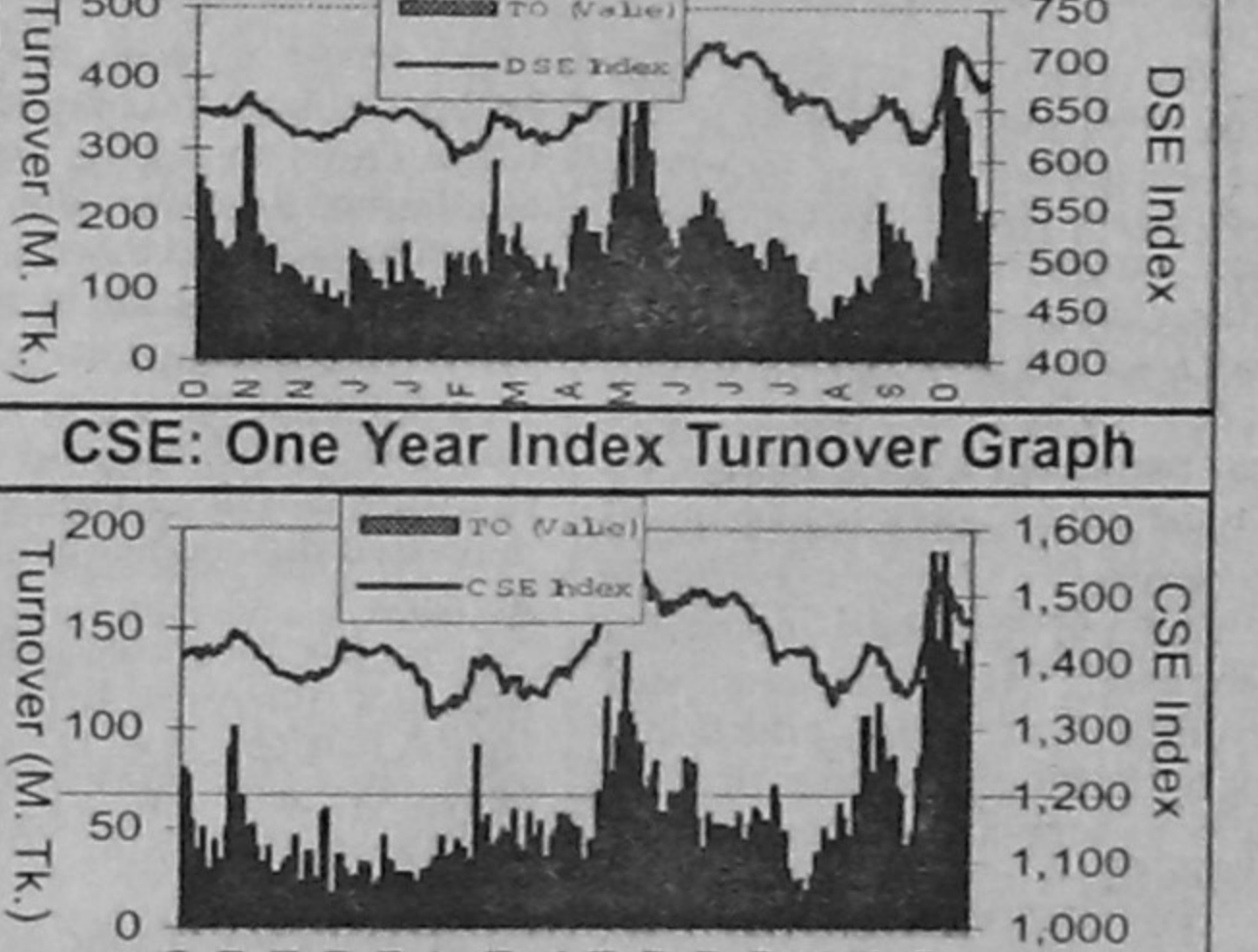
TRADED ISSUES IN THE WEEK

Table showing traded issues in the week, categorized by DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance. Columns include Company, FV/ML, Price, Turnover, Last AGM, EPS, and DPS.

Weekly Market - Oct. 13 - Oct. 18, 2001

Table showing weekly market performance for DSE and CSE, including indicators like All Share Price Index, Change in Price Index, Total Turnover, and Number of Contracts.

DSE: One Year Index Turnover Graph



Turnover Leaders

Table listing turnover leaders for Dhaka Stock Exchange, including companies like Keya Cosmetics Ltd, Bexmo Pharma, and Raspiat Data Management.

Non Traded Issues

Table listing non-traded issues, including companies like INVESTMENT, ENGINEERING, and FOOD & ALLIED.

Capital Gainers

Table listing capital gainers for Dhaka Stock Exchange, including companies like ICB, National Tubes Ltd, and Suh ICB Mutual Fund.

Capital Losers

Table listing capital losers for Dhaka Stock Exchange, including companies like Keya Cosmetics Ltd, J.H. Chemical Ind, and J.H. Textile Ind.

Book Closure/AGM/Dividend/IPO

Table listing book closure, AGM, dividend, and IPO dates for various companies.

PHARMA & CHEM.

Table listing pharmaceutical and chemical companies, including Ambee Pharma, Bangladesh Pharma, and Bexmo Pharma.

Large table listing various companies and their financial performance, categorized by industry such as BANK, INVESTMENT, ENGINEERING, FOOD & ALLIED, PHARMA & CHEM., MISCELLANEOUS, and INSURANCE.