

## 'Education for All' week begins tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka  
The Education for All Week will be observed throughout the country from tomorrow.

This year, the theme of the week, observed under the auspices of Primary and Mass Education Department, is: "We won't remain illiterate, Won't become Burdens for the Nation."

Meanwhile, the department has drawn up an elaborate programme to observe the week in a befitting manner.

On the first day of the week, a colourful procession will be brought out from South Plaza of the Sangsad Bhaban at 8 am. The procession will parade through different city streets before terminating at the same place.

Primary and Mass Education Advisor to the Prime Minister Prof Jahannara Begum will lead the procession.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the week at Bangladesh-China Friendship Hall at 11 am on the day.

On April 23, meetings, gatherings and rallies will be held at schools at upazila and district levels.

An education fair will be held

in the National Press Club auditorium on the day. Painting competitions will also be held at district levels and at Shishu Academy at national level on the day.

A national seminar on 'Standard Education for All' will take place on April 24. Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman will address the seminar as chief guest.

On April 25, Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will air discussions on the week.

## Over 1200 arrested

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Police arrested a total of 1,259 people including eight listed criminals from across the country in 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

The law enforcers also recovered two firearms, five explosives and 2,780 bullets during the drive.

Of the arrested, Masud Rana, Shankar, Parimal Kanti and Malek Gazi of Khulna, Abu Daud of Sakhira, Zira Islam of Kushtia, Alamgir of Chittagong and Nanna Sheikh of Bagerhat are identified criminals.

## One in every ten people suffers from dementia

BSS, Dhaka

At least one in every ten people in the country suffers from dementia (loss of memory) at old age due to injuries in their central nervous system caused by brain strokes.

Many of such patients endure neurological difficulties including vertigo during their ailments.

This was revealed at a symposium on "Managed Care Approach for Aging Brain -- Opportunity for a Better Future" held in the city on Friday under the auspices of Servier Bangladesh Ltd, a French drug company that started operation in the country recently.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof M Tahir, Chairman of Medicine Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital Ferdous Ara, Principal of Bangladesh Medical College Major General (ret'd) Anis Waiz spoke on the occasion.

Prof Herve Allain, a visiting French neurologist and researcher, presented the keynote paper at the symposium while Jacques Chevalle, Chief of Servier Asia Region, and Dr Pinaki Bhattacharya, Sales and Promotion Manager of Servier Bangladesh, spoke as guest speakers.

Prof Herve discussed severe cognitive impairment resulting from diseases, injuries and stresses. He said a product of his company named Duxil has generated hopes among such patients and their family members as well.

Neurological tissues, eyes and auditory tissues suffer most for decreasing oxygen concentration caused by aging resulting in poor memory and cognitive disorder.

"Duxil brings more oxygen to the affected area and thereby improves and fixes various kinds of cognitive dysfunction," Prof Herve added.



(Left) A woman candidate for ward commissioner post in the Dhaka City Corporation polls campaigning at ward no. 54 with the election symbol 'pineapple' yesterday. (Right) Another candidate campaigning at Ward No 8.

## Founding anniversary of Pioneer Dental College Raise awareness about proper dental care: President

BSS, Dhaka

President A Q M Badrudduja Chowdhury yesterday called for raising awareness about proper dental care.

He was speaking as chief guest at a function marking the eighth founding anniversary of the Pioneer Dental College at a city hotel.

Works Minister Mirza Abbas also spoke on the occasion as special guest.

Explaining the importance and urgency of maintaining sound dental health, the President asked the dentists to hold regular dental camps in rural and urban areas for apprising the general people and students of schools and colleges of the importance of maintaining good oral health.

Appreciating the gradual expansion of dental education in the country, President Chowdhury said that the dental surgeons should popularise the basic knowledge of maintaining oral health.

"The Dental Surgeons have special responsibility to make the people conscious about the causes of oral cancer and other related diseases," the President said.

He suggested that the mass

media including radio, television and newspapers should be used to educate the people about dental health. "You should dispel the idea that we do not know how to take care of teeth," he said.

The President advised the people to take food and fruits rich in vitamin C for maintaining good oral health. He called upon the people to take guava, amlaki and other citrus fruits as much as they can.

Presided over by chairman of the governing body of Pioneer Dental College Prof Mohammad Ashraf Hossain, the function was also addressed by principal of the college Dr Habibur Rahman Ansari, Prof M A Majid, Dr Mohammad Rakibul Hossain, Dr Khondkar Mohammad Shafiqur Rahman and Dr Rezaul Huq.

Senior physicians, dentists and students of the Pioneer Dental College attended the function.

## Call to elect four-party candidates in DCC polls

BSS, Dhaka

Senior political and labour leaders at a huge rally at Osmani Udyan yesterday called for electing the BNP-led four-party alliance's mayoral and commissioner candidates in the Dhaka City Corporation polls.

They extended their unqualified support to mayoral candidate Sadeq Hossain Khoka and the alliance's commissioner aspirants.

