



8-day photography exhibition at JU begins today

JU CORRESPONDENT

An eight-day photography exhibition will begin at the Jahangirnagar University (JU) today. The Jahangirnagar Photographic Society (JPS), a campus-based organisation of JU students, has organised the exhibition at the outer lobby of the university central auditorium. The photographs of the second elementary course participants will be displayed. Debabrata Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition at 3.00 p.m. today. The exhibition will continue from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. everyday. Some 100 photographs will be displayed in the exhibition.

Since its inception in 2001, JPS held two one month-long workshops and two photography exhibitions on the campus. It will begin another elementary course this month.

Aptech launches 'World's No. 1' celebration campaign

Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Limited launched its month-long 'World's No. 1' celebration campaign in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Addressing a press conference in the city, Pranab K Bose, MD, Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Ltd., announced that Aptech, a major global player in IT education and training has achieved the distinction of establishing IT educational centres in 52 countries spanning five continents.

As part of the nationwide celebration, Aptech would conduct technology seminars and workshops to create IT awareness and literacy among the students.

As part of the celebrations, Bose announced a special celebration offer of '20% off' on the course fees of its Career Courses. The offer will be valid for the month of September only.

Speaking on the occasion, Rizwan Bin Faruq, MD, Axiom Technologies Ltd., Master Business Partner of Aptech for Bangladesh, said Aptech has trained around 8000 students in its four and half years of operation and placed over 1300 students in leading national and multinational companies.

PHOTO STAR
The National Mourning Day Observance Parishad, DU Fine Art Institute unit, held an open art exhibition at the central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday as it was not allowed to hold the exhibition, marking the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, at the institute.



The Aptech worldwide Bangladesh Limited held a press conference at the National Press club in the city yesterday to launch its month-long 'World's No. 1' celebration campaign.



AI Baraka Bank Bangladesh Ltd. launched a tree plantation programme recently. Chairman of the bank Masum A Chowdhury inaugurated the programme by planting saplings beside IDB Bhaban at Agargaon in the city.



Managing Director of GrameenPhone Ola Ree speaking at the inaugural ceremony of HSE Week at the GrameenPhone office in the city yesterday.

GrameenPhone

HSE Week begins

GrameenPhone Limited inaugurated the second Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Week yesterday, says a press release.

This is a part of GrameenPhone's official policy to promote awareness about health, safety and environmental issues throughout the company and in the society at large.

Ola Ree, Managing Director of GrameenPhone, inaugurated the HSE Week at the corporate head office.

"Commitment for a health, safe and environment friendly atmosphere has become a benchmark for any modern business organisation. At GrameenPhone, we are proud to have introduced the HSE Week to create awareness among all," he said in his inaugural speech.

"A better environment begins with you" is the theme of this year's HSE Week. "A better environment begins with you. Only your commitment can make it happen," Ola Ree said.

The HSE Week is being observed at all GP Regional offices in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet simultaneously. During the period, training programmes, seminars and workshops on HSE issues will be arranged. A blood donation programme will be held at Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna offices of GrameenPhone.

GP will also donate a water purifying machine, mosquito nets and other materials to the Dhaka Shishu Hospital during the week.



Namaz-e-janaza of Alhaj Shah Syed Nazre Imam Mohammad, a renowned Islamic scholar and Pir of Narinda Darbar Sharif, was held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday. (Story on page 1)

ADB okays new edn policy

BSS, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a new education policy aimed at providing all children and adults in the Asia-Pacific region with equitable access to education.

The policy will empower them to break out of the poverty cycle and participate effectively in national development, according to a press release received in the city yesterday.

The policy underpins ADB's support for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which include enrolling all children in primary schools, promoting gender equality and empowering women by 2015.

Since investment in education is essential to ADB's overarching goal of poverty reduction, the policy focuses on efforts to promote educational development. "The efforts aim to alleviate the drastic situation in the Asia-Pacific

region, where 75 per cent of the world's illiterates live, two thirds of them are women; millions drop out of primary school because of poverty and half of all children never make it to secondary school; and nearly 40 per cent of children under 5 are malnourished and unlikely ever to achieve their potential.

