

Chemical Society confce today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The 24th annual conference of Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) will be held at the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) auditorium today at 9:30am.

Industries Minister MK Anwar will inaugurate the conference while State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain will attend it as special guest, said a press release.

Prof Hitosi Otaki of the Department of Applied Chemistry of the University of Ritsumeikan, Japan will deliver a lecture on "International Cooperation in Chemistry: Education, Research and Industry" at the conference.

BCS President Prof. Mohammad Moshuzaman will preside over the function.

Two killed in Ctg road accident

UNB, Chittagong Two passengers of a bus were killed and 14 others injured in a road accident at Fazierhat on Chittagong-Anwara highway yesterday.

Police and local people said the accident took place at about 5:10 pm when driver of the Anwara-bound bus lost control over steering and the vehicle fell into a roadside ditch.

Two unidentified young passengers were killed on the spot. The injured were admitted to Patia Health Complex. Later, four of them were shifted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

BCL founding anniversary

UNB, Dhaka Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday observed its 54th founding anniversary.

On the occasion, pro-Awami League BCL leaders and workers brought out a colourful procession from Muktagang that ended at the Central Shaheed Minar after parading some city roads.

They placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the zero hour. A milad mahfil was held at the Dhaka University central mosque after Zohr prayers.

Inaugurating the procession at Muktagang, Awami League acting president Abdus Samad Azad accused the government of imposing "an undeclared civil war" on the people.

He called upon the people to resist the repression and torture "unleashed by the government and the ruling party men."

AB leaders Abdur Razzak and Abdul Mannan, former BCL leaders Iqbalur Rahim, Enamul Huq Shamim and Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, BCL president Bahadur Bakar and general secretary Ajay Kar Khokon were also present.

JSD-backed Chhatra League held a discussion meeting at the DUCSU cafeteria while JAGPA-backed BCL at its Purana Palton office to mark the founding anniversary.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jole formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding immediate release of writer and columnist Shahriar Kabir.

BSTQM convention begins Quality at all levels stressed for sustainable development

BSS, Dhaka The sixth annual convention of Bangladesh Society for Total Quality Management (BSTQM) began here yesterday with a call for achieving perfection in industrial, business and other institutions for sustainable development.

"If human resources in the organisational process can be properly developed and maintained to achieve excellence, it can bring wonders," speakers at the convention said.

Jointly organised by BSTQM, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh and Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Society (BAAS), the theme of this year's convention is "Total Employees' Participation to Achieve Excellence: Role of Quality Circle."

The speakers said fullest involvement of human resources is essential to utilise the full potentials of an organisation. "Each of the dimensions is equally important and must be effectively addressed if an organisation truly expects to increase quality," they added.

Held at the auditorium of IEB, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by BAAS president Shahjahan Uddin Khan, BSTQM president Mofidul Mola and general secretary A M M Khairul Basher.

BSTQM, a voluntary organisation, has been promoting quality management in the country since 1995. About 360 participants representing various government, private and educational institutions are attending the two-day convention.

The speakers suggested total utilisation of the talents and creativity of the workers, officials as well as students to achieve better service.

"By calculating a life-long commitment in students thoughts, actions and deeds we can make them tomorrow's quality citizens," they added.

Country's leading quality expert Khairul Basher, presenting a keynote paper on the theme of this year's convention, highlighted quality as a tool for competitive advantage and winning strategy for achieving excellence.

The paper noted that since production becomes complicated and jobs becoming more specialised, necessity to control quality through inspection, checking and testing emerged as an important activity in manufacturing.

Stressing the need for quality circle, Basher said its basic objective is to build a strong workplace capable to achieve the target, establish good management, enhance morale, improve human relations, create a culture of improvement at bottom level, think well and use wisdom.

About students quality circle, he noted that it was first promoted in India in 1993 and is now being brought in many countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mauritius, Singapore, Maldives and the USA.

Obituary



Ayesha Chowdhury

BSS, Dhaka Umme Ayesha Chowdhury, first woman chairman of Rajshahi Secondary Education Board, died of blood cancer at a city clinic on Thursday. She was 80.

Ayesha Chowdhury was also the former headmistress of government girls' schools in Sylhet and Faridpur.

Her kulkhwani will be on January 7 at her Dhamondi residence at House-24, Road-4 after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

Faridul Alam BSS, Dhaka Faridul Alam, a photographer of Press Information Department (PID), died of a cardiac arrest at the Institute of Cardiovascular Disease on Thursday. He was 50.