The rally was organised by the Dhaka Sarak Paribahan Malik-Sramik Oikya Parishad to mobilise support for the four-party candidates in the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) elections.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadeq Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, GM Siraj, MP, Salauddin Ahmad, MP, and Malik-Sramik Oikya Parishad leaders.

## Scouts team to attend workshop in Jakarta

BSS, Dhaka

A three-member delegation of Bangladesh Scouts led by M Fazlur Rahman, Chief National Commissioner, left for Jakarta yesterday to attend a 5-day long Asia-Pacific Regional Adult Resources Management workshop beginning there today.

Other members of the delegation are M Toufiq Ali, Deputy National Commissioner and K M Sayeduzzaman, Assistant Field Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts, said a press release.

## 2000 more taxicabs to be launched in city

UNB, Dhaka

Cab Express (BD) Limited is going to launch 2,000 new taxicabs in the capital city as an alternative to auto-rickshaws.

The new 800cc taxicabs will help resolve transportation problem as well as check environment pollution in the city.

An agreement to this effect will be signed and the new 800cc cabs will be formally launched at a

function at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel today.

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj and State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar will attend the ceremony.

Chairman of Cab Express (BD) Limited G M Siraj MP will preside over the function, says a press release.

**BCIC International Tender Notice**

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Bangladesh Insulator & Sanitaryware Factory Ltd, Bux Nagar, Mirpur, Dhaka invites sealed tender in two envelope system for supply of "1,500 Pcs. Carborundum (SiC) Plate with Slots" against Tender No. BISE/PD-3.16/061/30 dt. 06-04-2002 on "C&F (C), Chittagong" basis under any suitable source of financing. Detailed tender documents will be obtainable from (i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong & (iii) BISE at Tk 300.00 for each. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 05-05-2002 at BCIC Head Office & BISE and will be opened immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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**Managed care approach of aging brain - opportunity for a better future**

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A French multinational pharmaceutical company 'Servier International' organised a symposium titled 'Managed care approach of aging brain-opportunity for a better future' in the city on Friday.

**বিটিএমসি সার্ভিস চার্জ পার্টি নিয়োগের জরুরি ওয় পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

মহাব্যবস্থাপক, কাদেরিয়া টেক্সটাইল মিলস লিঃ, টংগী-গাজীপুর কর্তৃক পার্টির নিজস্ব অর্ধ কাঁচা তুলা সরবরাহপূর্বক সার্ভিস চার্জের বিনিময়ে উৎপাদিতব্য ১০০% ভাগ সুতা ২ (দুই) বৎসরের জন্য চুক্তিভিত্তিক সার্ভিস চার্জ পরিকল্পিত পরিচালনার নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত সুতাব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হইতে সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তনুযায়ী নির্ধারিত ফরমে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। প্রতিসেট সিডিউলের মূল্য নগদ ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা প্রদান সাপেক্ষে (অফেরতযোগ্য) (১) হিসাব বিভাগ, বিটিএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়, বিটিএমসি ভবন, ৭-৯, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা (২) ইনচার্জ, বিটিএমসি লিয়ার্জে অফিস, জাহান বিল্ডিং, ৭৯, অগ্রাবাদ বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম এবং মিলের হিসাব বিভাগ হইতে আগামী ২৭-০৪-২০০২ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পাওয়া যাইবে। দরপত্র আগামী ২৮-০৪-২০০২ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত (১) বস্ত্র মন্ত্রণালয় এর যুগ্ম সচিব (প্রশাসন), বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ভবন নং-৬ (১২ তলা), কক্ষ নং-১১০৭, শাখা-৫ (২) বিটিএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়ের বাণিজ্য বিভাগ (৩) বিটিএমসি লিয়ার্জে অফিস, চট্টগ্রাম এবং (৪) মিলের বাণিজ্যিক বিভাগে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তব গ্রহণ করা হইবে। দরপত্র একই দিন অর্থাৎ ২৮-০৪-২০০২ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। বায়না হিসাবে অত্র মিলের অনুকূলে ১৫.০০ (পনের) লক্ষ টাকা যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হইতে ইয়াকৃত ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার আকারে আবেদনপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে যা চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরের পর জামানত হিসাবে চুক্তির মেয়াদ পর্যন্ত সুদবিহীন অবস্থায় মিলে জমা থাকিবে। কোন অবস্থাতেই জামানতবিহীন কোন দরপত্র বিবেচনায়া আনা হইবে না এবং চেক গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না। কোন দরদাতা সিডিউলে বর্ণিত কোন শর্ত পালনে ব্যর্থ হইলে উক্ত দরপত্র বিবেচিত হইবে না এবং সিডিউল বিহীনভাবে বাস্তবিকভাবেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/পাতিলা করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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**Workshop on Metallurgical and Quality Aspects of Welds**

20-21 June, 2002, BUET, Dhaka  
Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering  
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka

Welding, one of the most important metal fabrication techniques, is widely used in manufacture, construction, erection, assembly and maintenance. Welding quality depends mainly on the metallurgical structure of the weld and base metal. The aim of this two-day long workshop is to discuss and disseminate current understanding of metallurgical and quality aspects of welds. Engineers and professionals engaged in erection, maintenance of power plants, chemical and process industries, oil/gas fields, civil and mechanical construction and shipbuilding are expected to benefit from the workshop. The workshop will also be useful to manufacturers and sales personnel dealing in welding equipments and products.

