

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

Under its weekly movie programme, the Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Versailles, la visite' and 'M Klein'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

Painting competition

On the occasion of its 9th founding anniversary, Servo Academy of Fine Arts will organise children's painting, recitation and musical competition. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.

Boat procession

The Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will organise a boat procession on the river Bunganga to raise awareness about river pollution. Venue: Sadarghat Terminal. Time: 10.00am.

AIDS workshop

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum organises a day-long workshop on HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising Via Media. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.

Human chain

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain demanding the release of opposition leaders and activists. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 11.00am.

Workshop

A workshop on 'Flourishing of latent talents for self development' will be held in cooperation with the Hunger Project in Bangladesh. Venue: Nageshwar Chandra premises of Ramna Park. Time: 9.00am.

General meeting

The first general meeting of Abhinyo Shilpi Sangha will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy auditorium, Nikhet. Time: 10.00am.

Peshajibee workshop

Jatiyatabadi Peshajibee Parishad organises a workshop on 'Our 9-point Programme'. Venue: 74, Dikusha. Time: 4.00pm.

Seminar

The Institute of Digital Technology and the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association will hold a seminar on 'The potentials of IT in the welfare of Deprived Children and Women' with Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal as chief guest. Venue: Abedin Tower, Banani. Time: 4.00pm.

IT workshop

US based IT Solutions Company LasComp Bangladesh Centre organises an open and free workshop on 'Networking'. Venue: House-8/A-Ka, Road-13(New), Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.

FEJB seminar

FEJB organises a seminar on 'A Comparative Study of Waste Management in Bangladesh and UAE'. Venue: FEJB auditorium, 42/1/Kha Segunbagicha. Time: 10.00am.

Mahfil

The weekly 'Asheque-e-Rasul (SM) mahfil of Dewanbag Shanf will be held. Venue: Babe Rahmat, 147 Arambag. Time: 10.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Shipil' directed by Nabyendu Chatterjee. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road. Time: 6.30pm.



Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and former foreign minister Abdus Samad Azad share a moment at the annual general meeting of the Jalalabad Association at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Shamsuzzaman new envoy to UAE

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday appointed Bangladesh high commissioner to Australia Mirza Shamsuzzaman as ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a foreign ministry release said.

Career diplomat Mirza Shamsuzzaman joined Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs) in 1974. He received his Graduation with Honours and Masters degree from English Department of Dhaka University in 1967 and 1968.

During his long career, he served Bangladesh missions in Qatar, Beijing, London, Islamabad, Karachi and Australia. He also served as director to the President's secretariat from 1987 to 1990. He also served as director general of SAARC desk of ministry of foreign affairs from December 1997 to April 2000.

He received diploma in Arabic language from the American University in Cairo in 1975-1976.

Literacy rate 35 per cent, JS told

BSS, Dhaka

Minister in-charge of Primary and Mass Education in Parliament Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the rate of illiteracy in Bangladesh is now 35 per cent.

Replying to a question from Prof Shahidul Islam of BNP from Kusthia in the Jatiya Sangsad, he said male and female illiteracy were not separately calculated.

"The government has undertaken plans and programmes to free the country from the curse of illiteracy," the minister said. A project called Total Literacy Movement (TLM) had been in force all over the country to that effect, he added.

He said this project was being implemented under the supervision of deputy commissioners and with the involvement of all sections of the people.

Obituary

Abu Saleh Chowdhury, former senior caretaker engineer of the C & B and Chairman of Khulna Unnayan Kartripakkhya, died at about 5:00 am yesterday at SPRC clinic in the city's Moghbazar area, says a press release.

Chehlum



Chehlum of Ayenuzzaman, a noted journalist, will be held today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 149/E Wapda Road, West Rampura, after Juma prayers.

He died at the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital on June 4.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

Sedition case Ex-Narcotics Control Dept director gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday granted ad-interim bail to former director of Narcotics Control Department Syed Bazul Karim in connection with a sedition case.

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa passed the order upon a bond of Tk 50,000 with two guarantors.

Bazul Karim along with his lawyers appeared in the court and sought bail.

Moving the petition, Barrister M Amirul Islam stated that five other co-accused, including election commissioner Shafiqur Rahman in the case were earlier granted bail by the same court. So, the accused Bazul Karim should be released on bail as co-accused.

The prosecution side opposed the petition for bail.

After hearing both sides, the court granted bail and fixed August 1 for full hearing on the issue.

Mohammad Saifur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ramna thana filed the sedition case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka against former State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir and six others on April 8.

In the case, it has been alleged that the accused had created a Janatar Mancha (people's dais) in front of the Jatiya Press Club in March, 1996 and instigated government officials and employees to join the agitation against the then BNP government.

Alamgir, also accused in the sedition case, was arrested at the Zia International Airport on March 15 on his return home from Singapore under Section 54 of the CrPC. Later he was shown arrested in the sedition case.

