

DHAKA TODAY

Photo exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of third Photo Exhibition of Monju titled 'Track to Krokradang' will be held with renowned photographer Enamul Haque as chief guest. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Time: 5:00pm. The exhibition will remain open till September 30 from 3.00pm to 7.00pm daily except on Friday when it will remain open from 10.00am to 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

with Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 5:00pm.

Freshers' reception

College of Development Alternative will organise a freshers' reception with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium, Ramna. Time: 10:00am.

Painting competition

In observance of National Girl Child Day 2002, a painting competition for children and juveniles will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 2:00pm.

Web site launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of IUCN regional bio-diversity Asia Web Site will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:00pm.

Workshop

The closing ceremony of Planning Workshop for PROMOTE will be held with Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: National Academy for Educational Management, Mirpur Road. Time: 4:00pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the Journal of Bangladesh Studies (JBS), organised by the East West University, will be held with Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud of Dhaka University as chief guest. Venue: 53, Mohakhali. Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association organises a discussion meeting on 'Understanding the modernisation of China' with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 4:30pm.

Accounting seminar

The Accounting Alumni Association will organise a seminar on 'Central Depository Scheme' with Nellie C Dagdag, president and CEO, Philippine Central Depository, as keynote speaker. Venue: Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka. Time: 5:30pm.

Seminar

The Agribusiness Centre for Excellence of the Agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project and the American Soybean Association (ASA) will hold a joint seminar on aquaculture feeding. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 4:30pm.

Book discussion

Community Development Library organises a discussion on the book titled 'Sei Se Kal: Kichu Smriti Kichu Kaha' authored by Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim. Venue: House-39, Road-14/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm.

Recitation

Ramna Abruti Sangshad organises a session of poetry recitation by twenty-one young poets. Venue: Seminar room of the Public Library. Time: 4:00pm.

Memorial meeting

A meeting will be held in memory of eminent music director Samar Das on the occasion of his first death anniversary. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5:00pm.

BJP meeting

A two-day extended meeting of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) will begin with party chairman Mohammad Nazir Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Ullas Community Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00am.

Opinion sharing meeting

Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir organises an opinion sharing meeting to protest the seal of the Central Shaheed Minar by the government. Venue: 68/2, Purana Paltan. Time: 4:30pm.

Meeting

The first meeting of the newly elected executive committee of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Press Sramik Federation will be held. Venue: Ittefaq Karmi Binodon Sangha. Time: 11:00am.

Asheqan rally

Anie Sunnat Oikya Parishad organises a rally of Asheqan on the occasion of the holy Urs of Hazrat Khwaza Moinuddin Chishti Ajmeri (RA). Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

Shipping seminar

A seminar on 'Measures to improve safety in Inland Shipping' will be held

Achievement Award Ceremony

The Mirzapur Ex-Cadets Association (MECA) accorded a reception to 21 students of Mirzapur Cadet College who achieved A+ grades in the SSC examinations at the Achievement Award Ceremony at its Dhanmondi centre in the city recently, says a press release.



The Mirzapur Ex-Cadets Association (MECA) accorded a reception to 21 students of Mirzapur Cadet College who achieved A+ grades in the SSC examinations at a ceremony in the city recently.

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, attended the ceremony as chief guest and gave away crests to the students.

Mirzapur Cadet College Principal Rafiqul Islam, MECA president Fahim Hussain and general secretary Qazi Arif and a large number of ex-cadets also attended the function.

Mirzapur Cadet College has the highest numbers of A+ Grade achievers Under the Dhaka Board this year.

'Babul Dakat' gets life term in another case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

'Dacoit sarder' Montaj Ali alias 'Babul Dakat' was sentenced to life term in another dacoity case yesterday.

The District and Sessions Judge of Sylhet, Mohammad Ismail Miah gave the verdict while three others were acquitted of the charges.

Babul along with four of his accomplices were earlier awarded death sentences last month in a sensational double murder case of Sylhet Sadar upazila.

The prosecution case in brief is that, a dacoity was committed in the house of one Sajjadur Rahman Babul at Ambarkhana Barabazar area in the city on August 7 night of 1997.

A case was filed in this connection accusing six persons with the Sylhet Kotwali thana.

PP Nurul Haque conducted the prosecution while the defence was pleaded by ATM Masud.

Golden jubilee of Language Movement 2nd phase programme begins on Dec 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second phase of the year-long programme drawn up by Protisrishti, a city-based organisation, to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Language Movement begins on December 25.

The week-long programme was announced at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office yesterday.

The programme titled 'Indigenous Language-Culture Festival 1409' has been prepared after consulting representatives from eight different regions of the country.

The regions are Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Mymensingh.

Different groups and individual artists, who are working in their

respective regions to uphold their own culture and heritage, will present the programmes.

Besides, noted intellectuals of the country will present keynote papers and take part in the discussions on local cultures and languages.

Three seminars and exhibition of objects representing local culture will also be arranged on this occasion.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the programme.

It will focus on local poems, rhymes and songs of Mukundo Das, Lalon Shah, Hason Raja, Pabla Kanai, Radharaman and Mymensingh Geetika. Dance and songs of Chakma, Garha, Khasis, Rakhain and Santal.

