

## CRP Open Day programmes concludes

The two-day Open Day programmes of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) concluded at its headquarters at Savar yesterday, says a press release.

The aim of the Open Day is to raise awareness about the activities of the CRP and the contribution of people with disabilities and to raise funds for them.

The programmes included CRP tour, CRP presentation through multimedia, sports and cultural activities by the disabled people and schoolchildren.

The Aranyak Natya Gosthi also staged a drama titled 'Sankranti'.

People from all walks of life including diplomatic staff, donor agencies, NGO representatives, government officials, businessmen and students visited the activities of the CRP.

Established in 1979, the CRP is celebrating its silver jubilee this year.



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Outgoing Chief Justice KM Hasan made a farewell call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

## 45pc street people subjected to harassment

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About 45 percent street people are subjected to harassment by various quarters, especially by law enforcing agencies, said a study yesterday.

It pointed out that the street dwellers pay more money for using public toilets which also cause serious health hazards to them.

The study suggested that the street and slum dwellers should have access to public utility services.

It revealed that the rural people are forced to migrate to urban areas due to river erosion, extreme poverty and lack of employment facilities.

The study on 'Missing citizens: Life on the streets of Dhaka' was conducted jointly by the Association for Socio-Economic Advancement of Bangladesh (ASEAB) and Together for Service of People (TSP).

While presiding over a discussion on the study in the city, Prof Helal Uddin Khan Arefin of Dhaka University said the government should not evict street and slum dwellers without proper rehabilitation.

Dr Mohammad Zahurul Islam said it is a matter of regret that even after 32 years of independence we have to conduct research on street people.

City Mayor Sadeque Hossain

## Two get Begum Rokeya Padak

UNB, Dhaka

Taiyaba Majumder and Maleka Ashraf have been awarded Begum Rokeya Padak-2003 for their outstanding contribution to socio-economic development of women, establishment of women's rights and their education.

President Iajuddin Ahmed will formally hand over the award tomorrow, an official handout said yesterday.

Khoka said it is not possible to arrange accommodation for all street and slum dwellers in the city.

"We have to take up comprehensive development policy to create employment opportunities in rural areas to stop migration to urban areas, said the mayor.

Shariful Alam, chairperson of ASEAB, Zeenat Afroz of Plan Bangladesh,

Iftekhar Hossain of SIDA, Rezaul Helai of Concern Bangladesh and Shafiqur Rahman, executive director of TSP, also spoke on the occasion.

## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka



MA Bari, former chief engineer of Bangladesh Television (BTV) and additional director general of National Institute of Mass Communication, died at his

residence in the city yesterday at 59.

He is survived by his mother, wife and two daughters.

His gulkhwani will be held at 42/B-1 Indira Road, Flat-4 after Asr prayers tomorrow.

### Death anniversary



Today is the 58th death anniversary of KB Mohammad Ismail, a noted political personality of greater Mymen-singh district, says a press release.

The Khan Bahadur Ismail Smriti Sangsad will hold a discussion in his memory at Pakundia Upazila Assembly Hall in Kishoreganj today.