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The White Panel has swept the election to the academic council of Chittagong University (CU).

The BNP-Jamaat-backed White Panel bagged three posts out of four. And the rest went to the leftleaning Pink Panel.

The election of two associate professors and two assistant professors was held on Saturday.

Awami League-backed Blue Panel also contested the election but failed to get any post.

The elected White Panel candidates are Dr AKM Haroon-ur Rashid, associate professor of Physics department, Mohammad Imam Hossain, associate profesand Dr. Shariar Talukdar, assistant professor of Fine Arts department.

Dr Rashid got the 170 votes, Imam Hossain 160 votes and Dr. Shariar 163 votes.

Assistant professor of Microbiology Department Mohammad Abul Mansur of the Pink Panel won the election, bagging 154 votes.

The election was held at the science faculty gallery No. 1 from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Most sex workers not aware of safe sex, AIDS

was advised an ALISA test for HIV.

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no idea on safe sex and the dan-

gers of AIDS although a number of

NGOs are working with a UNDP-

supported programme under the

National AIDS/STD programme to

inform them of the dangers, par-

According to a recent study on

400 young women by NISHKRITY,

an NGO working for adolescent

slum women and CSWs, only two

per cent of the respondents in five

separate slums in the city could

tell that certain diseases are

Most of them had no idea of

The survey also found that the

transmitted through sexual en-

ticularly HIV infection.

without protection.

NAIMUL HAQ

Rina (not her real name) had to drop out of school at a tender age because of poverty. And her family of one sister and two brothers were forced to move to the capital in search of job about five years

Her separated, sick father could not earn so 16-year-old Rina, the eldest child of the family, took over the responsibility for supporting the family.

Rina started working as an apprentice in a garment assembly plant close to a one-room slum house her family had rented. But she found it very difficult to meet the daily family needs with only

300 taka as monthly salary. Frustrated and discontented with the small payment, Rina desperately looked for job elsewhere. statistics department, About seven months ago, Rina was happy to find out a job that she did not like, but it was barely enough to support the family, pay the rent and make some small

"One day a friend in the neighbourhood offered me a job as sex worker which I declined until I was paid Tk 4000 in advance the day before I met my first client," said the young pretty girl.

surviving on my earnings, but my family and the neighbours do not hood, but I have no other choice. I know that I work as a sex worker. have neither education nor any

My family knows that I still work in a garment factory," said Rina.

Rina may be happy but she is engaged in one of the most hazardous occupation that she did not know about until very recently contracting the virus for AIDS.

Like Rina, there are hundreds of commercial sex workers (CSWs) in the city who earn to support their families without knowing about the dangers of contracting HIV virus and other sexually transmitted infections (STI).

Twenty-one-year old Aruna (not her real name), a fellow sex worker from Patchtala slum, despite having known the importance of condom use, agreed to have unprotected sex with a client who paid an extra amount. She detailed her terror and anger at herself as she awaits the results of

Aruna who has an elevenmonth-old son and supports a family of three brothers and sister was inspired to join prostitution about a year ago.

me when I was pregnant and now I have younger brothers and sischoosing prostitution for liveli-

Minor girl raped

in Mymensingh

UNB, Mymensingh

house for a day.

rhea - the most common diseases tected sex with multiple partners," Last week, Aruna had to un- reported in voluntary tests.

dergo treatment to terminate her large number of the CSWs have population research organisation. four-month old pregnancy and symptomatic evidence of HIV. As she is now fighting with frequent sickness. Doctors suspected she has some serious illness and she NISHKRITY. Aruna and Rina are among

Project A H M Shamsuzaman: "In our recent surveys it was revealed that more and more young, unemployed and illiterate floating girls are engaged in the prostitution, but most of them have no education on safe sex or on the dangers of HIV infection."

"Many young CSWs think that sexually transmitted diseases are not a major problem and they are curable so they are not very worried," said Barek.