ADB's average annual investment in education has been nearly 6 per cent of its total annual lending since 1991. Since 1970, it has invested 5.3 billion US dollars in education sector development, two thirds of this since 1991.

ADB plans to invest over 1 billion US dollar in loans for education projects in the period from 2002 to 2004.

The new priorities are to reduce poverty, enhance the status of women, and provide skills for pro-poor sustainable growth.

To support this, the policy will give particular attention in increasing equity and access, im-

proving quality, strengthening management, mobilising resources, strengthening partnerships, and applying innovative technologies, especially ICT (information and communications technology).

"ADB support for education at all levels will concentrate on policies and activities that directly contribute to overall programmes of poverty reduction," says Akira Seki, Director-General of ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department.

"However, the balance of investments in education and other sectors will be determined according to a particular country's situation."

ADB's earlier education sector policy paper in 1988 emphasised the importance of investing in primary and secondary education in the context of broader human and social development.

Expatriates want to watch ETV

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expatriate Bangladeshis living in Riyadh have demanded of the government to issue a valid licence to the Ekushey Television (ETV) immediately so that it can broadcast programmes again.

The expatriates held a meeting at the local Hayat restaurant on Friday in protest against the closure of the country's first private

terrestrial television channel, according to an e-mail message received yesterday.

Economist Dr Abdul Momen, who presided over the meeting, said, "I am extremely saddened by two recent news items - one is the Transparency International report and the other is the closure of ETV."

The meeting adopted a resolution demanding of the government to issue a valid licence to the ETV immediately for the greater interest of the country and its people living at home and abroad.

The meeting also stated that the expatriate Bangladeshis, irrespective of their party affiliation or political opinion, were hurt at the sudden closure of the ETV.

The ETV was so popular among all Bangladeshis living in Saudi Arabia that they stopped watching other channels, especially Indian TV channels, it said, adding that the channel was an important vehicle to promote Bangladeshi culture abroad.

Speaking at the meeting, the president of Riyadh unit of BNP Firoz Khan said that law should reflect the hopes and aspirations of the people, otherwise such law is irrelevant. He termed the closure of ETV a very sad episode of Bangladesh.

Dr Mohammad Niaz, president of the Bangabandhu Parishad, said that the closure of ETV is a great loss to the nation.

Among others, noted TV personality Abu Tareq, freedom fighter Moazzem Hossain, president of Jalalabad Association Nu-

rul Islam Azad, former president of Sylhet Prabashi Parisad Haider Noomani, author Dewan Mamun, secretary general of Jubo League Sayeedur Rahman Sayeed, former chairman of Bangladesh International School in Riyadh Mohammad Ali and Rinku Sarothi spoke at the meeting.

Our Magura correspondent adds: Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Magura district unit, took out a procession in the town yesterday demanding relaunching of the ETV transmission.

It also held a rally at the Chourangi Square where the speakers called upon the govern-

Abducted girl rescued at Bagha

BSS, Rajshahi

Bagha police rescued a young girl abducted about a month back from her parents' house at Babupara under Ishwardi upazila of Pabna district from the abductor's house under the same thana on Saturday night, police said yesterday.

According to police, Dilip Kumar, 26, of Bahilar village under Bagha upazila abducted Aklima Khatun, 19, daughter of Azizul Haque and took her to his house about a month ago.

Victim's father lodged a case in this connection on August 27. Police rescued the girl and arrested the alleged abductor Dilip Kumar on Saturday night.



Residents of Mirpur staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding that the ETV be allowed to relaunch its transmission.

20 arms recovered

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1038 people including some identified criminals from across the country in its countrywide drive during last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police also recovered 20 arms including 12 firearms and 159 rounds of bullet from the possession of the criminals during the time.

Of them, 488 persons were arrested on warrant and the rest 531

for cases under investigation.

Police arrested 18 people with arms and filed seven cases against them.