Acid attack on woman in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

A housewife sustained severe burn injuries following an acid attack allegedly by her brother-in-law at Borin village in Kapasia upazila Tuesday night. The victim was identified as Asma.30.

A cousin of Asma's husband threw acid on her through window when she was sleeping at bed, relatives said. Family feud was said to be the reason behind the acid attack. The injured was first rushed to a local hospital. She was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as her condition deteriorated.

Asma's husband Abdur Rashid lives abroad.



Yuree honoured

Saya Yuree, editor of the News Brigade and national director of the International Bodyguard Association, Bangladesh chapter, has been awarded 'Commander of the World Order of Science, Education and Culture' by the International Diplomatic Commission, England, says a press release.

The president of the Rangers (Pvt) Ltd - Special Security System, Yuree has also been appointed executive vice-president of the World Human Rights Service Commission, New York, to represent Bangladesh in the United Nations.

Turn population into human resources: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Termining population problem a big challenge for development, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called for reducing its growth rate significantly in order to turn the country's population into valuable human resources.

"Due to overpopulation, we are facing difficulties in ensuring people's basic requirements like habitat, education and healthcare. We will have to get rid of curse of unchecked population growth by any means for the interest of present and future generations," she said.

UNFPA Media Award announced

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Bangladesh has announced the names of its media award recipients for 2002, says a press release.

Six working journalists were selected for this year's award from Bangla and English categories for their excellent reports on population and development issues in Bangladesh.

The recipients from English category are: Ziaur Rahman of The News Today (first prize), Naimul Haq of The Daily Star (second) and Gautam Mandal of The Daily Sangbad (third).

Kazi Hafiz of The Daily Manavzamin, Sk Enamul Haque of The Daily Sangram, and Sarwar Hossain of The Daily Manavzamin have been awarded with first, second and third prizes respectively from Bangla category.

With a view to stimulate high standards of journalism, UNFPA introduced the media award from this year. The objective of this award is to encourage editors and journalists to acquire a more in depth knowledge on population and development issues including Reproductive Health, Family Planning, Adolescent Reproductive Health, Gender issues, Population and Environment and HIV/AIDS.

The prizes for both categories are: 1st prize -- a one week long study tour to a neighbouring country such as Sri Lanka, India, China. 2nd prize -- Tk 50,000 and 3rd prize -- Tk 30,000.

Inaugurating the country programme of World Population Day 2002 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, the prime minister said the limited national resources would exhaust soon if the growing population was not managed within tolerable limits.

The country's population growth rate is officially said to be 1.48 per cent. Unofficially it is assumed a bit higher.

The theme of this year's World Population Day is "Development of Reproductive Health for Poverty Alleviation: Build up Small Family and Preserve Environment."

Referring to the theme, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia assured keeping government effort up for fulfilling the mission as part of the global campaign for manageable families in a fair environment.

She called for united effort of all to strengthen the ongoing movement for building up planned families to resolve the grave population problem.

Expressing concern at the alarming rate of global population growth, the prime minister said that some 200 crore new faces would add up to the world population in the next three decades if

the present trend of rise continued.

"The major concern is that population growth would rise at higher rates in the developing countries during that time," the PM told the function attended by officials, NGO and donor agency representatives.

Health Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, Post and Telecommunications Minister Barrister Aminul Haq, State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman and UNFPA Country Representative Sunetra Mukherjee also spoke on the occasion with Health Secretary Fazlur Rahman in the chair.

At the ceremony, the Prime Minister released a commemorative stamp marking this year's theme of World Population Day.

She also gave away prizes among the best tens of six categories for their outstanding services in various fields of population control and the winners of essay competition.

The six categories are union parishad, NGO, Mother and Children Welfare Centre, Union Health and Family Welfare Centre, Family Welfare Visitor (FWV) and Family Welfare Assistance (FWA).



The American Alumni Association (AAA) held a dinner with barbecue and live music at a city restaurant on July 5 to celebrate the American Independence Day. Christopher W Webster, Deputy Chief of the US Embassy, was present as chief guest. AAA president Dr Azfar Rahman Khan, secretary Syed Almas Kabir, treasurer Karl Fritz and M Masrur Reaz were, among others, present at the event.

Vacancy Announcement

Social Development Foundation (SDF) has been established recently as an apex financing organization guaranteed by the Government of Bangladesh for promoting social development of the poor and the disadvantaged, increasing their capacity and skill as well as enabling them to have more access to basic social and economic infrastructure, programs and services. It is especially committed to improving the well-being of the poor, through provision of necessary funds for implementing social, economic and environmental activities.

SDF seeks applications from qualified candidates for the following positions.

I) General Manager Finance and Administration

This is a senior Management Position. The incumbent will, among others, be responsible for the overall financial management including maintenance of computerized budgeting and accounting. Also, s(he) will manage all administrative matters of SDF.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Accounting, Finance or a Chartered Accountant.

Experience: At least 15 years in relevant field.

II) General Manager, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

This is a senior Management Position. The incumbent will, among others, be responsible for the overall management of the monitoring, evaluation and learning activities and supervising other staff of the Division.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Economics/Statistics/Business Administration.