Separate surveys showed a very low knowledge on HIV/AIDS among different population

According to a study in 1999, Human Immuno-Virus (HIV) that only 11.59 per cent of surveyed "I chose this profession be- can cause AIDS or Acquired- population could mention AIDS as cause there is money in it. And Immuno Deficiency Syndrome. a sexually transmitted disease and without money. I know, my family While a few were familiar with the 54 per cent respondents have will not survive," she said. "It's a name but had no idea that the mentioned that having sex with challenge for me. My husband left disease spreads through sexual act HIV positive person can spread

"I am happy that my family is ters to look after. Although I regret women had very little idea on already started in the South Asian sexually transmitted diseases, region. Bangladesh continues to known about syphilis and gonor- active girls are practising unpro- sex.

said researchers of ICDDR,B, a "It is horrifying to know that a leading international health and

"However, almost all the ele-HIV test is expensive, only a few go ment for an explosive outbreak of for the confirmatory tests," said an HIV/AIDS epidemic has been Md Abdul Barek, Chief of found in the country. Here, we have a very high prevalence of Said Manager of HIV/AIDS sexually transmitted diseases indicating the country's increased susceptibility / to HIV/AIDS," scientist of ICDDR, B said.

An ICDDR,B study strongly warns against the danger of denial and complacence. It recommends actions almost on a war footing. It emphasises appropriate education at all levels, including household, school and out-of-school education, and counselling.

The study suggests that education on safe sex has to be given in conformity with our socio-cultural background. The caretakers and health service providers must be oriented to and sympathetic about | STAFF CORRESPONDENT the need of health services for female adolescents.

NISHKRITY uses the rolemodel examples to encourage and support continued behavioural change. This support, along with "An epidemic of HIV/AIDS has individuals' own experience with safer behaviours, is designed to generate the self-confidence peo-Only about 4.5 per cent had be a low prevalence area. Sexually ple need to refuse unprotected



The 11 Party organised a discussion on the proposed national budget at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Young Debaters' Festival inaugurated

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday said working children can make significant contributions to the development of the country if they are given facilities to study.

He was inaugurating the Young Debaters Festival organised jointly by The British Council and the Working for Better Life (WBL) at the British Council Auditorium in the city.

Mostafa Shiblee, executive director of the WBL presided over the function which was also addressed by Carl Reuter, director of the British Council.

The best debaters from 75 schools in Dhaka who are popularly known as Young Change Agents (YCA) and the teachers of their schools were also present on the occasion.

Appreciating the call of young debaters to set up more public toilets in the city, the mayor said necessary steps will be taken to fulfil their demand.

He also appreciated the initiatives of the WBL and urged them to extend their programme all over the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Carl Reuter said debate is a powerful tool to develop communication skills of the children and every student should take part in it.

The young debaters also held debates on some topics before the imayor. These included harmful effects of smoking, launching of health services in every school and

removal of differences among the students coming from lower, middle and upper classes.

They also requested the mayor to help implement these programmes.

At the festival, two participants of the British Council Project 'Connecting Futures in UK' Bashir Ahmed and Salma Siddiqui also spoke about their experience with

the YCAs in London. Later in the afternoon, the WBL organised a programme to distribute computers donated from the USA for their partner schools in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque handed over 40 computers among the students who received IT training from the

Death anniversary



versary of Mary Gomes, former senior teacher Little Jewels School, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, prayers will be offered at her grave at Wari Christian Cemetery, Ramna Church and at her mother's residence, Thomas Tower, 85/1(E)

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Alternative Budget Analysis, a set of

books consisting of three volumes titled

'The Budget and the Poor', 'The Budget-

Making Process' and 'People's Budget.

An Illustrative Exercise Using

Participatory Tools' will be held with Prof.

Wahiduddin Mahmud as chief guest.

Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time:

The concluding ceremony of the '25th

National Science and Information

Communication Technology Week' will

be held with Prof Abul Kalam

Mohammad Aminul Haq, former vice

chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture

University as chief guest. Venue:

Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time:

Islamic university

Concluding ceremony

3.00pm.

3.30pm.

Plan to expand IT edn countrywide

BSS, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday said the government has undertaken various programmes to expand IT (Information Technology) education across the country considering the global demand of IT professionals. "We have introduced computer

education in school and college levels to develop expertise in the sector to cope with the IT-based modern world," he said.

The minister was speaking at the certificate awarding ceremony puter education is being a part of of Aptech computer education at a Hife of the people specially the local hotel.

A total of 19 students, who suc- try. cessfully completed three years computer education course from to come forward to create IT pro-Aptech's Dhanmondi centres, fessionals, the commerce minister were awarded certificates in the said the private entrepreneurs

Worldwide Ltd Tarun Mitra, President of BASIS Habibullah N Karim and Sabur Khan of BCS spoke on for IT professionals, he said the the occasion with Managing Di- government has formulated rector of Axiom Technologies guidelines to provide jobs for the Friday.

