

DHAKA
TODAY

Award ceremony

The 2002 Gold Medal Award Ceremony, organised by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: International Conference Centre, Prime Minister's office. Time: 12 noon.

Film show

The premiere show of a film titled 'Ridoy Gantha' based on the War of Liberation, will be held. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

Indian film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Manthan' directed by Shyam Benegal. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre auditorium, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.15pm.

FBCCI workshop

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Bangladesh Bank will jointly organise a workshop with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: FBCCI auditorium, Motijheel. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion

The weekly Sangbaddata organises a discussion titled 'Role of newspapers in

combating violence' with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2.00pm.

Workshop

NGO Coalition on Beijing Plus Five, Bangladesh (NCBP) organises a day-long workshop on CEDAW Optional Protocol in collaboration with Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA). Venue: Probin Hitaishi Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 11.00am.

Memorial meeting

Bangladesh Uddhi Shilpi Gosthi will hold a meeting in memory of its former music director Farukh Faisal. Venue: Tajul Smriti auditorium, Purana Paltan. Time: 4.00pm.

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South Korea urged to help develop IT sector

ROK PM meets President

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Kim Suk-Soo made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Welcoming the Korean Prime Minister, President Iajuddin Ahmed expressed his satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations and observed that his visit testifies to the very close and cordial relations existing between the two countries.

The President hoped that his visit will further strengthen relations and expand cooperation for the benefit of the peoples of the two friendly countries.

He mentioned that the volume of two-way trade is steadily in-

creasing. But, he said, the existing volume of bilateral trade does not reflect the full potentials that exist and there is considerable scope to expand trade.

He said that Korea can recruit more manpower from Bangladesh and help develop the IT sector in Bangladesh.

Iajuddin also stressed the education and cultural cooperation between the two countries, saying that the universities of both the countries can share their knowledge, particularly of scientific knowledge, through regular contacts and visits of learned university teachers.

The Korean Prime Minister thanked the President for receiving him and the members of his

delegation. He said the relations between the Republic of Korea and Bangladesh had developed since the establishment of diplomatic ties.

He observed that the bilateral relations are good and that both the countries are keen to cooperate each other for the benefit of their peoples.

He mentioned that both the countries have achieved tangible development in social, political and economic fields and hoped that the existing relations will be diversified and deepened in the years to come.

Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea Kim Hwang-Kyung and high officials of both the countries were present on the occasion.

Modern milling system can produce 5.35 lakh tonnes more rice a year

BSS, Dhaka

The country can get additional two per cent rice equivalent to 5.35 lakh metric tons per annum by replacing the existing 'angle-bar' rice milling system by automatic rice milling.

In addition to this, installation of modern automatic rice mill and rice reprocessing plant will contribute to boost country's aromatic fine rice export to the world market.

According to the rice mill owners and scientists, annual production of rice at present is 24.5 million metric tons from 36.75 million metric tons of paddy. The country can get additional two per cent rice by replacing old 'angle-bar' system of rice milling with rubber sheller and rubber polisher and introducing the artificial dryer and standard vertical boiler.

A comparative study of rice prepared in the angle-bar of husking rice mill and rubber sheller in Fultala, Khulna, found that additional six kilograms of rice were produced from 300 kilograms of paddy by the rubber roller system. Broken percentage is less than two per cent than that of the rice produced by angle-bar system.

About 95 per cent rice milling in Bangladesh is done by angle-bar system introduced by the Italians in 18th century. The new milling system introduced first in Japan produces more good quality rice than that of angle-bar system. However, the millers have

started to replace the angle-bar milling system reluctantly and gradually as there is no appropriate law in the country on the milling of paddy.

According to IFPRI, Washington DC, Bangladesh aromatic fine rice and other rice have a good market in the USA, EEC, Canada and Middle East countries.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The second death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Mostafa, a veteran freedom fighter, will be observed today.

On this occasion, milad mahfils will be held at his Feni town residence at Nahar Manjil, Petro Bangla Road, Purba Ukil Para, and Sonagazi village home after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfils.