Besides, baulgan, jaregaan, sarigaan, vaijalee, baromashi, gamveera, palagaan, gajoneragan, palkirgaan, vashanergaan, wedding songs, rashleela (Monipuri), Jaira and Lathikheila will also be presented.

In the third part of the festival, Protisrishti will hold a function representing the culture and heritage of different tribal communities.

The year-long programme will be rounded off on February 21 next year with the release of a documentary on the country, mother tongue and language movement titled 'We are the brothers of Salam and Barkat'.

Shahriar Salam read out a written statement at the press conference.

Language hero Abdul Matin, Shuvo Rahman, Enamul Latif, Hasina Montaj, Nasreen Sultana, Soma Ahmed Mahmuda Akhter and Sharif Mohiammad were present on the occasion.

Protisrishti began its year-long programme on May 16 this year by according a reception to Language hero Abdul Matin and holding a painting competition.

'American Corner' to be set up at IUB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An 'American Corner' will be set up on the campus of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) soon.

US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters made the announcement at the concluding ceremony of the 'American Week' at a local club on Monday night. The US Embassy organised the American Week in Chittagong.

The envoy said the establishment of American Corner will help deepen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and the US. Such a facility will help the young people learn about the world, she added.

The facility at IUB will offer the advantages of computer, internet, and publications and pamphlets on the United States.

Referring to her earlier comments on proposed container terminal that triggered a controversy, the envoy said that in a democracy, people were free to think their own way and speak their minds.

"Democracies are not undermined by the open and robust expression of views by diplomats or others. So, I will stand by my earlier comments regarding the development of the terminal in Chittagong and the decision on gas exports," she said.

"My statements reflect the US

view that decisions in these areas are in the best interest of Bangladesh and will further strengthen ties between the countries," she added.

"In my view Bangladesh stands at the threshold of economic progress that could give this country the prosperity and international weight it desires. But only far-sighted decisions now will attract the foreign investment needed to tap the resources and put them to work for fuelling the domestic economy," Mary Ann said.

Later, talking to this correspondent, she said, "We have successfully completed the American Week. We received good responses from the people of Chittagong."

The American Week was organised from September 18 in a bid to promote trade and business relations between Bangladesh and the US. The week was marked by catalogue show, seminars and cultural function.

Indigenous people feel left out of PRSP preparation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Indigenous Forum (BIF) yesterday alleged that the government did not take any opinion from the indigenous people to form the draft of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP).

At a press conference at the Karitas Bhaban in the city yesterday, the forum regretted that the government is going to present the draft to the donors without any discussion with the country's deprived and poor indigenous people.

Leaders of the forum said the strategy paper contained only 'two lines' about the indigenous people.

Death anniversary of Samar Das today

BSS, Dhaka

The first death anniversary of Samar Das, a noted composer and music director of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, will be observed today.

The Samar Das Smriti Sangsad has drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the day, said a press release.

A memorial meeting will be held at the National Press Club at 5:00 pm today.

'Samar Das Music Award 2002' will also be announced today.

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WEATHER TODAY Moderate rain likely UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty squally wind is likely at most places over the country with heavy to very heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati and the lowest of 23.4 degree Celsius at Srimangal. The sun sets in the capital at 5:52 pm today and rises at 5:48 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	29.6	25.2	78	90
Chittagong	33.4	25.5	78	77
Rajshahi	30.7	24.5	89	98
Khulna	30.2	25.0	86	98
Barisal	28.6	24.8	100	90
Sylhet	31.7	24.2	87	92
Cox's Bazar	32.3	26.5	90	78

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Qulkhwani We condole the sudden and untimely death of RASHIDUL HOSSAIN KHAN, a veteran philanthropist and loving fellow, son of the late Shahadat Ali Khan, at the local Jebel-E-Nur General Hospital at 5:00 pm on the 22nd of September, 2002. He was 57 and has left wife and two sons residing in the United States. We pray eternal peace for his departed soul and pray to Allah for his bereaved family and friends to bear this heartfelt shock. Qulkhwani will be held at Road # 10, House # 5, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for his soul. Contact: 9114992, 9111848, 018-24-04-35. E-mail: gtl@shaplanet.com Sisters and Brothers Niece and Nephews Friends and Well-wishers

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BCS show in January BSS, Dhaka Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) is taking large-scale preparations to stage its next show in January 2003 with the participation of the world's leading computer firms for the first time. The fair, pegged as the largest event in the country's communication technology sector, will be held at the imposing Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre from January 12 to 18. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who opened the fair last year, is also expected to inaugurate it this time when Microsoft chief Bill Gates might be at her side, BCS secretary general Azizur Rahman said. "We are inviting Bill Gates to the opening function and have made initial contact with him," he said. His arrival in the country will encourage the information and communication technology (ICT) and add dynamism to the industry, he said. The fair known as BCS Computer Show, has emerged as a big crowd-puller since its launch in 1987. The show will include a number of sections including hardware, software, outsourcing, ICT training and education, product development, multi-media, e-commerce, international firms, data processing and graphic design. He expects that about 500,000 people will visit the fair, up from 300,000 last year. The first two days of the seven-day show will be exclusively earmarked for foreign guests and representatives. The last five days will, however, remain open to all visitors.

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