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ঋণ দিচ্ছে

Khasru said the government | day. has taken a move to set up an IT office in the USA to provide support to the private IT companies in the country and searching market to export software there, "Similar IT office would also be set up in Europe to this end," he added.

Referring to prospects of IT education in the country, he said the technology is growing fast in Bangladesh and the students both boys and girls are taking IT training for searching jobs in the sector.

He said at present the commiddle class people in the coun-

Calling upon the private sector should invest more in the sector Head of Asia Pacific of Aptech for the betterment of the nation.

Referring to job opportunities Limited Rizwan Bin Farouq in the TT experts in the country.

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গাছ লাগান - পরিবেশ বাচান

A minor girl was violated allegedly by her neighbour at village Nizbakhail in Trishal upazila on Fri-Polash, 18, son of Khalifa Arfan Ali violated the five-year-old girl and left the scene when she started screaming, police said. But the victim's father could not took her to the hospital immediately as Arfan Ali and his people confined them in their

However, the father of the girl managed to flee from the village along with her daughter and admitted her to the upazila health Later .he filed a case against

complex on Saturday night. four people including Polash and his father Arfan Ali.

Training on mushroom production ends

BSS, Barisal

A three-day long training course on 'Production of mushrooms' for women concluded at the Horticulture Centre at Rahmatpur on

Organised by the Horticulture and Nutrition Development Project, 30 women took part in the training programme. It was conducted by mushroom specialist M Didarul Islam.

The trainees were given knowledge about nutrition value of mushroom and how to produce it.

Besides, a three-day long training course on fruit productions for the farmers also concluded at the Rahmatpur Horti-

culture Centre. A total of 30 farmers took part in this training course. The farm-

ers were imparted training on

plantation, nourishment and pro-

duction of the fruit bearing plants.



The Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicle Importers and Dealers Association staged a demonstration in the city

Govt to reform SSC, HSC exams system, Dr Farruk tells JS

yesterday demanding withdrawal of ban on import of reconditioned vehicles.

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Dr Osman ADB-assisted schools after conment would reform the current Bank (ADB) soon. system of examination in the SSC and HSC level to make it modern tice by Engineer Shamsuddin Ahand time befitting in the greater med (Mymensingh-6) on permisinterest of the students.

Delwar Hossain Khan Dulu of BNP (Mymensingh) in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, he said the government had already started took the issue with ADB in Nocontemplating reform of SSC and HSC level examination system by changing and updating the current syllabus and curriculum.

Other measures include updating question formulation, construction of an auditorium in each district and upazila headquarters Police arrested 1,399 people infor taking examination, introduc- cluding a listed criminal from tion of semester system, change of across the country and seized the current grading system and seven firearms, one other type of holding public examinations more arms and seven rounds of bullet than once in a year like the "A" from their possession during the and "O" level examination. A pro- last 24 hours ending at 6 am yescess is now underway to form an terday. expert committee to prioritise the

The Education Minister said, under investigation.

issue of opening degree classes in funded the projects. Farruk yesterday said the govern- sultation with Asian Development tional institutions of the country

In reply to a call attention no- 1990s. sion for opening degree classes at Replying to a question from M ADB-assisted educational institutions under Higher Secondary Education Project.

Dr Farruk said the government vember last year when it disagreed

1399 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Of them, 680 were wanted perpossible reform measures," he sons and the rest 507 were ar-

the government would take the to relax the terms under which it

Under the project, 133 educawere developed in the first half of A term of the project said that

project would not be allowed to open degree classes. He said the government would take the issue with the ADB again for the benefit of a large number of

the colleges developed under the

students. Making another statement on a call attention notice by M Giasuddin for building five-story foundations for educational institutions in and around the capital, he said the government would consider the issue in view of the rising number of students in educational

institutions. He said, under the terms private universities must shift to their campuses, preferably outside the capital, within five years of their

He said own campuses were one of the key requirements of rested in connection with cases universities to offer congenial academic institutions.

Anti-drug fair

A two-day Anti-drug Fair 2002, organised by the Liberation War Museum, will begin with Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Museum premises, 5 Segun Bagicha. Time: 10.00am.

Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum

A joint meeting of Advisory Council and Central Executive Council of Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum will be held. Venue: Seminar Room of the Central Public Library. Time: 5.00pm.

