

DHAKA TODAY

Prize distribution ceremony

The prize distribution ceremony of the art competition, organised by Chirontan, an organisation for the juveniles, on the occasion of 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be held with Leader of the Opposition and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Hawkers' conference

A national conference of Bangladesh Hawkers' Federation will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Muktagan, Ramna. Time: 10.00am.

Recitation

Muktadara Sangskriti Charcha Kendra organises a session of recitation. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 6.30pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable on 'Cancellation of Gram Sarker and empowerment of local government system', organised by Bangladesh Workers' Party, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

On the occasion of the 9th founding anniversary, Nadi Sangskriti Pani Shasan O Byabhar Sangram Parishad Bangladesh organises a discussion titled 'Nadi Bachao-Desh Bachao'. Venue: Mohoraj restaurant, Dilkusha. Time: 4.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'A beautiful mind'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Planning meet

Peoples' Alliance against WTO.



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METROPOLITAN

The Daily Star

Int'l Literacy Day tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The government has taken up special programmes to mark the 'International Literacy Day-2003' and 'UN Literacy Decade 2003-2012' tomorrow.

The slogan of day is 'Let's go to mass education centres, take job-oriented education, remove poverty' while the slogan of the decade is 'Literacy for all, Education for all'.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the programme at Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The slogan of the festival is 'Cinema For All'. As many as 100 foreign films and 23 local films will be screened in 24 cinema halls.

The films include 10 classic productions as well as best movies made in Hollywood.

The films will also be shown in Central Public Library auditorium, National Museum and Russian Cultural Centre.

The Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS), the organiser of the festival, held a preparatory meeting yesterday to make the event a success.

Information Minister Traiquil Islam, Information Secretary Nazmul Alam Siddiqi, Convenor of the festival organising committee and former secretary AH Mofazzal Karim, Mahbub Jamil, Convenor of the media committee Faruque Alamgir and festival Director Golam Rabbani Biplob attended the meeting.

Int'l Film Festival begins Sept 18

BSS, Dhaka

A week-long International Film Festival begins in the city on September 18 with the participation of 36 countries, including the host Bangladesh.

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The minister urged all concerned to make the festival a success to brighten the country's image abroad.

AH Mofazzal Karim said the organisations related to the film industry had assured that they would help make this prestigious festival a success.

BCDJC offers fellowships

Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) is going to offer fellowships to 15 women to become journalists under its 'Women in Journalism' project, says a press release.

Interested graduates are requested to contact BCDJC, 53 Central Road (2nd floor), Dhanmondi, by September 10.



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Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of Pakistan Army General Muhammad Aziz Khan called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Jute, textile workers call hartal Sept 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jute-Cotton-Textile Mills Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad has called a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal on September 16 to downsize manpower of the state-owned mills and factories.

They called on the government to withdraw its decision to downsize manpower of the state-owned mills and factories.

They urged all workers of the mills and factories across the country to make the hartal a success.

Parishad Joint Convenor Lutfur Rahman read out a written statement at the press conference.

Jatiya Sramik Federation General Secretary Shafuddin Ahmad and Parishad leaders Shahidullah Chowdhury, Hafizur Rahman, Motahar Uddin, Habibur Rahman, ZMN Quamrul Anam, Farid Uddin, and Abdus Sattar were also present.

They demanded reopening of the three jute mills, ensuring fair price of jute and other agricultural produces and formulation of an effective jute policy.

The leaders also demanded 10

Death anniversary



The first death anniversary of Kazi Azizunnesa Magfura, a poet and teacher of Bangla department of Dhaka Mahanagar Mohila College, will be observed today, says a press release.

Information Minister Traiquil Islam inaugurated the course organised by the Bangladesh Betar and Voice of America (VOA).

A milad mahfil will be held at Azmat Shah Kutir in Moulvibazar after Zohr prayers and a discussion session at the college today.

A doa mahfil will also be held at her father's house on September 12.

The minister thanked the VOA for their cooperation in helping Bangladesh Betar to discharge its responsibility.

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The body of Zebunnissa Azam will be flown to Dhaka on Monday and she will be buried in her family graveyard beside her husband in Chittagong the same day, said a press release.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:11pm today and rises at 5:42am

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature In Celsius

Max Min Morning Evening

Dhaka 32.6 25.5 69 63

Chittagong 32.4 25.7 68 73

Rajshahi 32.8 25.9 83 81

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