

DHAKA TODAY

Spanish film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films titled 'Butterfly' directed by Jose Luis Cuerda and 'Open Your Eyes' directed by Alejandro Amenabar which was remade in Hollywood as 'Vanilla Sky'. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm and 8:00pm respectively.

Photography exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the first photography exhibition of Hashibur Reza Kallol, organised by Alliance Francaise, will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 21 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and from 5:00pm to 8:00pm daily except on Friday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Award giving ceremony

The 'Anannya Literary Award 1409' giving ceremony, organised by Bengali fortnightly magazine Anannya, will be held. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 4:30pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the fast growing timber trees ('Shamali and Rupali') will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 12:00pm.

Inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of the World Food Day 2002 will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 11:15am.

Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony of the executive committee and presidium meeting of the International Textile Garments and Leather Workers Federation will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6:30pm.

Meeting

Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) organises an opinion sharing meeting on a research paper on 'Greater Participation of Women in Political Arena'. Venue: Conference room of BNPS, House-255, Road-19.

Dhanmondi. Time: 3:00pm.

Painting exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the first solo painting exhibition of Rabeya Begum Lipi titled 'Obstructed Image' will be held with Dr Abdus Sattar, director of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University as chief guest. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University. Time: 11:00am.

Lalan music

On the occasion of the birth and death anniversary of mystic poet Lalan Shah, a musical session on Lalon song and discussion will be held with Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman as chief guest. Venue: Public Library seminar room. Time: 4:00pm.

Technical seminar

A technical seminar on 'Quality power distribution system, protection and control', organised by Adex Corporation and Schneider Electric, France, will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 4:00pm.

IDT seminar

The Institute of Digital Technology (IDT) will hold a seminar on 'Computer Driving License Course'. Venue: 34/1, Sonargaon Road, Paribagh. Time: 4:30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two Spanish films titled 'Live Flesh' directed by Pedro Almodovar and 'Goya in Bordeaux' directed by Carlos Saura. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm and 8:00pm respectively.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of two books titled 'Meherjan' and 'Smriti Arshite', authored by Haider Ansary, will be held. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 5:30pm.

3 arrested with smuggled goods in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three persons for their alleged involvement in carrying smuggled gold chains, silver and mobile phones worth about Tk 13 lakh from a car on Airport Road at Cantonment Rail Station on Monday night.

The Cantonment check post police stopped the car (Dhaka Metro-Ga-2925) and recovered 264 gold chains, 40 kilograms of silver, eight mobile phone sets, three wrist watches and three cameras from the car at 11:30pm.

Police suspected that the goods were smuggled into the country as the carriers could not produce any valid papers for the goods which they were carrying.

Police arrested Bellal Hossain, 33, Nasir Uddin, 32, Mohammad Babul, 21 and seized the car.

A case has been filed with Cantonment police station in this regard.

Zonta Club musical soiree Friday

In order to raise funds to support the arsenic mitigation project, the Zonta International Club of Dhaka III will organise a musical soiree titled 'Old is Gold' on Friday at the STM Hall, Scholastica Senior Campus at Uttara, says a press release.

