

DHAKA TODAY

Classical song

Bangla Academy will hold a session of classical song to be performed by Azad Rahman. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 5.30pm.

Astronomical Society will hold a seminar. Venue: Mirpur Bangla High School Auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Eye camp

The inauguration of a free eye camp for cataract surgery, organised by Lion A Badal Eye Hospital, will be held. Venue: E-163 South Banashree, Eastern Housing Goran Project. Time: Till July 23.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Ingmar Bergman retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Alliance Francaise, will screen two films made by the world-renowned Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman. The films are 'Hours of the Wolf' (1966) and 'Persona' (1966). Venue: Alliance Francaise Auditorium. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Founding anniversary

Greater Mymensingh Sangskritik Forum organises a literary-cultural programme on Nazrul to mark its 12th founding anniversary with Information Minister M Shamsul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Shahed Zia Auditorium, National Museum. Time: 5.00pm.

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Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen a French film titled 'The Lady and The Duke' (2001). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar

In commemoration of the 35th anniversary of landing on the moon by astronauts of Apollo-11 Mission, Bangladesh

Khulna Jubo League leader falls sick during interrogation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jubo League Leader Babul Majumdar arrested by Joint forces on Sunday is being intensely interrogated at the Batiaghata Joint forces camp. Babul Majumdar is involved in underground activities under the cover of Jubo League holding the post of district committee publicity secretary, police said. He is also wanted in murder and other criminal cases, police added.

District Jubo League President Kamruzzaman Jamal said that he and his party leaders were not aware of Babul Majumdar's secret link with the underground party. Babul has fallen sick due to interrogation, Kamruzzaman said.

Khulna Police super said Babul has been acting as fourth-in-command of the outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) headed by Monoranjan Goshaialias Mrinal.

He said the Jubo League Leader is an employee of 'Maternity and Child Care Centre' at Baitypara under Khulna thana where he has been serving as its security guard for the last three years.

Police said that Babul Majumdar has two brand new motorcycles and two costly cell phones of his own. Besides, he used ambulance of the maternity centre for carrying NBCP armed cadres, police added. The NBCP armed cadres used to hold secret meeting at night at the maternity centre, few yards away from the press club.

Five students get AAA scholarships

The American Alumni Association (AAA) awarded scholarships of Tk 75,000 each to five students who had received admission in American universities, for the coming fall semester, says a press release.

The students who received the scholarships are: Khalid Mahmood Khan (Doctor of Public Health at Columbia University), Taieef Rahman (Undergraduate at Yale University), Naomi Syed Hossain (Undergraduate at Bucknell University), Meem Naat Ahsan (Undergraduate at the College of Saint Elizabeth) and Mrittika Shamsuddin (Undergraduate at Lafayette College).

The award-giving ceremony was held at the AAA office in Banani in the city on July 17. AAA President Syed Almas Kabir, Secretary Ayesha Dastgir, Treasurer Karl Fritz and executive committee members Forrest Cookson, Prof Akhtar Sultana and Quazi M Ahmed were present at the function. Michelle Jones, deputy Director, the American Centre was also present.

AAA is an association of American graduates in Bangladesh and seeks to aid Bangladeshi students exploring the possibility of study in the United States. Every year AAA hands out three to five scholarships of Tk 75,000 to first time students to the US.

RCC accords reception to GPA-5 winners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) accorded a reception to the students, who secured GPA-5 in Secondary School Certificate Examination this year, at a function at the City Bhawan on Sunday. The Mayor's Education Medal was distributed among the GPA-5 winners at a colourful ceremony held at the Green Plaza Corner.

A record number of 246 students from 18 schools and madrasas in the city received the medals and certificates.

RCC Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP attended the reception as chief guest.

He called upon the students to devote themselves to studies and build themselves as worthy citizens of the country.

He said opportunities will have to be created so that meritorious students could become skilled manpower in future.

Presided over by RCC Education Committee Chairman Gias Uddin, the function was also addressed by the students Monisha Alam, Shahnaz Nazneen, Selim Yusuf, Israfeel Hossain and Reazul Islam.

Rajshahi Education Board Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, Police Commissioner Zahurul Islam Talukdar, teachers, guardians and local elite attended the function.



Dhaka City Corporation bulldozed illegal structures at Golapbagh play ground in the city yesterday.

Reduce poverty through development of fisheries

Experts tell Fisheries Education Fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fisheries development programmes must aim at poverty alleviation of the fishermen through quality education and participation of women, experts said yesterday.

If exposed to the ground situation, university teachers and students can carry out demand-led and pro-poor research in fisheries, said Prof Md Abdul Wahab of Bangladesh Agriculture University in his keynote paper at the inaugural ceremony of two-day 'Fisheries Education Fair'.

Bangladesh Fisheries Research Forum organised the fair at the Biam auditorium to mark the completion of Support for University Fisheries Education and Research Project, with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest.

The objectives of the project were to build teaching capacity of the researchers and to enhance the quality of research and the ability to respond to the needs of the poor, said Project Coordinator Dr David Brown.

A total of 101 teachers from Dhaka University, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Khulna University and Bangladesh

Agriculture University were trained under the project that started in 1999 with funds from the Department for International Development, UK, said Project Director Mohammed Mufakker.

