

Decide number of tiers of local govt thru' consensus

Speakers suggest at roundtable in city

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a roundtable conference yesterday stressed the need for deciding the number of tiers of local government through national consensus to give the local governance at the grassroots a solid foundation.

They viewed that fair election to local bodies could be possible once the tiers were decided and this would make the decentralisation of power effective and meaningful.

The Khan Foundation organised the roundtable conference on "Ensuring Local Governance at Grass Roots level."

LRD and Co-operatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan attended the conference as chief guest while Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud and chief whip of the opposition in parliament Principal Mohammad Abdus Shahid attended it as special guests. Executive Director of Khan Foundation Advocate Rohksana Khondoker was in the chair.

Mannan Bhuiyan said power was centralised in the past in the name of decentralisation. Citing examples of administrative cen-

tralisation he said the present government was committed to strengthening the local governance system as per the manifesto of BNP.

The minister underlined the need for ensuring accountability at the grass roots level to make local government more effective in future.

Betar to air Ekushey functions live

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Betar will air the Ekushey functions live from Central Shaheed Minar from the zero hour of February 21 on the occasion of Shaheed Dibash and International Mother Language day.

Dhaka Station of Bangladesh Betar will broadcast the programme live on its 1000-KW medium wave and all regional stations will relay it simultaneously, said an official handout.

Poverty Elimination Through Rice Research Assistance (PETRRA) Call for Concept Notes on System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI), first developed in Madagascar, is an innovative technique of rice production, which is being evaluated in some South and Southeast Asian countries.

PETRRA is now issuing a call for concept Notes to assist the on-going research within Bangladesh. Competent and qualified organizations (Government or Non-government or private sector) are encouraged to submit concept notes. Concerned agencies must already be working with SRI technology and must have a track record of commitment to agriculture development for resource-poor farm households. Research will be targeted to the specific regions of Bangladesh.

PETRRA is a demand-led, participatory research initiative with the purpose to enhance the productive potential of rice-based farming systems in Bangladesh. It is funded by UK Department for International Development and managed by the International Rice Research Institute in close partnership with the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute. The main goal of the project is to substantially increase domestic rice production and rural incomes by 2008, so that these achievements can contribute towards a 50 percent reduction in rural and urban poverty by 2015.

Closing date for submissions is March 17, 2002.

Specific details may be obtained by contacting :

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Narayanganj Zila Unnayan Bastabayan Parishad staged a token hunger strike in front of the Pousabha office in Narayanganj yesterday demanding immediate election to the Pousabha.

Anaesthesiologists' AGM Mar 10

The annual general meeting and scientific seminar of Bangladesh Society of Anaesthesiologists will be held on March 10 at 9:00 am in AMI conference room at 63 Eskaton in the city, says a press release.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain will be present as chief guest.

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Building construction

RDA seeks power to control quality

BSS, Rajshahi

The authority has no power in controlling the quality of building constructions under the existing law of the country, Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) officials said.

They said the structural design of building should be controlled by the authorities concerned or the government considering an earthquake threat for the region.

"We have no control on the builders for maintaining quality as the building construction act 1952, the only law in the country regarding building construction, provides no authority on this issue," said Abul Kalam Azad, an officer of RDA.

Azad, the only official to oversee the building construction works of Rajshahi City was talking

Bangla TV donates Tk 24 lakh to PM's relief fund

BSS, Dhaka

Firoz Khan, executive chairman of London based Bangla TV yesterday handed over a cheque for 30,000 Pound Sterling (Approximately Tk 24 lakh) to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office towards Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Receiving the cheque Khaleda thanked Khan for the donation and urged expatriate Bangladeshis to increasingly invest in Bangladesh. She said her government has created the Expatriate Welfare Ministry as per her election pledge.

Under its self-financed programme, RDA is implementing the housing projects and shopping complex.

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CU admission test

16 vie for each seat

CU CORRESPONDENT

There are 831 seats in the arts faculty, but the number of admission seekers is 7321.

As many as 17,696 applications have been submitted against 453 seats in the Bachelor of Business Administration faculty.

Social sciences faculty received 6,105 applications against 489 seats and the law department will enrol 116 students from 4,423 admission seekers.

The environmental science and forestry subjects drew the lowest number of students. Only 175 candidates submitted applications against 63 seats.

And the BBA emerged as the most sought-after faculty. Nearly 30 students will vie for each seat this year.

The admission tests will begin on March 18.

A total of 11,570 students have submitted applications for admission into science faculty against 889 seats.

Ansar-VDP host dinner for PM

BSS, Chittagong

Police foiled an attempt to kidnap a college student and arrested one person in the city yesterday.

Three kidnappers were waiting in an autorikshaw in front of the government City College gate to kidnap Abu Obayed Pervez, 24, a degree examinee from Muslim Education Society College, Police sources said.

As Parvez came out of the examination hall at about 2:30 pm, the gang stopped him.

When the student raised an alarm, a mobile team of Kotowali police rushed to the spot and arrested Abdul Wahid, 26, son of GM Monir Ahmed of Amirabad village of Lohaghatara.

Other members of the gang managed to flee from the scene.



OBITUARY

Al-Haj Noor Jahan Begum, mother of Mr. Wahid Sadique, Managing Director, S S Productions Ltd passed away at the age of 82 years on 14 February 2002 at Dhaka from old age complications (Inhalilahay.....rajeun).

Late Al-Haj Noor Jahan Begum passed matriculation examination in first division in the year 1936 from Ishaan Institution, Faridpur under Calcutta University. She was the daughter of late Khan Saheb Daliuddin Ahmed, District Inspector of School, undivided Bengal, Faridpur and wife of late Molouy S K Sadique, Deputy Magistrate (Rtd) and also only daughter-in-law of late Khan Saheb Shamsur Rahman, M.L.A. undivided Bengal, Khulna. She was buried at their family graveyard at Tuptara, Khulna.

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