Dr Mostafa took part in the Liberation War in Sector -6 (Rangpur, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon) in 1971.

Dr Kamal Rahim

The first death anniversary of Dr Kamal Rahim, former member-director (Forestry), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), will be held today, says a press release.

On this occasion a doa and milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at his residence at 34, New Paltan Line, Azimpur in the city.

A recent exhibition organised by Mahfuz Rahman, a research fellow of IFPRI, reveals that Bangladeshi rice has attained international quality and standard. After the exhibition it was found that Bangladeshi parjati, kataribogh, chini atap and BIR 11 are very familiar in the USA market.

According to the exporters, Bangladesh has a good scope to develop the quality and standard by improving its milling system and introducing new technology. The country needs to modernise its rice mills and install modern rice processing plants.

At present, Bangladesh exports only 1,000 metric tons of aromatic fine rice to world market in comparison to the export of 180 lakh metric tons from Thailand, Vietnam, India, Myanmar, Pakistan and the USA in 2001.

However, the demand of Bangladeshi aromatic rice in the world market is increasing day by day.

Experts say rice mill owners and officials in a recent seminar in the city on "Rice Milling in Bangladesh" registered their sentiment for changing the existing East Bengal Rice Milling Control Order-1943 which was enacted under the then Indian Defence Rule Annexure.

They underlined the need for enactment of a new law defining the rice mills as an industry and quick replacement of the existing age-old milling system.

WHO tobacco control treaty

Dhaka working on common regional platform

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh is working on strengthening national capacity for negotiation of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (FCTC) of World Health Organisation along with four other countries of the region - India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand - by 2003. The health ministry has already held a number of meetings to draw up plan of actions to adopt FCTC as the World Health Assembly urged the member countries to undertake specific activities towards the development and negotiation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), official sources said.

Under the programme, three critical actions of the resolution are to be addressed - promoting intergovernmental consultations in the region, establishing relevant structures such as a national commission, and considering further development and strengthening national and regional policies on tobacco control, all in support of the FCTC process.

According to WHO sources, towards the development of the technical elements of the FCTC,

the member countries had actively participated in two working group meetings held in Geneva in 1999 and 2000. Attempts have been made by some countries to develop specific national policies including increases in taxes, bans

Two policemen suspended in B'baria

UNB, B'baria

Two policemen, including an ASI, of Brahmanbaria Sadar thana were suspended yesterday in connection with the fleeing of a remanded accused from the thana hajat.

ASI Shahjahan Mia and constable Shahjahan were also closed to the police line for their negligence to duties and departmental action will be taken against them.

Remanded accused Saidul fled from the thana hajat on Thursday night and police could not arrest him till yesterday.

on tobacco advertisements and promotion and special levies in support of tobacco control activities.

A common regional platform to address specific issues relating to the negotiation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control is urgently needed as country participation in the first meeting of the inter-governmental negotiation body clearly demonstrated.

The establishment of multi-sectoral commissions or councils for tobacco control as recommended by the 52nd Session for the Regional Committee is yet to be fully implemented by the member countries.

There is a strong need for technical support to strengthen national capacity to effectively respond to the three action areas identified by the regional committee if country participation in the FCTC negotiation is to be relevant and substantive.

ILO, FAO, World Bank, UNESCO, UNFPA and UNICEF are jointly sponsoring as other development partners for the implementation of the programme.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
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Dhaka Zone, Sector-1, Road-3, House-1, Uttara, Dhaka