Civil Service

An extended meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination Committee will be held. Venue: Khamarbari, Farmgate. Time: 4.30pm.



Publication ceremony The publication ceremony of the

The Dhaka Campus of the International Islamic University, Chittagong organises the orientation programme for 11th batch of MBA students of Summer Semester with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time:

পরিকল্পিত গাড়ি পার্কিং-এর লীজ প্রস্তাব আহ্বান কাজের নাম ঃ মতিঝিল থানার নিকট হতে কাকরাইল মোড় হয়ে শান্তিনগর চৌরাস্তার মোড় পর্যন্ত রাস্তার উভয় পাশে গাড়ি পার্কিং ব্যবস্থা চালুকরণ প্রসঙ্গে

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন যানজট নিরসনের লক্ষ্যে মতিঝিল থানার নিকট হতে কাকরাইল মোড় হয়ে শান্তিনগর চৌরাস্তা পর্যন্ত রাস্তার উভয় পাশে পরিকল্পিতভাবে গাড়ি পার্কিং এর জন্য কেবলমাত্র এ জাতীয় কাজে অভিজ্ঞ ও আর্থিক ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে এক বছরের জন্য আর্থিক প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করছে। টাকার পরিমাণ অংকে এবং কথায় উভয়েই উল্লেখ করতে হবে। দরপত্র ক্রয়ের জন্য আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে তাদের নিজস্ব প্যাড়ে আবেদনপত্রসহ আগামী ২২/০৬/২০০২ইং তারিখ হতে ০৬/০৭/২০০২ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, কেন্দ্রীয় হিসাব বিভাগ এবং নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস থেকে ১০০০ (এক হাজার) টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) চালান মারফত ক্রয় করা যাবে এবং আগামী ০৭/০৭/২০০২ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত কেন্দ্রীয় হিসাব বিভাগ ও নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে দরপত্র জমা দেয়া যাবে। ঐ দিন বেলা ১:০০ ঘটিকার সময় সীলমোহরকৃত খাম নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে অফারদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের আগ্রহী প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। উল্লেখিত কাজের আনুষঙ্গিক বিষয় দরপত্রে বর্ণিত শর্ত মোতাবেক অন্তর্ভুক্ত হবে। প্রস্তাব দাখিলের সময় প্রস্তাবিত লীজের টাকার ২.৫% জামানত হিসেবে মেয়র, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের আকারে জমা দিতে হবে। প্রস্তাবের সাথে এ জাতীয় কাজের কমপক্ষে ১ (এক) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতার প্রমাণাদি দাখিল না করিলে উক্ত প্রস্তাব বিবেচিত হবে না। কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বেই লীজের সমুদয় টাকা এককালীন পরিশোধ করতে হবে। এ বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হতে জানা যাবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন বা সকল প্রস্তাব গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন

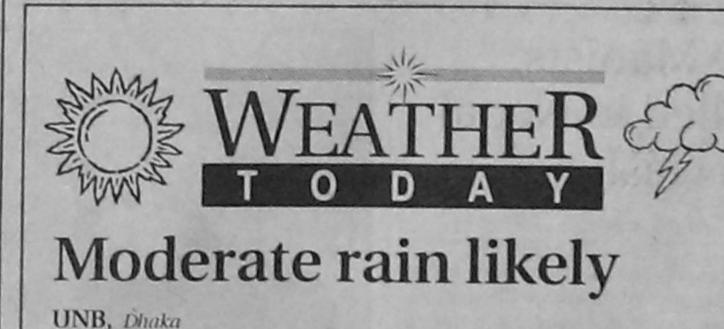
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স্থপতি



The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal took out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday congratulating Tareq Rahman on his appointment as joint secretary general of BNP.



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly during the period over the country. Met office Said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.0 degree Celsius was

recorded at Rangamati and the lowest of 24.5 degree Celsius at Feni. The sun sets in the capital at 6.50 pm today and rises at 5:12 am The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

some major cities and towns yesterday were: Temperature Humidity in in Celsius percentage Morning Evening

City/Town Dhaka 25.0 Chittagong 33.4 Rajshahi 25.7 Khulna 25.6 Barisal 31.6 25.0 Sylhet 33.8 25.0 Cox's Bazar 34.2 25.6 85