

Women urged to plant trees

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Jatiya Mahila Sangstha (JMS), Chittagong unit, organised a rally on its office premises yesterday on the occasion of tree plantation programme.

JMS Chittagong unit chairman Dr. Kamrunnahr Dostagir addressed the rally as chief guest while Chittagong Bureau Chief of The Daily Star Nurul Alam attended the function as special guest.

The rally was also addressed by the Chittagong unit JMS directors Nilupar Momen and Pervin Chowdhury.

Dr. Kamrunnahr in her speech urged the womenfolk to come forward for plantation of more trees for protecting environment.

"An ecological imbalance will be created if we can not protect our nature and consequently we will have to face natural calamities and disaster," she said.

She also called for taking measures to check the depletion of forests in the country. The other speakers stressed the need for creating awareness among the people about the impact of tree plantation.

Later, saplings were planted in front of the JMS office here.



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Bostibasi (slum-dwellers) Association forms human chain at Mukhtangan yesterday protesting demolition of slums and enhancement of salaries of ministers and MPs.

Furniture trader shot dead

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yesterday.

The furniture trader, who sustained serious wounds on Sunday night after being shot by criminals in Mohammadpur area, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early

Family members said Billal, Togor and Mehedi called Khokon out of his Satmasjid road residence at about 11:30pm and shot him in the chest, hand and back after taking him behind a

madrasah on the Beribandh.

The criminals also allegedly snatched Tk 6,000 from him.

Son of Meser Kabiraj, Khokon hailed from Char Bailya of Muladi upazila under Barisal district.

Ensure social safety for female workers

Speakers tell roundtable

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Speakers at a roundtable yesterday laid emphasis on the role of government and different trade unions to ensure social safety for female workers.

They also called for strict implementation of existing labour laws and enactment of new laws as well to provide social security to female workers.

The roundtable on 'Female workers in Bangladesh and social safety' was organised by Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) at CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

State Minister of Labor and Employment Aman Ullah Aman attended the workshop as chief guest.

He said the government has taken some projects for the welfare of female workers but these are not enough.

The state minister hoped that the outcome of the roundtable would help government in its initiative to reform the labour laws.

Prof Jahanara Begum, prime minister's advisor on Primary and Mass education, presided over the roundtable.

She said everyone speaks of female education and empowerment of women but nobody is working sincerely in this sector.

She stressed the need for judging women in terms of their ability and not in terms of gender.

Dr Nasrin Khandaker, professor of economics department of Dhaka University, presented the keynote paper at the roundtable.

BSEHR condoles death of Barrister Ishtiaq

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) Secretary General Sigma Huda and Executive Director Masuda Ghauc expressed deep shock at the death of Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, says a press release.

In a statement they said in his death, the country lost a constitutional and legal expert and a distinguished personality.

1346 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,346 people including two listed terrorists from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

She said employers do not give the workers appointment letters to avoid their responsibilities of ensuring social safety net to the workers.

Dr Nasrin Khandaker said workers in nationalised industries have some facilities like provident funds, gratuity but private industries do not give these facilities to their workers.

Dr Wajedul Islam Khan, coordinator of Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SCOP), Kazi Saifuddin Ahmed, labour advisor of Bangladesh Employers' Federation, Shaneji Lee, chief technical advisor of International Labour Organisation (ILO), M Nurunnabi, secretary of labour and employment ministry, A M Abdul Jabbar, secretary of social welfare ministry, and Md Ahsan Ullah, MP, chairman of BILS spoke on the occasion.