

# CIRDAP completes 23 years

**BSS, Dhaka**  
The Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), the only inter-governmental organisation with its headquarters in Bangladesh, completed its 23rd year of existence yesterday covering multi-facet areas towards its avowed objectives of rural development and poverty alleviation in the region.

The issue of rural development and poverty alleviation remains high in the development agenda of the developing and least developed countries in the Asia-Pacific region and CIRDAP has contributed immensely towards accomplishing this goal," said its Director General Mya Maung marking its foundation anniversary. This regional and autonomous institution was established in July, 1979 at the initiative of the countries of the Asia-Pacific region and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN and support from several other UN bodies and donors.

Beginning with less number of countries, CIRDAP membership has now swelled to 13 as more nations joined it considering the usefulness of the organisation. Its member states include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, LAO PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, Bangladesh, which threw its weight towards the setting up of the pride institution in 1979, extended all possible cooperation to its subsequent development.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaking at the council of BCL, Dhaka University unit, at the Engineers' Institute in the city yesterday.

## Large-scale microcredit scheme taken up to reduce poverty

**BSS, Dhaka**

The government has initiated steps toward large-scale implementation of microcredit programme across the country in view of the scheme's striking success in poverty eradication. Different ministries and departments of the government have taken up the programme in line with the Prime Minister's statement in parliament and her guidelines, Finance Ministry sources said.

The Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) will distribute Tk 18 crore among the poorest under a special programme. The government is also attaching greater priority to the creation of small entrepreneurs to make the small credit programme sustainable. The finance and fisheries and livestock ministries have already started working to this end.

The Finance Ministry will offer loans under the Employment Generation Project for the Rural Poor initiative.

Ministry sources said poverty alleviation was the main plank of the government's financial policy and strategy.

The government is imple-

menting a range of development projects under the Annual Development Programme to add zest to poverty eradication.

Besides, a set of other programmes has been taken up under the revenue budget, including food for work, gratuitous relief, test relief and vulnerable group development schemes, to build social security. Food for Education, Special Stipend, Allowance and Free Primary Education programmes of the Education Ministry are contributing to poverty reduction, lessening poor families' pressure on educational expenses.

Besides, the government is also continuing the Old Age Allowance, Allowance for the Destitute, Housing Fund for Loans and Grants for the Homeless, Employment Bank, Housing for the Elderly and Ashrayan projects.

The government has also adopted housing and poverty eradication and goat farming projects to reduce poverty.

The government will also distribute credits among small entrepreneurs from Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank in the current fiscal.

Besides, employment genera-

tion and milk production credits will be disbursed among small entrepreneurs under the Community Livestock and Dairy Development Project.

State-owned banks, including Sonali, Janata, Agrani and Pubali, are giving small loans across the country.

Such loans will also be offered to the hardcore poor by forming a Social Development Foundation (SDF).

The micro-credit programme, which has achieved remarkable success in fighting poverty, is now very popular in both private and public sector development efforts. An economic study of the Finance Ministry said disbursement and recovery of microcredit in both government and private sectors had contributed to poverty reduction substantially.

"Default culture" is almost absent in the micro-credit programme in which the recovery rate is 90-99 per cent," the study said, adding that women are receiving maximum loans and they are serious about repayment on time. It said different private organisations have provided more than 1.16 crore people with micro-credits to the tune of Tk 14,498.32 crore till June 2001.

## Film star Razzak granted bail

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka yesterday granted bail to film star Abdur Razzak, an accused in a criminal case.

Magistrate AKM Abdus Salam Miah passed the order upon a bond of Tk 10,000 with two guarantors.

Razzak along with his lawyers appeared before the court and prayed for bail.

In the petition, the lawyers stated that Razzak was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to tarnish his image in the film industry as well as in the society.

Mohammad Ruhul Amin, law officer of the Film Development Corporation (FDC), filed the complaint case against Razzak with the CMM's Court on April 17.

In the complaint, Ruhul Amin said Razzak used floor, camera and other things of FDC during the shooting of the film 'Maran Niye Khela' last year. It cost Tk 38,72,973.

Razzak gave two separate cheques for Tk 10 lakh but the cheques were dishonored, the complainant told the court.

After the hearing, the court took the complaint into cognizance and directed the accused to appear before the court by May 12.