Of the total arms, Chittagong Metropolitan Police and Bagerhat district police recovered three each and Jessore and Chapalnawabganj district police recovered two each.

Police also recovered 33 explosives from across the country.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show
Zahir Raihan Film Society in cooperation with the High Commission of India has organised 'Uttam Kumar Retrospective' to commemorate the 76th birth anniversary of the legendary actor. On the opening day, a film titled 'Ekti Raaf' will be screened. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Rotary Ramna
The Rotary Club of Ramna will hold its regular weekly meeting. Dr Nazem will speak on 'Urbanisation in Bangladesh' at the meeting. Venue: Gourmet Garden, House # 24/A, Road # 27, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Rotary Sonargaon Dhaka
The Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will hold its regular meeting. Members are requested to attend the meeting. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Rotary Dhaka New City
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held. Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting on time. Venue: RAOVA Club, Mohakhali. Time: 5.30pm.

Drama
Dristipat Nalpa Sampradaya, a theatre group, will present its 18th production, Manush Sangbad. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium, Public Library. Time: 6.30pm.

DUJ meeting
The annual general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.30am.

Prize distribution
The prize distribution ceremony of a programme, organised by Fair and Lovely, will be held. Venue: Lagoon Convention Centre, Rifle Square. Time: 5.00pm.

Film show
As part of the 'Uttam Kumar Retrospective', the Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Saganika'. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and at one or two places elsewhere over the country during next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period. Met Offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 23.3 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:15 pm today and rises at 5:41 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	33.3	26.2	75	63
Chittagong	32.8	25.3	69	68
Rajshahi	34.0	25.8	82	73
Khulna	34.5	26.6	79	87
Barisal	33.2	26.0	84	84
Sylhet	33.5	24.3	87	63
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.8	72	78

Supplement 'A'
Headquarters BDR
Maintenance & Construction Wing
Memo No. 1000/44-Part/XXC
Dated: 22 August, 2002

Tender Notice
Headquarters Bangladesh Rifles
Maintenance & Construction Wing

Sealed tenders are invited from experienced bona fide firms/establishments subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions for repair & maintenance on yearly contract basis of 129 (49 x split type & 80 x window type) aircooler/conditioner installed at different installations at Headquarters Bangladesh Rifles, Plikhana, Dhaka.

Terms & conditions:

- 3-year past experience certificate on repair work of window/split type aircooler/conditioners at govt organisation should be enclosed.
- Tenderer must possess own workshop with T&T telephone connection.
- Necessary documents/papers on import of spare parts for split/window type AC should be enclosed.
- Up-to-date trade licence & Income Tax certificate should be enclosed.
- Should be VAT registered.
- Tender will be available at Tk 400.00 per set from the office of the undersigned during office hours up to 21 September, 2002.
- Tenders will be received up to 1200 hours of 22 September, 2002 and opened on the same day in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
- No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender.
- The firm among the firms/establishments mentioned in the tender whose rate may be accepted shall be appointed on yearly contract basis.
- Earnest money at the rate 2½% on the amount mentioned in the tender should be submitted in the form of Bank Draft in favour of Director General, Bangladesh Rifles.
- The contract may be renewed for the next year on expiry of yearly contract if the executed work is considered satisfactory.
- The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason.
- 01 (one) year's guarantee should be provided after fixing the spare parts. In case the new spare part goes out of order within the said 01 (one) year, the firm shall be bound to repair/replace the same at its own cost.

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SAFA CONFERENCE - 2002

Theme: Global Economic Recession - Challenges for South Asia Region
Inaugural Session: September 7, 2002
Venue: Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka

The South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Conference - 2002 will be held in Dhaka on September 7-8, 2002 under the auspices of The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB).

The Technical Sessions of the Conference will be held at CA Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka and The Valedictory Session will be held at the Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on September 8, 2002. Eminent and expert Professionals & Economist of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka will present the papers and discuss in the Conference. Interested participants are requested to register their name at the SAFA Secretariat, ICMA Bhaban, Nilkhet, Dhaka. No registration will be accepted in the Conference Centre.