



Acting president of Awami League Abdus Samad Azad speaking at a press conference at the party's central office in the city yesterday.

Telephone-based internet facilities introduced in city

A telephone-based internet service was introduced in Dhaka yesterday, says a PID handout.

This new Information Technology was innovated by Dr. Emad Khan, a Bangladeshi scientist based in California. Information Services Network (ISN) has introduced the service in the country.

Information Minister Tariqul Islam inaugurated the IT service, named ECHOBANGLA. Presided over by Chairman of ISN, AZM Enayeturrahman Khan, the inaugural function was also addressed by Chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission Syed Marghoob Murshed.

The Information Minister lauded the introduction of telephone-based internet service, saying that it would allow those not possessing computers an access to internet facilities.

Recalling the introduction of Internet by the previous BNP government in 1996 by opening the V-SAT, Tariqul said the government pursues the policies favourable to the promotion of information technology.

In this connection, he said the government has taken steps to install Fibre Optic Submarine Cable to connect Bangladesh with the Global Information Super Highway, establish an IT institute and IT villages, promote short and long term investments in the sector and include IT as a subject in the syllabus for educational institutions.

He lauded the private sector for their positive entrepreneurship in this field and called for a healthy competition to reach the benefits of IT throughout the country.

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Govt to recruit 2500 more nurses

UNB, Dhaka

The government would recruit some 2,500 more nurses soon to add momentum to the nursing services for the ailing people.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Amanullah Aman disclosed the plan at a function marking the International Nurses Day yesterday.

"It's a noble profession; nursing is part of treatment and healing of patients mostly depends on nursing," said Aman.

Reaffirming government's determination to improve and ensure health services for the people, he said the Prime Minister had already laid the foundation stone of Nursing College in Bogra for higher training of nurses.

Referring to the previous gov-

ernment's step in this sector, Aman said Awami League had provided only 9 ambulances during their five-year rule and the present government provided 65 during last six months.

Asking doctors and nurses to provide proper healthcare and nursing, the State Minister urged people not to go abroad for treatment.

Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association (BDNA) organised the function at the Dr. Milon Auditorium at Dhaka Medical College.

Earlier in the morning, a rally was taken out from the National Museum as part of the day's programme, which ended at Jatiya Press Club. The marchers carried festoons and banners inscribed with the theme "Nurses always there for you-caring for families."

Cooperate with new mayor: Hanif

Outgoing Mayor Mohammad Hanif urged the officials and employees of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to cooperate with the newly elected mayor to provide better civic amenities for the city-dwellers, says a press release.

He made the call at a farewell reception for him at the Nagar Bhaban Auditorium yesterday.

Hanif listed all the development work during his tenure and expressed thanks to all his colleagues for helping implement these.

Among others, the programme

FEMA to monitor municipality elections

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) will observe the elections to 11 municipalities out of 13, says a press release.

The election will be held in Jaldhaka (Nilphamari), Gangni (Meherpur), Mirzapur and Sakhipur (Tangail), Fulbaria and Fulpur (Mymensingh), Katiadi (Kishoreganj), Goalanda (Rajbari), Dirai (Sunamganj), Golapganj (Sylhet), Baralekha (Moulvibazar) and Sitakunda and Mirsarai (Chittagong) municipalities today.

FEMA decided to deploy a total of 105 voluntary observers in all 105 polling stations under 11 municipalities. Besides, mobile teams headed by the leaders of FEMA district committees will also observe the election.

FEMA, however, will not observe elections in Mirzapur and Sakhipur municipalities under Tangail district.



was attended by Chief Executive Officer of DCC AZM Shafiqul Islam, Secretary Alamgir Hossain Khan and leaders of different employees' unions.

Moudud visits IDHRB office

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed has said the democratic governments have constitutional obligations to strengthen the rule of law and protect human rights.

The comments of the minister came when he visited the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh Project (IDHRB) office in the city yesterday.

He laid emphasis on raising the awareness about human rights issues among people, especially women, children and other vulnerable section of society are not acquainted with these.

KM Haque (Kaiser), national project coordinator of IDHRB, apprised the minister of the current and planned activities of the project.



Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj visited Karwan Bazar in the city yesterday to see whether polybags are still being used despite a ban on it.

IT contributes to national development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-vice-chancellor of National University Prof. Dr. Md. Khalilur Rahman has said the development of information technology will greatly contribute to the development of education, commerce and economy of the country.

He was speaking at the orientation ceremony of the students of B.Sc. (Honours) in Computer Science at the Institute of Library and Computer Science (ILCS) in Khulna on Friday.

The function was also addressed by Begum Ferdausi Ali, president of Khulna Press Club, Dr. M.A. Hashem, head of the Computer Science and Engineering department and Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, head of the Electronics

and Communication Engineering department of BIT as special guests.

M.A.Qaim, principal of ILCS delivered the welcome speech at the function.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Former Assistant General Manager of Jiban Bima Corporation Atiqul Alam of village Mirampur, under Kashiani (thana of Copalganj) died of cancer at Bangladesh Medical Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 63, family sources said.

The quikhwani of Alam will be held at his 27 Jigatola residence "Anar Kali" on May 15. Friends and relatives have been requested to attend the quikhwani.

15-day art exhibition in city from May 15

BSS, Dhaka

The Indian High Commission will hold a 15-day painting exhibition by artists exclusively from Chittagong, titled "Poob Sagorer Paar Theke" from May 15 to 29 at the High Commission's Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi here.

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition at 6.30 pm on May 15. Indian High Commissioner Mani Lal Tripathi will preside, a High Commission release said yesterday.

The exhibition is an effort by

the Indian High Commission to pay tributes to the rich art work of 15 eminent artists from Chittagong. They are - Dhali Al-Mamoon, Dilara Begum Jolly Hashi Chakraborty, KMA Quayyum, Md Aloptogin, Md Iashim Uddin, Monsur-ul-Karim, Nazlee Laila Mansur, Osman Pasha, Sanjib Datta, Shoumen Das, Sofia Begum, Syed Abdullah Khalid, Tasadduk Hossain Dulu and Zahed Ali Chowdhury.

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The training course will be held from May 28 (for two months), 2002 at the Institute of Health Economics, Arts Faculty Building, University of Dhaka. To facilitate participation of in-service personnel, sessions will be held in the evening from 5:00 to 8:30 PM everyday of the week (except holidays). The number of participants will be limited to 30. The course is sponsored by the DFID, and as such no tuition fees will be charged. However, the selected candidates will have to pay a registration fee of Tk. 500 (five hundred) only. The course is specially designed for the managers, policy makers, planners and researchers working in the health sector.

Interested participants are requested to apply to the Director, Institute of Health Economics, Arts Faculty Building, University of Dhaka, by May 26, 2002. Interview for selection of the candidates will be held on May 27, 2002. Applications should be made in a prescribed form obtainable from Md. Fakhrul Alam, Section Officer, Institute of Health Economics, paying a fee of Taka 100/= (one hundred) only.

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