## IER students boycott classes

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Students of the Institute of Education and Research (IER), Dhaka University started boycotting their classes from yesterday for an indefinite period demanding employment opportunities under the Public Service Commission.

Under the banner of the Chhatra Sangram Parishad (CSP), they started the boycott programme claiming that two batches of the students after completing their honours and masters degree, could not get any government job due to non-inclusion of the subject in the Service Rule of the Public Service Commission.

In support of their demand, the students staged a sit-in in front of the office of the vice-chancellor yesterday. They will submit a memorandum to the VC today to press home their demand.

The student leaders announced that they would go for all-out movement if their demand is not met. Jalal, Noman, Hannan and others spoke on the occasion.

The Bachelor of Education (honours) course was introduced at the institute in 1994-95 academic session to produce skilled manpower.

## Death anniversary



The 8<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Tofazzal Ahmed Bhuiyan will be observed today, says a press release.

Bhuiyan was the Legal Advisor of Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited. He and his wife late Prof Suraya Jabeen were the founders of the Lake View Clinic.

On the occasion of his death anniversary, a milad mahfil will be held at the Lake View Clinic, House No 5, Road No 79, Gulshan-2, after Maghrib prayers.

Friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

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**DHAKA TODAY**

**Film show**  
Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Amodin' directed by Chidananda Dasgupta. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Salmajid Road. Time: 6.30pm.

**Meeting**  
A meeting of the Advisory Committee of South Asia Foundation will be held. Venue: BRAC University, Mahakhali. Time: 5.00pm.

**Computer camp**  
A 12-day Computer Camp, organised by the Technoids, a Canada based Computer Education provider, will begin. Venue: House-43, Road-16, Dhanmondi.

**Concluding function**  
The concluding function of National Tree Plantation Movement and Tree Fair-2002 will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: National Parade Square, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 4.00pm.

**Publication ceremony**  
A discussion meeting has been arranged by the Centre For Bangladesh Culture on the occasion of the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Shilpa Shahitye Sundarban'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

**Award giving ceremony**  
Japan Garden City Cultural Reporters Award ceremony, organised by Bangladesh Cultural Reporters Association, will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 4.30pm.

**Meeting**  
A meeting of the executive council of Uttarabanga Janakalyan Samity will be held. Venue: 54, Dilkusha. Time: 4.30pm.

**DHAKA TOMORROW**

**Film show**  
Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Sati' directed by Aparna Sen. Venue: The High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Salmajid Road. Time: 6.30pm.

**Discussion**  
A discussion on 'Tissue Banking: Public and Professional Awareness' organised by the Institute of Food and Radiation Biology, will be held. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium. Time: 12.00pm.

**Jamiruddin greets King Gyanendra**  
UNB, Dhaka  
Acting President Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar has greeted Nepalese King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev on his 55th birthday. In a message, Jamiruddin Sircar said he believes that the warm and friendly relations between Nepal and Bangladesh would be further strengthened and deepened in the days ahead.

**Six firearms recovered**  
BSS, Dhaka  
Police recovered six firearms, five other types of weapons and ten bullets during the country-wide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday. Police arrested seven people in connection with recovery of arms and filed three cases against them under arms act.

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**লিগ্যাল নোটিশ**

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের জ্ঞাতার্থে নোটিশ প্রদান করা যাইতেছে যে, আমার মক্কেল জনাব মতিউর রহমান ১২৪, উত্তর বেতনবাড়ী, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮ নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি ত্রয়ের নিমিত্তে সম্পত্তির মালিক মেসার্স আইভিয়াল হোম বিসার্ভার্স লিমিটেডের বিরুদ্ধে ১২৪, শান্তিনগর, ঢাকা-১২১৭, এর সহিত বায়না / চুক্তিপত্র আবদ্ধ হইয়াছেন। অত্র নোটিশ প্রকাশের তারিখ হইতে ৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে সম্পত্তির চোকা কেনা সম্পর্কীয় বা অন্য কাহারো কোনরূপ আপত্তি থাকিলে তা নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট লিখিতভাবে দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে আপত্তি দাখিল করা না হইলে পরবর্তীতে উহা সর্বতোভাবে অগ্রাহ্য হইবে।

