

## Display of IT bay at Science Museum

BSS, Dhaka

The National Science and Technology Museum recently established an Information Technology (IT) bay in its display gallery at Agargaon to familiarise young people with evolution and development of computer technologies in Bangladesh.

The IT bay includes the first analogue and digital computer in Bangladesh, which were established at the then Atomic Energy Centre in Dhaka in 1964.

The huge computers were the first "analytical engines" which were set up in the then Pakistan under the Colombo Plan.

The huge boxes occupying large spaces have little similarity with the present-day personal computer (PC) since the older generation of the machine did not have any keyboard or monitor.

The IT gallery, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, is also displaying the second and third generation mainframe computers, IBM 1401, IBM 370 and IBM 4331 computers alongside the modern PCs.

A total of 30 people could use the IBM 370 computer together

through separate terminals while the IBM 4331 computer can be used by more than 100 people at a time.

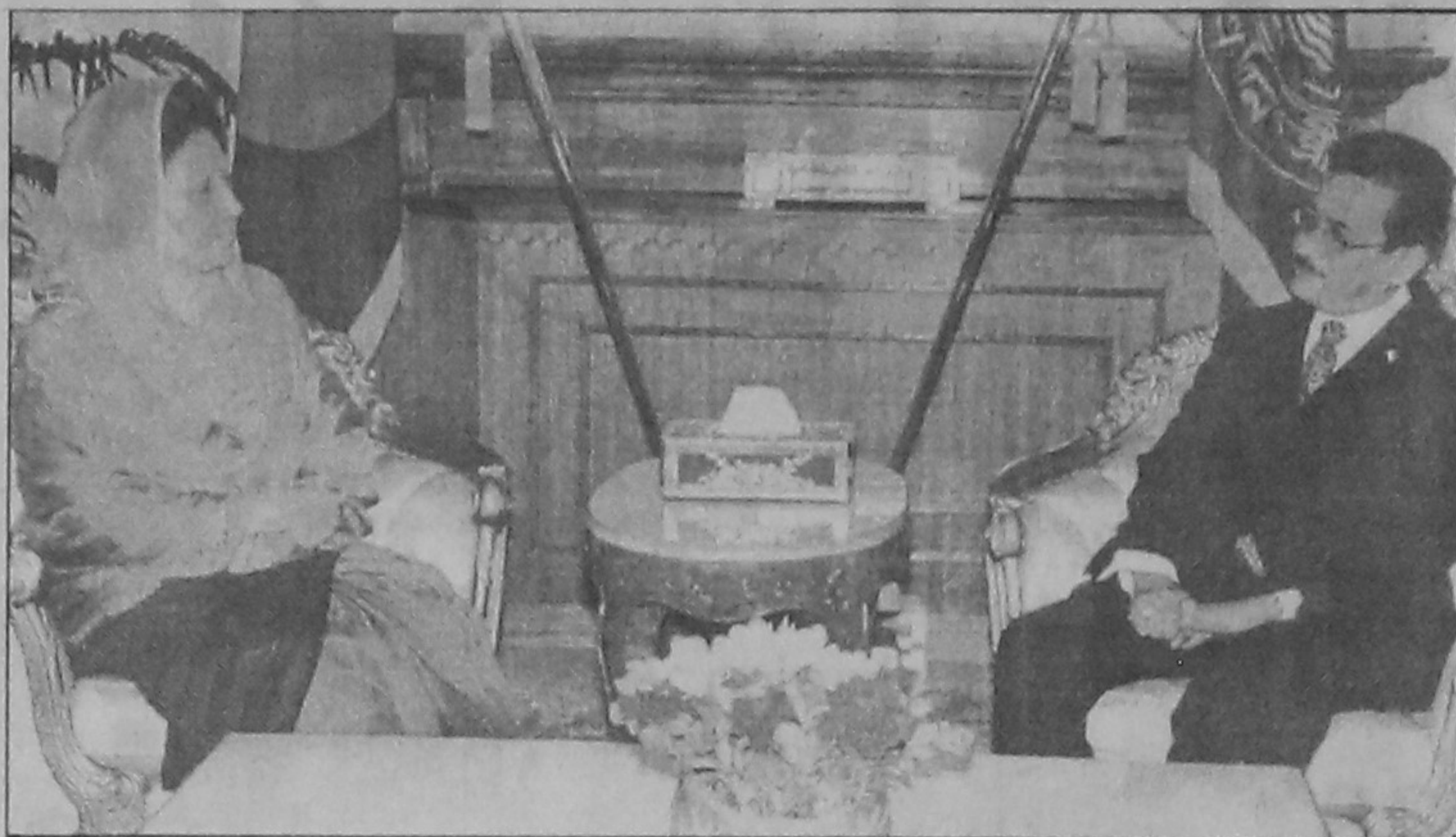
The museum has collected both the computers (IBM 370 and IBM 4331) from the Computer Centre of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), where the two computing machines were set up in 1970s and 1980s respectively.