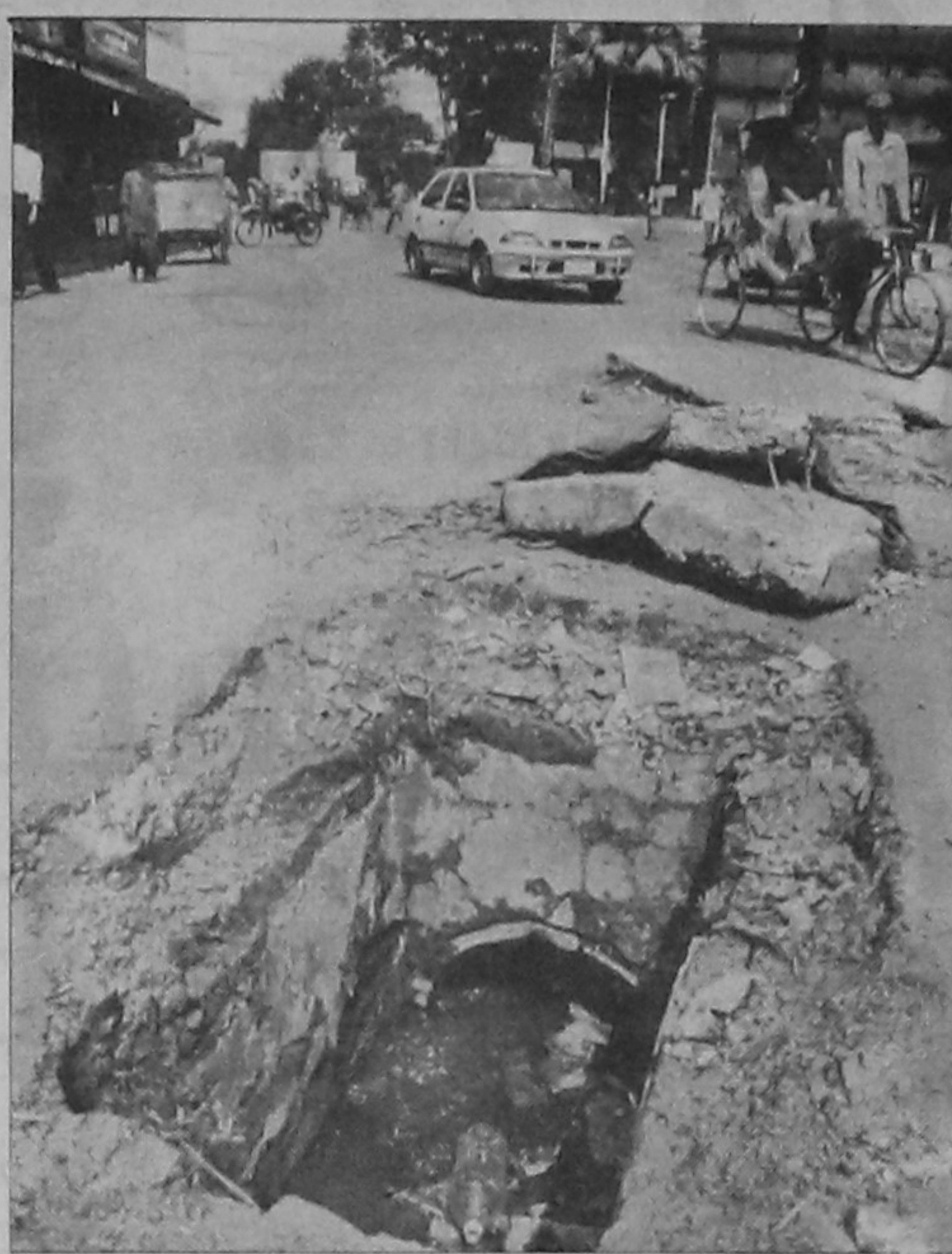
Our groundwater is no longer safe because of arsenic contamination, there is a great need to create more awareness about this life-threatening problem in our country.

According to a WHO feature published in March 2002, "the largest mass poisoning of a population in history is now underway in Bangladesh."

The crisis has spurred intense research in water decontamination techniques.

Zonta Club of Dhaka III is working jointly in an arsenic mitigation programme with an NGO, Earth Identity Project, at Devpur, Chandpur sadar.

Last year the club adopted 200 families in this village to provide them with Star Technology filters for safe drinking water. The proceedings raised from this show will go towards the Zonta Arsenic Mitigation Project.



An open manhole at the entrance of Najimuddin Road in the city poses threat to the life of pedestrians but the authorities concerned seem indifferent.

World White Cane Safety Day observed in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An elaborate programme was taken up by the Dristi Protibondhi Kalyan Sangstha (DPKS) to observe the World White Cane Safety Day in Chittagong yesterday.

The programme included procession, discussion meeting and distribution of white cane among the visually impaired persons.

The speakers at a discussion meeting at Taher Uddin Memorial Hall called upon the conscious people of the society to come forward to help visually impaired persons attain self-reliance.

They said the visually impaired persons can be turned into asset instead of liability of the society if they are treated with a little care.

The speakers said there are many talented persons with tremendous will power among the visually disabled people who with a little cooperation from us can study like normal person and contribute to the development of the society.

The discussion was presided over by Mir Md Mosharrif Hossain alias Masud who is also visually impaired and president of the DPKS.

MA Malek, the managing editor of a local daily the Dainik Azadi, addressed the meeting as chief guest while Roushan Akhter Hanif, principal of Chittagong College, Lion Nazmul Haq Chowdhury and Nayekur Rahman and visually impaired person Md Rahetuzzaman Chowdhury and Abdus Salam, the acting headmaster of Muradpur Blind School spoke on the occasion.

The speakers called for providing them the scope of study to prove their worth.

After the discussion meeting, white canes were distributed among the ten visually impaired persons.

Earlier, a huge procession paraded the city streets from GEC intersection to Taher Uddin Memorial Hall of Nasirabad Lions Club.

Around 30000 HIV patients in Bangladesh

UN study, WHO estimates say

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has so far been largely spared from AIDS, but unless necessary steps are taken to educate and protect people from HIV infection, the current situation would not last long, an UNDP official said.