Tender Notice No. 02/EED/DZ/Textile/2002-2003

Dated: 27-10-2002

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Education Engineering Directorate enlisted/renewed A-1/A-2 class (should possess ABC licence in own firm's name in case of electrical work) contractors for the 'undemanded works of Bangladesh College of Textile Technology under the project "Repair, Extension, Modernisation & Commissioning of four new departments of Bangladesh College of Textile Technology" during 2002-2003 financial year.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Price of tender document	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor
01.	Installation of service line at MAG Osmany Hall Campus	Tk. 5,50,236/=	Tk. 400/=	2(two) months	A-1
02.	Electrical repairing of MLSS quarters	Tk. 2,51,052/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1
03.	Electrical re-wiring of A-type quarters 2nd floor (2 units per floor)	Tk. 2,35,543/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
04.	Electrical re-wiring of B-type quarters 2nd floor (2 units per floor)	Tk. 2,35,543/=	Tk. 400/=	2(two) months	A-1/A-2
05.	Electrical re-wiring of B-type quarters 3rd floor (2 units per floor)	Tk. 2,64,808/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1
06.	Electrical re-wiring of C-type quarters 3rd floor (2 units per floor)	Tk. 4,65,622/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1
07.	Electrical re-wiring of D-type quarters 3rd floor (2 units per floor)	Tk. 2,64,308/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1
08.	Repair & renovation of Principal's bungalow	Tk. 2,22,158/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
09.	Construction of surface drain & apron	Tk. 2,24,669/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
10.	Sewerage of residential building (staff quarters building No. A)	Tk. 4,14,098/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
11.	Construction of road & repair of boundary wall in residential area.	Tk. 5,66,042/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
12.	Sewerage of residential building	Tk. 2,44,378/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
13.	Construction of drain & apron of staff quarters	Tk. 1,49,459/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
14.	Construction of RCC road in residential area (compound of B-2 building)	Tk. 2,29,704/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
15.	Construction of internal road in residential area	Tk. 5,30,511/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
16.	Finishing the unfinished work of principal's quarters	Tk. 3,18,901/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
17.	Construction of boundary wall of Shahid Abdul Aziz Hall	Tk. 5,93,052/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
18.	Repair & renovation of boundary wall of residential area	Tk. 95,802/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
19.	Reconstruction of boundary wall of college campus	Tk. 1,06,507/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
20.	Construction of MS Gate of bus garage of college campus	Tk. 99,544/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1/A-2
21.	Repair of dining hall & super quarters of Shahid Abdul Aziz Hall	Tk. 2,67,517/=	Tk. 400/=	2 (two) months	A-1
22.	Installation of deep tubewell including construction of pump house at MAG Osmany Hall Campus	Tk. 15,33,223/=	Tk. 750/=	3 (Three) months	A-1/A-2

01. Tender document & related papers can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka; Education Engineering Directorate, Head Office, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Kishoreganj/Tangail/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/ Faridpur/ Mymensingh/ Madanpur/Savar zone offices and Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building No. 6, Floor No. 17th, Room No. 1719, Bangladesh Secretariat as well as office of the undersigned during office hours up to 20-11-2002.
02. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the said offices up to 1-30 PM of 21-11-2002 and will be opened simultaneously on the same day at 2-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.
03. Copy (attested) of contractor's enlistment book, VAT & Income tax registration certificate should be enclosed with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
04. Contractor shall have to enclose earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka' with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
05. Submitted tender will be treated as cancelled outright if submitted at rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
06. VAT & Income Tax will be deducted from the bill of contractor as per Govt rules.
07. TIN certificate should be enclosed with the tender.
08. Contractor cannot claim any financial benefit if, under any circumstance, the work is cancelled or any change made thereto.
09. In case more than one contractor submits tender with the same rate for same group of work, the contractor for the work will be selected through open lottery at the office chamber of the undersigned. The authority reserves sole right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

