



Scholarship programme for orphan girls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new scholarship programme was launched for orphan girls in the city yesterday.

Under the programme, moral and financial assistance will be provided to orphan girls for higher education.

This was stated by Dr S Q Akhtar,

founder of Ibrahim Sohbat Mir Welfare Organisation which formally launched the programme at a function at Dhanmondi.

"Initially, we are starting the programme with ten underprivileged girls who are meritorious but financially insolvent. Till the girls are well established,

they will get Tk 1000 or more per month," said Dr Akhtar.

She said a number of benevolent persons have already expressed their willingness to donate money for the programme in the name of their relatives."

Dr Anwar Hossain of mechanical engineering department, Mir Moshawer Ali of architecture department, and Dr Ali

Asgar of physics department of Buet, and Prof Rosie Majid of geography department of Dhaka University attended the programme.

Established in 1989, Ibrahim Sohbat Mir Welfare Organisation has been working for the welfare of the orphan children.

Rupali Tarar Mela, a children's forum, took out a peace rally in the city yesterday to mark the Hiroshima Day.

Relief operation continues for flood victims

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Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurated the second phase of relief distribution for the flood victims under World Vision's Kamalapur Area Development Programme on Thursday.

Addressing the children, the poet said it is not easy to do humanitarian work in such crisis and advised them to stand by the distressed in any crisis in future.

The World Vision Bangladesh and its

USAID-funded Food Security project donated Tk 46,631,168 for distribution of relief materials among 100,650 families in 16 upazilas and for other projects in Dhanmondi.

World Vision Bangladesh's USAID-funded Food Security Project distributed 200 maticrons of food and 7,000 packages of items such as saree, lungi, jerry can, glass and plate.

Meanwhile, Oxfam GB Bangladesh yesterday launched an Emergency Flood

Response Programme at a cost of Tk 16 crore to help out fifty thousands families affected by floods.

The first phase of the programme includes distribution of food, water purification tablets, soap, saree and lungi.

Seeds, agricultural tools, fishing nets and tubewells will be distributed in the second phase.

Amateur Radio League executives

UNB, Dhaka

An 11-member executive committee of Bangladesh Amateur Radio League has been elected unopposed with Sarif Ahmed as its president.

Anwar Islam and Abdur Rashid were elected vice-presidents.

Other office-bearers are general secretary - Monzurul Huq, assistant general secretary - Belayet Hossain Robin, treasurer - DM Hemayet and members - Saiful Huda, Imran Ahmed, Rubaiyat Hasan Khan Ratul, Ashraful Momen Khan and Liaquat Ali Molla.

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar

Iranian Cultural Centre will hold a seminar on 'Hazrat Fatema Zahra (AS): Symbol of Muslim women'. Venue: House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm.

Memorial discussion

Amra Suryamukhi, a socio-cultural forum, will hold a discussion in memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: 33, Topkhana Road. Time: 5.00pm.

Talk

Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) will hold a talk on 'Law of arrest, remand and abuses: Remedy against such abuses' with Law Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: BILIA Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.45pm.

BATU seminar

The inaugural session of a two-day seminar on 'Non-formal economic sector', organised by BATU-SAARC Sub-Regional Secretariat, will be held. Venue: Brac Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled '8 M M' (1999). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Rotary Central

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary North West

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 5.30pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Slight rise in day temperate is also expected, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Srimongal and the lowest of 24.0 degrees at Kheupurara.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:38pm today and rises at 5:31am 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	31.3	25.5	78	73
Chittagong	31.3	25.2	91	82
Rajshahi	32.5	26.2	90	73
Khulna	31.5	25.8	89	83
Barisal	30.0	25.0	100	86
Sylhet	33.2	26.7	85	65
Cox's Bazar	30.9	25.0	92	97



Pepsi, one of the most popular soft drinks, comes to the aid of flood victims. Its bottler Transcom Beverages Limited has been supplying 20,000 litres of pure drinking water to the flood-affected people in different city areas everyday.



Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurated the second phase of flood relief distribution programme of the World Vision Bangladesh at Kamalapur in the city on Thursday.



Standard Chartered Bank's new Chief Executive Officer Osman Morad and its outgoing CEO David Fletcher visited the Care-Standard Chartered Joint Medical Services Centre for the flood-affected people who have taken refuge at the Hyder Ali School in Manda in the city. They also handed over oral saline and medicine to a representative of Care.



Ola Re, managing director of GrameenPhone, AKM Shamsuddin, district governor of Rotary International District 3280, and Khalid Raza Biswas, country manager of Coca Cola Far East Limited, jointly launched an initiative on Wednesday to distribute 30,000 containers of pure drinking water among the flood-affected people.