World-wide, more than 90 per cent of those infected with AIDS virus do not know their status and the killer disease has risen to be the second among the top four infectious diseases. Bangladesh is now in a situation where it can maintain the HIV infection rate at its current low level, provided effective steps are taken now, the official said.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 people have HIV positive in Bangladesh, according to a UN Study/WHO estimates, UNDP Assistant Resident Representative Dr Najmus Sahar Sadiq said.

He said World Bank has already made a commitment of 40

million US dollar for the 2000-2005 period for creating awareness and preventive measures. UNDP, on the other hand, has provided eight million US dollar since 1996 while UNICEF has placed 200,000 dollars since 2001.

The number of reported positive cases is 211 of whom 11 are having AIDS. The killer disease has so far claimed nine lives.

Dr Sadiq said the number of detection is higher among the migrant workers which, however, does not mean that they are the only people infected. Expressing concern over the deadly disease, she stressed the need for wider sensitisation and prevention measures as the country is surrounded by countries having high rate of AIDS prevalence.

Dr Sadiq said so far three rounds of random survey of HIV have been done since 1988 as it is not possible to conduct the survey on about 130 million people. The prevalence of HIV positive is below one per cent of the population according to WHO/UNAIDS standard procedure, she said.

The UNDP Assistant Resident Representative said the surveillance is done specially among

vulnerable groups-commercial sex workers and transport workers.

Two HIV positive women have attended two international conferences -- one at Kuala Lumpur and the other at Melbourne.

Out of 24 NGOs funded for HIV/AIDS activities with vulnerable groups, three have been dropped from UNDP assistance list for their poor performance and irregularities in funds use, said a competent source of UNDP.



Poet Rudra's 46th anniversary of birth today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 46th birth anniversary of rebel as well as romantic poet Rudra Muhammad Shahidullah will be observed today.

He was one of the prime poets in seventies whose poem spoke against the social inequality, repression and fundamentalism and supported the liberation movement.

He died on June 21 in 1991 at the age of 34.

On the occasion of the birth anniversary, Rudra Smriti Sangsad will place wreath at his graveyard and hold milad mahfil at Mithekhali today.

The sangshad will organise poetry recitation, sports competitions and discussion meeting on Thursday.

Sanskritik Union will also hold a programme in his memory at Razu Smriti Mancha of Dhaka University at 4:00pm today.

Rudra Sangsad will organise a memorial meeting at Bangladesh Writers' Club (48, Lake Circus Road) in the city at 6:30pm on Friday.

Cultural programme at Ctg today

CU CORRESPONDENT

A cultural programme will be held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the port city of Chittagong at 6:30 pm today.

Sangeet Bhaban, a cultural organisation, will organise the programme to mark its 36th founding anniversary founded by late Priyadha Ranjon Sen Gupta and late Bonobithi Sen Gupta.

Students of the organisation will perform the music in the programme.

Obituary

CU CORRESPONDENT

Sekander Miah, founder of the Chittagong Hawkers Samabaya Samity and general secretary of the organisation died at Fair Health Clinic in the port city at 12:30 pm on Monday at the age of 63.

He left behind his two sons and four daughters.

Sekander hailed from the Durgapur village under the Laxmipur Sadar thana of Laxmipur district.

The leaders of the Chittagong Hawkers Samity condoled the death of Sekander and expressed sympathy to his bereaved family.

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**WEATHER TODAY**  
No change in temperature likely  
UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places today.  
Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said.  
Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and Dinajpur and lowest 21.6 degree Celsius at Dhaka yesterday.  
The sun sets in the capital at 5:32 pm today and rises at 5:57 am tomorrow.  
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	29.0	21.6	75	88
Chittagong	24.4	21.8	96	79
Rajshahi	31.2	23.2	75	85
Khulna	27.5	23.3	89	93
Barisal	25.8	23.8	95	98
Sylhet	32.0	23.8	68	78
Cox's Bazar	24.4	22.0	98	97

**Woman's body recovered**  
BSS, N'ganj

Fatullah police recovered body of a young woman from a house at Lamapara yesterday morning.  
The victim was identified as Chinu Rani, 30, a worker of a twisting mill at Lamapara.  
Chinu Rani, who hailed from Faridpur, was staying at the house of one Sirajul Islam.  
Younger daughter of the house owner saw her body hanging from the beam of the house.  
Police recovered her body and sent it to General Hospital for autopsy.  
The body bore marks of injuries and police suspect the woman might have been killed after rape.  
An unnatural death case was filed in this connection.

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