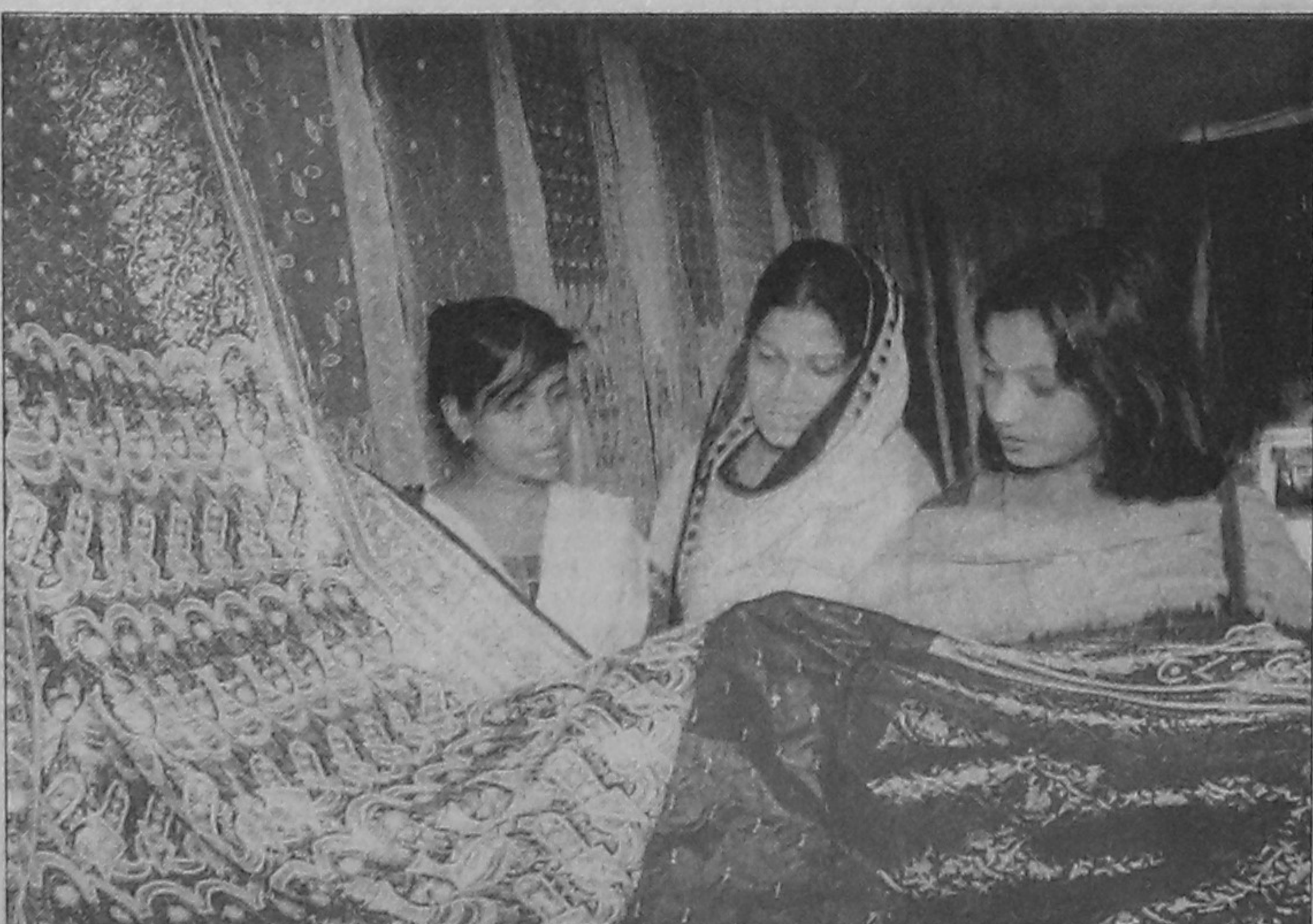
Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest of 17.2 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:15 pm today and rises at 6:11 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	31.1	21.5	64	53
Chittagong	33.3	23.3	79	79
Rajshahi	31.5	18.8	70	70
Khulna	33.0	21.5	74	78
Barisal	33.0	20.8	87	88
Sylhet	32.3	19.1	65	68
Cox's Bazar	33.0	23.0	82	72



Visitors admire a saree at the month-long fair of handloom products that began at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday. The Weavers' Product and Manufacturing Business Association organised the fair.