"We have collected all the computers free of cost from different government organisations and trying our best to enrich their collections," said Director of the museum Habibur Rahman Chowdhury.

He said the gallery was set up in July this year primarily to educate the younger generation about the evolution and development of computer and its multiple use in Bangladesh.

"On an average, 200 young people visit the gallery, daily," Gallery Assistant Masudur Rahman told BSS.

The museum provides transport facilities to students of schools or other educational institutions for visiting the museum.



Indonesian Ambassador Mansjur Maddolangeng called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

## '20 pc land to be brought under forest cover by 2015'

BSS, Dhaka

Experts at a workshop yesterday discussed the draft Social Forestry Rules (SFR) for its proper enforcement in the country.

The Department of Forest in association with Asian Development Bank (ADB) organised the workshop on the draft SFR, enacted by the government last year to materialise the new approach of plantation as well as accommodate and give legal backup of people's participation.

Inaugurating the workshop, Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj said at least 20 per cent of the land would be brought under forest cover by the year 2015 and the draft SFR was formulated accordingly.

He said the government signed an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1997 to implement the programme.

The inaugural session of the workshop was addressed by State Minister for Environment and Forest Zaful Islam Chowdhury, Additional Secretary-in-charge of the Ministry Sabihuddin Ahmed, ADB forestry experts Dr RA Sharma, Javed Meer and Zunaid K Chowdhury.

At least 90 officials and experts from ADB, ministries of environment and forest, planning, law, land, local government, Department of Forest, LGED, Water De-

velopment Board, Roads and Highways, Bangladesh Railway, ADAB and NGOs are participating in the three-day workshop.

Speaking at the workshop, State Minister for Forest and Environment Zaful Islam Chowdhury said, "We are pledge-bound and committed to developing a prosperous Bangladesh."

Social Forestry would be a part of the strategy to achieve this objective," he said.

He said Bangladesh, following the Earth Summit in 1992, engaged itself to bring 20 per cent of its land under forest cover as spelled out in the forest policy with the active participation of people to protect environment, conserve bio-diversity, enhance forest productivity and alleviate poverty.

## 'Negative approach obstacle to welfare of disabled'

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday observed that the negative approach due to poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, superstition and fear is a major hindrance to the welfare of the disabled who account for around ten per cent of the total population.

They said the world is now fighting to cope with the problems of around 600 million disabled persons around the world, including nearly ten million in Bangladesh. The number of the disabled was increasing due to lack of proper care and effective measures to bring them into the mainstream through social rehabilitation.

They, however, said a concerted effort by the government and the non-government development organisations could change the existing scenario that was confined only to the national policy for the disabled and Bangladesh Disabled Welfare Act 2001.

"Although the welfare act has ushered in a new era in establishing equality and self-dignity for the disabled, still it lacks proper guidelines to that end," Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury, chairman of the National Forum for the Disabled, said in his keynote speech.

Social Welfare Minister Ali Ansan Mohammad Mujahed inaugurated the seminar as chief guest marking the International Day for the Disabled at the Directorate of Social Welfare at Agargaon.

## PM seeks greater cooperation between developing countries

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday underlined the need for forging greater cooperation between the developing countries in view of the prevailing global economic recession in the wake of September 11 terrorist attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon in USA.

She also called for building co-operation between SAARC and ASEAN for the betterment of peoples of the region.

Khaleda was talking to Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mansjur Maddolangeng when he called on the Prime Minister at her office.

During the meeting, the prime

minister urged the Indonesian government to import environmentally friendly jute and jute goods from Bangladesh to replace environmentally hazardous products including polythene. She also called for more Indonesian investment in textiles sector in Bangladesh.

Enhancement of economic co-operation between Bangladesh and Indonesia came up for discussion, highlighting the issues of trade investment and joint ventures.

The meeting underscored the need for importing various items including pharmaceuticals, leather products, ceramics and melamine from Bangladesh to remove trade imbalance between the two countries.

It stressed the need for exchange of trade, chambers and cultural delegations between the two countries.

During the meeting, it was viewed that a new era of cooperation between Bangladesh and Indonesia began after the visit of president Ziaur Rahman to Indonesia in 1978 and President Soeharto's return visit to Bangladesh in 1979.

The prime minister invited Indonesian President Megawati to visit Bangladesh at the mutually convenient time.

Principal Secretary to the prime minister Dr Kamal Siddiqui was present at the meeting.

## Special prayers on Victory Day

UNB, Dhaka

Special prayers will be offered at mosques, churches and other places of worship on the occasion of Victory Day on December 16 seeking divine blessings for peace and prosperity of the nation.

Authorities of mosques and all other religious institutions have been asked to take necessary steps in this regard, said a PID handout.

## EUCSU BCL activists meet Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused BNP Chairperson and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of tearing apart the glorious chapter of student politics by recruiting terrorists, extortionists and non-students at different levels of her party's student wing.

"Student politics in the country reached this stage due to recruitment of extortionists, *mastans* and outsiders in the JCD (Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal)," she said while addressing a meeting to exchange views with the new Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) office-bearers of Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU).

About the conditional ban on student politics mentioned in Khaleda's speech in parliament on Sunday, Hasina said she (Khaleda) could ban student politics because she did not see its glory. What she saw is its destruction.

The lost glory of student politics could be retrieved through recruitment of eligible and genuine students. "Besides, restoration of the past glory is also necessary to make the student politics up-to-date."

She advised the BCL's leaders and activists to catch up with the western society. "Build yourself as an efficient citizen by making best use of information technology (IT) facilities created by the AL government."

## Ensure equal rights for the disabled: Moudud

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmad yesterday urged all to ensure equal rights for the disabled and help them grow as worthy citizens of the country.

"About 10 per cent of the total population are disabled. We all should look after the disabled so that they are not deprived of their rights," he told a discussion on Equality and full participation -- Call for taking initiative to evaluate progress.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Department of Social Services and National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) to mark the International Day for the Disabled 2001, the function was also addressed by Social Welfare secretary Mohammad Rafiqul Alam and Chairman of Bangladesh Privatisation Commission Inam Ahmed Chowdhury.

The minister said the disabled should be groomed as worthy

citizens as they are the integral part of society.

He also laid emphasis on proper education and training to make the disabled self-reliant and urged all sections of people to supplement the government initiatives for their welfare.

## DRU re-polling on Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The re-polling to elect the tenth member of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) executive committee will take place at its office on Thursday.

The voting will continue from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The DRU election commission took the decision after an equal number of votes were cast in favour of two candidates at the DRU executive committee election on November 30.

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2) Last date of submitting : 03-01-2002 up to 12:00 noon.  
3) Date of opening tender : 06-01-2002 at 12:30 pm.  
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