



Disabled Students' Forum organised a press conference at the National Press Club on Wednesday.



Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal M Rafiqul Islam handing over the best all round recruit's trophy to recruit AC-2 Md. Faruk Hossain on the occasion of the passing out parade of a new batch of recruits to the Bangladesh Air Force held at the Recruits' Training School (RTS) parade ground at the BAF Base Zahurul Haque in Chittagong on Thursday.



Mainul Ahad, EH&S Manager of British American Tobacco Bangladesh conducting a session on Scientific Risk Assessment for the visiting BUET students at the BATB training centre recently.

Separate ministry demanded

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Disabled students at a press conference demanded that the government set up a separate ministry and a directorate to ensure welfare of the under-privileged community.

They also urged the government to implement the recommendations made in 1995 for the welfare of the disabled.

Disabled Students' Forum organised the press conference at the National Press Club on Wednesday. M Harun-ur-Rashid read out a written statement.

The disabled students also demanded quota system for them in different government jobs.

They called for providing facilities to make the disabled students gain access to the Information Technology sector.

Expressing concern over the mismanagement in the educational and training institutes for the disabled, they said these disparities should be removed immediately.

Indian envoy calls on LGRD minister

BSS, Dhaka

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Monilal Tripathi called on Local Government and Rural Development Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his secretariat office on Thursday.

The High Commissioner thanked the new Bangladesh government on behalf of his government and the Indian people for assuming power through the October 1 general election.

He spent some time with the minister and discussed issues relating to bilateral and mutual interests.

Bhuiyan expressed the hope that the relations between Bangladesh and India would be strengthened for the benefit of the two peoples.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The second death anniversary of Alhaj AMFK Khan Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the occasion a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 137, Lake Circus, Kalabagan after Magrib prayers today.

Scientists urged to help improve living standard

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan on Thursday called upon the country's scientists and researchers to play their due role in improving the living standard of common people.

"We have to keep in mind that we take higher education with the tax payers money who are basically the poor people. Now time has come to give them something," he said while inaugurating a three-day 4th International Plant Cell Conference at the department of Botany of Dhaka University.

State Minister for Science and Technology Lutfar Rahman Khan (Azad), State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Huq, Prof Hadiuzzaman and Dr Imdadul Huq addressed the function attended by the scientists of different countries including Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, America, Australia, Philippines and Germany.

Stressing the need for conducting research to increase food production and improve its quality at a time when the area of land is decreasing in a densely populated country like Bangladesh, Dr Khan said plant

cell researchers can play a pivotal role in this field. Dr Khan also underscored the need for protecting the ecological balance alongside increasing food production and said enough water is required to produce crops of High Yielding Variety (HYV).

But, it would not be possible to meet the requirement of a huge quantity of water for HYV, he said, adding that Philippines has already discovered a variety of paddy which required less quantity of water. He urged the scientists of the country to come forward in this regard.

Pointing to the government's commitment to provide assistance in education and research sectors, the information minister said it is the policy of the government to provide assistance in the sector. He called upon the scientists of foreign countries who attended the conference to assist the scientists of Bangladesh.

Lutfar Rahman Khan said the government has granted more money to build modern laboratory in the universities and research institutions and conduct research on genetic engineering.



Quadrat-e-Khuda's death anniversary today

The 24th death anniversary of Dr Muhammad Quadrat-e-Khuda an eminent scientist and educationist of the sub-continent, will be observed today, says a press release.

Founder director of the BCSIR Laboratories, Dr Quadrat-e-Khuda made significant contribution in the field of scientific and industrial research. He also played an important role in formulating education policy and phased a suitable education commission report in 1975. This report is widely known as Dr. Quadrat-e-Khuda Education Commission report.

To commemorate the death anniversary of Dr Quadrat-e-Khuda Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) will hold a discussion meeting at the auditorium of BCSIR at 11 am tomorrow.

Obituary

Shobita Bose died of old-age complications at her son's residence in the city yesterday. She was 80, says a press release.

She is survived by three daughters, two sons and a number of grandchildren. Shobita's last rites were performed at her village home in Mikirpur Bose Bar under Basail in Tangail district.

Her sons Goutom Bose and Shadbon Bose are artists of the Daikrit Ittefaq. ***** UNB, Jheridaha

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Dutch Film Week

The weekly Dutch Film Week, organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society, will be inaugurated by Mr Sijef Zyzermans, the Ambassador of the Netherlands in Bangladesh. It will be followed by filmshows "Rembrandt", "Glass", and "Zoo" by Bert Haanstra and "The Vanishing" by George Sluizer. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House No. 10, Road No. 9, Dhammundi. Time: 5:00 PM. Open to all.

Conference

A conference titled "Andre Malraux in Bangladesh" will be held. A 25-minute documentary on Malraux will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

Memorial lecture

The 12th Najma Jesmin Chowdhury Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Institute of Modern Languages (IML) of the Dhaka University will be held. Artist Murjita Basor will present the paper "The time and society during the Habsi Sultans of Bengal in the light of coins and inscriptions." Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Azad Chowdhury will preside over the function. Venue: Institute auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

Piano concert

Alliance Francaise is organising a piano concert presented by the students of Ecole de musique de l'Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Venue: La Galerie of Alliance Francaise. Time: 7 pm.

Reception

Uzizur Upazila Jatiyatabad Forum will accord a reception to State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selma Rahman and newly elected MP from Barisal-2

Seminar

Credit and Development Forum is going to organise a seminar on "Growth and Implications of Money Lending by Moneylenders and Microfinance Program" for sharing study findings conducted by Prof Dr Toufic A Chowdhury of BIMB. Venue: Conference Room, IDB Bhaban.

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Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in night temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest of 20.6 degree at Ishwardi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:18 pm today and rises at 6:06 am tomorrow.

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

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Large financial table containing stock market data, including DSE One Year Index Turnover Graph, CSE One Year Index Turnover Graph, Weekly Market - Oct. 27 - Nov. 01, 2001, and various stock price listings under categories like BANK, INVESTMENT, ENGINEERING, FUEL & POWER, etc.