The registration fee for the workshop is Tk 3,000/- (laka three thousand) only and payable by Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of "Director, BRTC, BUET". Interested participants are requested to apply before May 30, 2002. For registration form and further information, participants are requested to contact:

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**FEMA to monitor city corporation elections**

UNB, Dhaka

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has decided to observe the ensuing elections of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna city corporations.

FEMA will deploy observers in 25 per cent of the total polling stations in Dhaka and 50 per cent of the polling stations of Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations.

In addition, mobile teams of FEMA will monitor the polls, said a press release.

According to the Election Commission, a total of 28,79,028 voters in Dhaka, 3,80,990 voters in Khulna and 2,10,480 voters in Rajshahi City Corporation are expected to exercise franchise in the election on April 25.

**Qulkhwani**

Qulkhwani of Sajeda Khanam Pakhi will be held today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a *milad mahfil* will be held at her residence at 52/A, Lake Circus, Kalabagan, in the city after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Sajeda Khanam died on Thursday night.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Opening ceremony**  
The opening ceremony of the project titled 'Safe Custody for Women, Children and Adolescent Girls' implemented by the Department of Women Affairs will be held with Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Zahan Haque. Venue: Asadgate New Colony Field, Lalmaia. Time: 11.00am.

**Silent protest**  
Noted cultural activists will stage a silent protest demanding continuation of the broadcast of Ekushey Television. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 10.00am.

**Reunion**  
A reunion of the former and present leaders of Bangladesh Krishak League will be held with leader of the opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers. Time: 10.00am.

**Seminar**  
An advocacy seminar organised by the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) to make garment workers aware about sexual diseases and HIV. Venue: FPAB office, 2 Nayapalton. Time: 10.00am.

**Seminar on Allama Iqbal**  
The Allama Iqbal Society of Bangladesh

organises a seminar titled 'Muslim World's Challenges: Iqbal's concept'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.30pm.

**Meeting**  
A meeting of the executive committee of Chattagram Samity, Dhaka will be held. Venue: Samity Bhaban, 32 Tophkana Road. Time: 7.00pm.

**Inauguration**  
The formal inauguration of 800 CC taxicab service introduced by the Cab Express (BD) Ltd. will be held with Communication Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7.00pm.

**Film show**  
Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen two films of Andrei Tarkovsky - 'Nostalgie' and 'The Sacrifice'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.00pm and 6.30pm respectively.

**DHAKA TOMORROW**

**Convocation**  
The first convocation of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology will be held with President AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Osmany Memorial Hall. Time: 10.00am.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Dry weather likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and one or two places over Khulna and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Met office said, predicting slight fall in day temperature over the country during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 21.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:22 pm today and rises at 5:31 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	34.0	26.3	75	63
Chittagong	33.2	26.0	72	73
Rajshahi	36.5	26.8	78	61
Khulna	35.5	27.8	71	70
Barisal	33.8	26.6	75	77
Sylhet	33.2	25.3	75	73
Cox's Bazar	33.4	25.6	78	73

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Memo No. BCC-931/Secondary (3rd Phase) Purchase(Part-2)/2002-421 Date: 18-04-2002

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide Distributors/Manufacturers/Suppliers for supply of Dot Matrix Printer (as stated in Sl. No-2 below) under the project entitled: "Assistance to the Secondary Education for Introducing Computer Course (Phase III)" implemented by Bangladesh Computer Council, Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description
1.	BCC-931/Secondary (3rd Phase) Purchase(Part-2)/2002-421	
2.	Dot Matrix Printer	309 sets According to tender schedule
3.	Place of selling the Tender Schedule	Bangladesh Computer Council House No. # 31/A, Road No. # 6 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205
4.	Date of selling the Tender Schedule	24 April - 02 May, 2002 during office hours
5.	Price of the Tender Schedule	Tk. 750.00 (Non-refundable)
6.	Place of dropping the Tender Schedule	1. Bangladesh Computer Council House No. # 31/A, Road No. # 6 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 2. Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology Bhaban No. 6, Floor No. 9, Branch. 14, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 3. Divisional Commissioner Office 1st 12 storied Building, 2nd Floor, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka
7.	Date & Time of dropping the Tender Schedule	04 May, 2002, within 12:00 PM
8.	Place, Date and Time of opening the Tender Schedule	Bangladesh Computer Council House No. # 31/A, Road No. # 6 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205  04 May 2002, at 2:30 PM (in presence of bidders if any)
09.	Earnest Money	2.5% of the Total Quoted Price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from a Scheduled Bank will have to be submitted with the Financial Offer in favour of the Project Director, "Assistance to the Secondary Education for introducing Computer Course (Phase III)".

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md. Zabed Ali Sorker  
Project Director

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