

Durga Puja celebration Home secy urged to take precautionary measures in Ctg

BSS, Ctg The Hindu community in Chittagong has taken elaborate preparations to celebrate its greatest religious festival 'Durga Puja', with due fervour and gaiety beginning October 10.

nity said this year they expect the number of Puja Mandaps to be set up in the district during the festival will be around 1200 including around 180 in the Port City.

Donors to resume dev work in CHT soon

BSS, Dhaka Donor countries and agencies would soon resume development work in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) on the basis of a risk evaluation report submitted to the government.

during a meeting with Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Moni Swapan Dewan at his office yesterday an official release said.

Standard of Dhaka Zoo to be upgraded: Khoka

BSS, Dhaka Minister for Fisheries and Livestock and Mayor of Dhaka Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday said the government took effective steps to upgrade the standard of the Dhaka Zoo.

"We want to develop the Dhaka Zoo and initiative are underway for regional and international assistance in this regard," he said while inaugurating a six-day workshop and third annual conference of South Asian Zoo Association for Regional Cooperation (SAZARC) here.



Activists of the Student Alliance Against Repression parade the Dhaka University campus streets yesterday for realisation of its seven-point demand.

World Habitat Day today

BSS, Dhaka The World Habitat Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere across the world.

Dhaka in particular. Khaleda Zia, in her message, stressed the need for further cooperation and exchange of expertise among the organisations involved in development efforts of towns and cities to ensure best possible facilities for the city dwellers.

Osmani Memorial Hall at 11:30 am today. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugurate a colourful walkathon at the National Museum premises at 7:00 am.

The Prime Minister said this year's theme - "City to City Cooperation" is time-befitting and justified. She said cooperation and exchange of expertise among the cities and towns will definitely support city development activities and "it will take our plan one step ahead to ensure modern amenities for the dwellers."

Khaleda said expansion of infrastructures and service facilities is related with the increase of city population. The enhancement of facilities should be considered on priority basis with the development activities of the cities, she said.

Housing and Public Works Ministry in cooperation with department of housing and architecture has organised a week-long exhibition of "Building strategy and construction materials" at Ramna Park from today. Minister for Housing and Public Works Mirza Abbas will inaugurate the exhibition at 12:00 noon.



Bangladesh Chhatra League staged a sit-in in front of the Dhaka University vice chancellor's office yesterday demanding rehabilitation of its activists at different halls.

No state-sponsored violence on campus in last one year

Farruk tells newsmen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk yesterday said there was no state-sponsored violence in educational institutions of the country since the BNP-led four-party alliance government assumed power last year.

social campaign is needed to eliminate them.

He said the government is considering all-out steps to eliminate campus violence.

"We will involve teachers, students, guardians and local leaders to form committees to build a mass campaign against campus violence," the state minister added.

Replying to a question on students' politics Dr Farruk said the government took a series of measures to implement the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee which suggested for imposing a ban on teachers' students' politics.

"Students and teachers should have political belief but that should not be reflected in party politics," he said.

The minister underscored the need for political consensus for establishing a congenial academic atmosphere free from arms and violence.

"Without political consensus, it is not possible only for the government to establish a congenial academic atmosphere," he added.

Narrating various development activities in education sector, the minister said the BNP government has arranged stipend for female students up to HSC level.

Besides, the government has formed Teachers Welfare Trust for the teachers of non-government educational institutions and a

educational institutions and their salary benefits will be raised to 100 per cent from present 90 per cent.

He said to ensure the standard of education, the government so far appointed 1,009 teachers out of a total four thousand vacant posts in higher secondary level.

The government has allowed 15 new universities under private sector and work is in progress to establish a women university to be named "Asian University for Women" in Bogra where women from Asian countries will pursue higher education.

Dr. Farruk said to ensure standard of education and eliminate corruption and irregularities from public universities, the government has brought reforms in University Grants Commission (UGC) and syndicates of universities.

He claimed the control of cheating in public examinations as one of the major success of his ministry. "We have rewarded the teachers and officials who risked their lives to prevent copying," the minister added.

Tk 1.20 lakh looted from filling station cashier in Ctg: One held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Muggers stabbed a cashier of a filling station and looted Tk 1.20 lakh from him in broad day light in the city's Oxygen area under Bazid Bostami thana yesterday.

Police later arrested one bullet-hit mugger from Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) as he came there for treatment.

Three to four snatchers waylaid the auto-rickshaw of cashier Ashish of Haje Wadud & Sons in front of the Pubali Bank at around 10 am and took away the money. Cashier Ashish along with his colleague Shahjahan was going to the bank to deposit the money.

At one stage, one alleged mugger identified as Alauddin alias Biplob was mistakenly shot in his own hand when he tried to fire at Shahjahan. The muggers left the scene immediately along with their injured accomplice.

Police raided different clinics and hospitals in the city and arrested Alauddin from CMCH ward. Cashier Ashish and Shahjahan identified the mugger at the police station.

Public awareness can stop violence against women

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday laid emphasis on greater public awareness to stop violence against women saying that law alone cannot eradicate the crime.

htabunisa Currey, Deputy Head, Department for International Development was the special guest. Dr Khaleda Salahuddin presided over the inaugural session.

They suggested amendment to all discriminatory laws with strong policy recommendations to combat violence against women, upholding the basic human rights in all spheres of national life.

Mudabbir Hossain stressed the need for awareness about the existing laws to combat violence against women. He said a good number of laws including the speedy trial act were enacted to prevent the violence against women and children.

The seminar on 'Two Years Sensitising Police and Community to Combat Against Women' was organised by the Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS) at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) auditorium here.

Referring to the trial of Shihab and Trisha murder case, Chowdhury said it has been proved that if society helps police they can ensure punishment to miscreants.

Inspector General of Police Mudabbir Hossain Chowdhury was the chief guest while Dr Me-

President of the organisation Prof Israt Shamim made some recommendations to combat violence against women.

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