**তফসিল**

জেলা-ঢাকা, থানা-তেজগাঁও সাব রেজিষ্ট্রেশন অফিস মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা কালেক্টরেট তৌজি নং-৪৩৪, মৌজা বেতনবাড়ী, জে এল নং সিএস ২৭৯, এস, এ ৮৮, সি, এস স্বত্বান নং ৫১, এস, এ স্বত্বান নং ১২৫, সিএস দাগ নং ১৭৪, এস, এ দাগ নং-২৮৬, মিউনিসিপ্যাল হোল্ডিং নং ১০২, ১০৩ শহীদ তাজউদ্দিন সরণী তেজগাঁও ঢাকার অর্ন্তগত মোট জমির পরিমাণ ১১.৫ (এগার দশমিক পাঁচ কাঠা) যাহার অন্তর্গত ৮.০৯ (আট দশমিক শূন্য নয়) কাঠা বা ১০৬৬ অযুতশ চুনি বায়নাকৃত বটে।

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**Planning Manager**

- Graduate in Industrial Engineering / Textile Engineering or Masters in any discipline.
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- Should possess excellent communicational and interpersonal skill.
- Excellent command over English.

**Quality Auditor**

- Masters in any discipline.
- Should have in depth knowledge about Quality Audit in garments & knit fabric production with at least 7 Years working experience in a reputed factory.
- Ability to work in team.

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- Masters in any discipline.
- The ideal candidate should have good understanding about Quality Assurance System and at least 7 years of experience to run a quality assurance team of a modern RMG factory professionally.
- Should possess excellent communicational and interpersonal skill.
- Ability to lead a team of young professionals.

**Work Study Manager**

- Graduate in Industrial Engineering & Planning /MBA / Textile Engineering.
- Should have at least 5 years of working experience in a reputed national or multi-national company in Work Study Department.
- Should have broad understanding about production functions and work study method
- Ability to lead & train a team of young professionals.

**Trainer**

- Masters in any discipline.
- Should have at least 10 years of working experience in a reputed national or multi-national RMG company.
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- Graduate in any discipline.
- The ideal candidate should have good understanding in cutting of knit garments and at least 5 years of experience to run a modern factory professionally.
- Should have hands on experience to work with latest GERBER and INVESTRONICA cutting machines.
- Should be excellent in administration of Cutting Room of the factory.

**Production Manager**

- Masters in any discipline.
- Should have at least 6 years of working experience in a reputed national or multi-national RMG factory.
- Should have in-depth knowledge on modern production technology and techniques of knit garments manufacturing.
- Should possess excellent communicational and interpersonal skill.
- Ability to lead a team of young professionals.

**Packing In-Charge (Finishing & Final Inspection)**

- Graduate in any discipline.
- Should have at least 7 years of experience to run packing department of a modern factory professionally and independently.

**Merchandiser**

- Bachelor in any discipline.
- Should have at least 5 years of working experience in a reputed national or multi-national company in Merchandising Department.
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- Should have broad understanding about knit fabrics & garments.
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- Excellent command over English.

**Materials Manager**

- Graduate in any discipline.
- The ideal candidate should have good understanding about material management and at least 5 years of experience to run stores of a modern composite knit garments manufacturing factory professionally and independently.
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- Graduate or higher study in Textile Technology with specialization in Dyeing.
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Please mention the position applied for on the top of the envelope. Any direct or indirect approach for preferential treatment is discouraged. Only short listed candidates will be called for an interview.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Moderate rain likely**  
UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places during the next 24 hours till 6pm today. Day temperature is expected to remain unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Khepupara and the lowest of 23.2 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.50 pm today and rises at 5:17 am tomorrow.

The 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	31.2	26.2	92	83
Chittagong	31.2	26.0	81	87
Rajshahi	30.2	26.4	92	88
Khulna	32.0	26.7	80	79
Barisal	31.8	25.2	86	92
Sylhet	30.2	25.5	97	100
Cox's Bazar	32.6	26.0	91	93

**Dividend Information**

The Management of Southeast Bank Limited is pleased to inform all its valued Shareholders that Bangladesh Bank has kindly accorded its No Objection for payment of 40% Dividends (30% Cash and 10:1 i.e. 10% Stock Dividend) as recommended by the Board.

The Board also recommended for issuance of Right Shares at par @ 2:1 (One Right Share for every two shares held) subject to clearance from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The dividends and right shares shall be considered by the shareholders at the 7th AGM of the Bank to be held on Monday 5th August, 2002 at the Ball Room of Hotel Sonargaon, Dhaka at 10:00 A.M.

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