Experience: At least 15 years in relevant field.

III) Community Development Manager

(S)he will, among others, be responsible for supervising the Community Support Organizations (CSOs) for social mobilization, needs identification and other pre-planning, planning and implementation activities of the sub-projects.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Social Science.

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field.

IV) MIS Specialist

The incumbent will, among others, design and develop a prototype MIS based on SDF operational requirements and continuously evaluate SDF MIS needs in close consultation with SDF management.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Business Administration/Computer Science.

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field.

V) Finance Manager

(S)he will, among others, be responsible for overall supervision of financial and accounting functions of finance department and assist General Manager, Finance and Administration in discharging his/her duties.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Accounting, Finance or a Chartered Accountant.

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field. Knowledge of Computerized Accounting System essential.

VI) Information and Communication Manager

The incumbent will, among others, be involved in developing IC strategies and the Work Plan with regard to institutional and grass roots communications.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Journalism/Public Administration/Economics or other discipline of Social Science.

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field.

VII) Manager Procurement

The Procurement Manager will, among others, be responsible for the procurement of all goods and services for the SDF and the SIPP.

Qualification: Masters Degree in Social Science. Knowledge of the procurement procedures of multilateral donor agencies is essential.

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field.

VIII) Technical Officer, Community Works

Will, among others, be responsible for examining designs, drawings and estimates of small infrastructure projects and for ensuring quality of infrastructure built under the sub-projects.

Qualification: B.Sc. Engineering (Civil).

Experience: At least 10 years in relevant field.

- Attractive remuneration packages commensurate with the qualifications and experiences will be offered.
- For all the positions the candidates must have strong computer literacy, high level of interpersonal skill, excellent report writing skill and strong ability in oral and written communication in both Bangla and English.
- Experience with international agencies, donor funded projects and NGOs would be an advantage.
- Women are particularly encouraged to apply.
- The prescribed experience may be relaxed in case of highly qualified and otherwise suitable candidates
- Those who are currently employed in government service or have retired within the past two years are not eligible for these positions.

Interested persons are requested to send their resume with two passport size photographs to the Managing Director, SDF, House # 52, Road # 7/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 no later than 07 August 2002.

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1. Executive - Accounts (3)

(Female candidates are also encouraged to apply)

- ◆ Masters in Accounting or MBA with major in Accounting
- ◆ Must have Computer Literacy, Proficiency in Bangla & English both in written & verbal
- ◆ Practical experience will be treated as an added qualification
- ◆ Age limit is 28-30 years

2. Office Secretary - (Female) - 1

- ◆ The incumbent must be Masters with Secretarial Course from a recognized Institution
- ◆ Ability to prepare official letters/minutes/documents speedily, correctly & independently is highly essential
- ◆ Experience in making routine correspondence, filing and record keeping and Ability to maintain communications i.e. dealing with appointments and visitors will be an advantage for the position
- ◆ Ability to work independently without supervision
- ◆ Must have a good command both in Bangla & English (both written/oral)
- ◆ Computer literacy is essential (MS office, Power Point, Excel, Internet, E-Mail)
- ◆ Age limit 28 years

3. Sales Representative -

- ◆ Applicant must be a Graduate. Commerce Graduate Will be preferred
- ◆ Experience in relevant field will be given preference
- ◆ Candidates should be unmarried
- ◆ Young, energetic, self-motivated & dynamic
- ◆ Willing to work anywhere in Bangladesh
- ◆ Age limit 25 years

4. Diploma Engineer - Electrical (1)

- ◆ The incumbent should be a Diploma Engineer in Electrical & Electronics
- ◆ Must be energetic/ hard working/self-motivated
- ◆ Computer Literacy is required
- ◆ Age limit is 28-30 years
- ◆ Experience in relevant field will be an added advantage
- ◆ Willing to work in Factory environment

5. Supervisor (Production) - 1

- ◆ At least honors (Science)/ Diploma (Mechanical)
- ◆ Age limit 25 years
- ◆ Practical experience will be treated as an added qualification
- ◆ Willing to work in Factory environment

6. Supervisor (Quality Assurance) - 1

- ◆ At least honors (Science)
- ◆ Age limit 25 years
- ◆ Practical experience will be an added advantage
- ◆ Willing to work in Factory environment
- ◆ No 3rd class will be accepted in any examination for the above positions.

Deserving candidates are requested to apply with a complete resume, a recent passport size photograph & contact dial number (if any) on or before 22rd July 2002. The name of the position should appear on the top of the envelope.

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Institute of Modern Languages University of Dhaka French, Japanese & Spanish Short Courses Admission Notice

Admission into 50-hour course in French, Japanese & Spanish on first-come first-served basis.

Admission forms to be collected: 13-25 July 2002 between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Minimum qualification: HSC/Equivalent.

Classes start: End July 2002.

Further information: Room 207 for French, Room 106 for Japanese & Spanish.

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