Bangladesh stands fifth in terms of fish production and seventh in terms of value of fish and fishery products, said Prof

4 drug traders held in Feni

BSS, Feni

Police yesterday arrested four alleged drug traders and recovered 48 bottles of Phensidyl at Mohipal in the town.

Acting on a tip off, Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered the bottles strapped to their bodies, police sources said.

The arrested are; Akter Hossain, 22, Golam Mostafa alias Suman, 24 and Abdul Manna, 26. They were going to Choto Kurmia of Sitakundo from Choudagram.

A case was filed against them under narcotics control act.

Wahab.

Rich with 140 species of small indigenous fishes, the country produced more than 6.20 lakh metric tons of fish in 1999.

Of the total fish output in 2001-02 fiscal, inland culture fisheries yield accounted for 42 per cent, inland capture fisheries production 36 per cent and marine capture fisheries production 22 per cent.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor SMA Faiz and University Grants Commission Chairman Dr M Asaduzzaman also spoke.

University fishery experts are taking part in the fair. They will show how to reduce mortality rate of fish fries and raise the fish production applying various methods in a pro-poor approach.

40 die in India as bus skids off road

AFP, Kolkata

Forty people, most of them commuters, were killed yesterday when a crowded bus shot off a highway in torrential rains and plunged into a rain-filled ditch in West Bengal, police said.

The bus skidded off the road mid-morning in the town of Laxmipur, 355km from the state capital of Kolkata, police spokesman Sandanu Kar said.

"The bus sank in the ditch filled up by monsoon rains," state police inspector general Chayan Mukherjee added. Mukherjee said local rescuers pulled 35 bodies from the bus, which had also overturned. They were working to remove the rest of the bodies.

The driver, who was racing at "breakneck" speed in blinding rains, was arrested, he said.

Some 15 other people were injured in the crash, he said.

"Most of the injured became unconscious as the bus sank. Their condition is critical," he said. "We fear the death toll may cross 40."

The official estimated some 60 people were travelling on the rush-hour bus.

"One cannot have the exact number of passengers as a number of people sit on the roofs of buses or stand on the footboards."

"Normally buses become crowded with office-bound people by the morning peak period," he said.

The bus was travelling from Malda district headquarters to the suburban town of Chachol.

Marxist-ruled West Bengal has an archaic public transport network and buses are frequently seen carrying three times their capacity and travelling at high speeds because of poor policing of the state's pot-holed motorways.

Death anniversary



Today is the fifth death anniversary of MA Rashid, an educationist and former general manager of BSCIC, says a press release.

Qurankhwani, doa and milad mahfil will be held at his home at Samantsa village under Gosairhat thana, Shariatpur.

1543 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,543 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law enforcers also recovered pine firearms and 33 bullets and filed 11 cases against 12 people under the Arms Act, said a Police Headquarters press release.

CTG COMMERCE COLLEGE CLASH

Class suspended till July 26, BCL leader sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Classes of Chittagong Government Commerce College (CGCC) have been suspended till July 26 following a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) that left at least 15 students injured on Sunday.

A meeting of the Teachers Council yesterday decided to suspend the classes to avert further untoward incident.

The meeting also formed a four-member liaison committee headed by Professor Shambhu Nath Das, chairman of the accounting department, to monitor the situation and take necessary action, said Principal Md Nuruzzaman.

However, the scheduled examinations of honours part II and part III will be held as usual.

Besides, the distribution of HSC first year admission forms will continue from July 21 to 31.

Meanwhile, BCL Vice-President of Chittagong Commerce College unit Jahangir Hossain Shantu was sent to jail custody yesterday for his alleged involvement in the clash.

Police produced him before a court here yesterday afternoon showing him arrested under Section 54.

As the court time was over, Jahangir was sent to jail hajat.

About the delay in filing the case, police said it took time to prepare the case.

Police also released other fifteen students including BCL college unit General Secretary Ali Ahsan Nayan at around 11.00pm on Sunday.

They said Jahangir was detained as he was the main trouble shooter.

Earlier, a JCD activist Delwar Hossain filed a case with Double Mooring Police Station accusing ten BCL men in connection with the clash.

Security has been tightened with the deployment of additional forces in and around the campus, police sources said.

Fantasy Kingdom celebrates birthday of Princess Lia

The birthday of Princess Lia was celebrated at the Fantasy Kingdom, a theme park at Ashulia, amid fanfare and festivities on Saturday, says a press release.

The kids and the grown-ups alike enjoyed various games and every-one received gifts from Princess Lia.

Princess Lia is one of the companions of Pince Ashu, whose birthday was celebrated on January 18.

Senior executives and staffs of the Fantasy Kingdom and the Concord Entertainment Co Ltd. were also present.

The park authorities announced that they will celebrate the birthdays of Pince Ashu and Princess Lia every year.

Artist Abul Kashem dead

Kazi Abul Kashem, a pioneering Muslim artist in undivided Bengal, cartoonist and litterateur, died at National Heart Foundation in the city yesterday at the age of 93, says a press release.

He drew cartoons under the pen name 'Dopeja'.

Besides, he authored many books for children.

Kashem earned many accolades and awards, including Bangla Academy award.

He is survived by five sons, four daughters and a number of grand-children.

Opposition Leader and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina expressed condolence at his death.



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