

Govt preparing proposal for reserved seats of women in JS

President tells women conference

BSS, Dhaka
President Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said the government has been striving to draft a specific proposal for reserved seats of women in the Jatiya Sangsad.

The government has attached utmost importance to the development of women and protection of their rights, he said, adding that the draft proposal on the reserved seats will be consistent with the provisions of the Upazila, Union and Poursava councils.

Inaugurating the Second Women Conference organised by Naripakkha at Savar Gonosayastha Kendra auditorium, the President said, "Women in our country could not enjoy their due rights in maximum cases, though the constitution provides for equal rights for them."

"Rights of women to education, food, health, service and property were not guaranteed till today. Their participation in decision-making in the periphery of house and society is lower and even their involvement in most of the social activities is limited, for which their ratio in the leading positions in different spheres of national life is also very low," he said.

Regarding the violence against women at national and global level, Badruddoza said the government has started a movement to root out terrorism from the society.

"But one of the main causes of terrorism is discrimination between the men and women," he observed.

Lauding the role of different women organisations in removing the gender discrimination, the President expressed his firm conviction that those efforts would certainly be successful.

Referring to the main theme of the conference, "Terrorism against Women" and "Empowerment of Women," the President said the recommendations of this conference would immensely help make future plan and increase activities for the emancipation of women in the country.

The President said all problems cannot be solved by merely enacting laws and the rights of women would not be established using the provisions of laws only.

"To get rid of this social problem, everyone has to be enlightened with moral values and society has to come forward to assist the government to attain the goal," he noted.

Terming the issue of empowerment of women a political one, Prof. Chowdhury said such decision for empowering women depends on the political and parliamentary decisions and the women organisations have to forge a social movement to create awareness in this regard.

Presided by Rina Roy, Conve-

nor of Naripakkha, the inaugural function was also addressed, by Parvin Hasan, Mahabuba Mahmud and Anwara Begum.

Several thousand workers of some 445 women organisations are taking part in the three-day conference.

Medical Update seminar held

UNB, Dhaka

Senior physicians of National University Hospital (NUH) of Singapore yesterday delivered lectures on recent advancements in cardiac, orthopedic and pediatric treatments.

They made their audio-visual presentations at the Medical Update seminar at Hotel Sheraton, organised by the Medical Referral Office.

Associate Professor Wong Poo Sing, a senior consultant and surgeon, spoke about "Outcome of Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery."

Associate Professor and senior consultant of hand and reconstructive microsurgery Lim Beng Hai gave lecture on recent advancement in hand surgery, while Associate Professor Prabhakaran Krishnan, Senior Consultant and Pediatric Surgeon, spoke about antenatal diagnosis and management of hydronephrosis.



Children hold their art works at a gathering at the Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium in the city yesterday. The Citizens' Voice organised the event.

DHAKA TODAY

Fair of substitutes for polybags

A week-long fair of substitutes for polybags will be inaugurated by Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj, Venue: Defence museum, Bijoy Sarani. Time: 4.30pm.

Discussion meeting

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum will organise a discussion meeting to exchange views on 'HIV/AIDS and Mass-media'. Venue: Ramna Chinese Restaurant. Time: 10.30am.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Education conference

To mark the National Education Week-2002, a conference on education will be held. DU Vice Chancellor Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury will deliver a

key speech on 'Education to meet the challenges of globalisation'. Venue: Teacher-Student Centre. Time: 10.00am.

Orientation ceremony

The Second Orientation Ceremony (Spring 2002) of Vigarunnisa University will be held. Venue: University auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.

Drama

Shishu Theatre of Bangladesh Child Film Society organises the premiere of its first production, 'Chokki'. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 12.00 noon.

Doctors' workshop

A two-day 'Doctors' Workshop', organised by the Marie Stopes Clinic Society, will begin. Venue: BRAC Inn Centre.

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Scholars' School introduces new system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Scholars' School and College has introduced a new system of teaching all subjects in English to help its students attain proficiency in English language.

Under the system, the Scholars will follow the curricula approved by the National Curriculum and Text Book Board in English instead of Bengali.

"The school will follow the course system under which all students will have to appear in three examinations in a year," said Principal Roushan Ara Matin.

The school launched its first session from this year at Road No. 13 of Dhanmondi R.A. in the city, says a press release.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Engineer SMA Bari, a language movement veteran and social worker, died of a cardiac arrest at his residence at Kathgarh Bazar in Patenga yesterday at the age of 62.

He is survived by three sons and three daughters.

In 1952, Bari was imprisoned for his active role in the language movement.

UNB, Dhaka

Meer Mozammel Hossain, father of UNB Staff Correspondent Meer Saiful Islam Tushar, died of cardiac arrest at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases on Thursday night. He was 62.

Hossain is survived by his wife, six sons, and two daughters.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Abdul Hakim Chowdhury will be held at the residence of his son, Justice Shamsuddin Ahmed Chowdhury Manik, at House No. 45, Road No. 9, Cantonment residential area, after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

Abdul Hakim died at the Combined Military Hospital on Thursday.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Md. Sohrab Hossain, a former minister.

Various programmes have been taken up

to mark the death anniversary of Sohrab Hossain, who was also a member of the then Pakistan National Assembly.

The programmes include milad mahfil, feeding of the destitute, and prayers.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Night temperature may fall 1-2 degree Celsius over the country, Metoffice said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 9.2 degree at Srirangol and Ishwardi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.41 pm today and rises at 6:42 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest 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	23.0	12.4	53	52
Chittagong	28.9	16.5	71	48
Rajshahi	24.3	09.4	85	58
Khulna	25.2	12.4	74	60
Barisal	24.6	11.0	89	88
Sylhet	24.1	10.7	84	53
Cox's Bazar	27.8	20.0	-	615

Freshers' reception at USTC today

CU CORRESPONDENT

A freshers' reception for first year students of the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) will be held at the USTC auditorium today.

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will attend the function as chief guest and State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury as special guest.

Prof Serajul Haque hospitalised

Dr Serajul Haque, emeritus Professor of Department of Islamic Studies, Dhaka University, has been hospitalised for a fracture of his left leg recently, says a press release.

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