Born at the village of Trimohinee under Mirsharwarai upazila of Chittagong district, Faridul Alam joined PID in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son. Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan expressed deep shock at the death of Faridul Alam.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

Special talk Rotary club meeting

The Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences organises a special talk on "Human Rights in India". Prof. Aswini K Ray of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, will deliver the talk. Venue: Seminar room of the centre, Dhaka University. Time: 10.30am.

Rotary club meeting The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Rotarians are requested to attend for fellowship and make-up. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary club meeting The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Members are requested to attend the meeting on time. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Suryasen Parishad meeting Masterda Suryasen Parishad will hold a meeting. Venue: Chittagong Samy Bhaban, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.30pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Light fog may cover the river basins and coastal belts of the country in the early morning and slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country, Met Offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest of 9.0 degree at Srirongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.25 pm today and rises at 6:43 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

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

Birth anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi today

Ramkrishna Mission will observe the 149th birth anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi with a daylong programme today, says a press release.

The programmes include devotional songs, special puja, and reading from the scripture.

A discussion meeting on 'Sri Sarada Devi in University' will be held at 5.00pm with Dr Maruf Khan in the chair.

Prof Azizun Nahar Islam, Department of Philosophy, Dhaka University, and Henas Das, Principal, Bharateswari Homes, will attend the meeting as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Table titled 'TRADED ISSUES IN THE WEEK' with columns for DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance. Includes sub-sections for BANK, INVESTMENT, and ENGINEERING.

Weekly Market - Dec. 29, 2001 - Jan. 03, 2002

Table showing market indicators: All Share Price Index, Total Turnover (Taka), Total Traded Issues, etc.

Table showing DSE and CSE last 30 days price index and turnover.

Table titled 'Turnover Leaders' showing top trading companies.

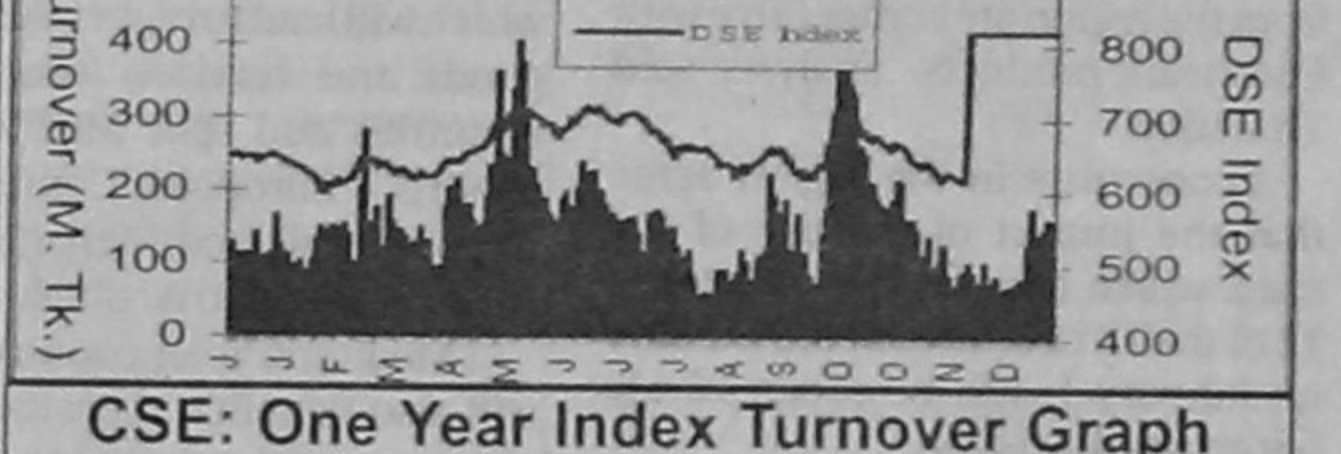
Table titled 'Capital Gainers' showing companies with significant price increases.

Table titled 'Capital Losers' showing companies with significant price decreases.

Table titled 'Book Closure/AGM/Dividend/ IPO' listing upcoming corporate events.

Table titled 'Non Traded Issues' listing companies whose shares are not currently trading.

DSE: One Year Index Turnover Graph



CSE: One Year Index Turnover Graph



Non Traded Issues

Table listing non-traded issues with columns for Company, DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance.